



Disaster Response

HANDBOOK FOR STATE FORESTRY
AGENCIES

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Disaster Plan Overview

- I. State Agency
Issues
- II. Forest Damage
Assessment
- III. Forest Recovery
Operations





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I. State Agency Issues



A. Incident Preplanning Considerations

1. Employee Considerations and Emergency Numbers
 2. Building and Equipment Preparedness
 3. Evacuation Planning
 4. Coordination with other local, state, and federal agencies
 5. Fiscal Considerations-preplanning for emergency purchases.
 6. Safety and Training
 7. Public Information
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B. Incident Response

1. Potential Response Assignments
 2. Lengths of Assignment
 3. Self-Sufficiency of responding resources
 4. Available Methods to Acquire Resources and Benefits of Each:
Wildfire Compacts
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B. Incident Response (cont)

5. Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)
 6. National Interagency Resource Ordering Status System(ROSS)
 7. The National Response Plan(Federal Response)
 8. Coordination Issues
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B. Incident Response(cont)

- 9. Communication Issues
 - 10. Critical Incident Stress
 Debriefing(CISD) Procedures
 - 11. Safety/Hazard Issues
 - 12. Fiscal Documentation Issues
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C. Incident Recovery

Damage assessments and Recovery Efforts:

1. Internal agency damage assessments and communications with FEMA.
 2. Assess and report agency's ability to provide assistance and capacity to function in designated emergency roles.
 3. Availability of the National Communications Equipment Cache.
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II. Forest Damage Assessment

A. Initial(Quick) Assessment vs. Long Term Assessment



B. Aerial and Ground Assessment Methods

Ground Assessments



III. Forest Recovery Operations

- A. NIPF/Industry Lands
 - B. State and Other Public Lands
 - C. Urban Forest Damage Assessment
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NIPF/Industry Lands

1. Salvage Operations
2. Wet Decks
3. Permitting Procedures
4. Transportation Considerations
5. Landowner Communications
6. Market Considerations
7. Forest Industry Assistance
8. Tax Issues



A. NIPF/Industry Lands(cont)

- 9. Debris Removal
- 10. Issues Between States
- 11. Coordination with landowner Groups and Forestry Associations
- 12. Federal Funding Opportunities
- 13. Forest Restoration Efforts



B. State and Other Public Lands

1. Salvage Operations
2. Summary: Checklist for Conducting Timber Salvage Sale
3. Wet Decks
4. Permitting Procedures
5. Transportation Considerations(Overweight Issues)
6. Debris Removal



B. State and Other Public Lands(cont)

7. Wildland Fire Assessment
8. Increased Danger to Communities at Risk(before and after)
9. Wildland Fire Suppression Safety Issues
10. Long Term Problems and needs
11. Prescribe Fire Issues and Debris Burning Problems
12. Prevention/Education Issues
13. Federal Funding Opportunities
14. VFD Assistance



C. Urban Forest Damage Assessment

1. Preparation
2. Response
3. Recovery

