

FIVE-YEAR UNIT MANAGEMENT PLANNING

A. Enabling Act

Act 329 of the Public Acts of 1969, the Forest Fire Law.

B. Policy

It shall be the policy of the Forest Management Division to have prepared Unit Fire Management Plans for each protection unit in the district. Plans are to be reviewed annually and revised each five-year period (1980-85-90-etc.) as directed in the Fire Management Handbook.

C. Explanation

Fire control must be planned to provide the standard of protection needed for successful management of non-forested and forested resources and to improve and protect the quality of air, water, soil and natural beauty.

Planning will integrate a balance of personnel, equipment, methods and facilities at the least cost, commensurate with values protected.

Plans developed under these guidelines are aimed at developing an organization where the initial attack, prevention and detection are adequate to meet fire problems.

Maximum uniformity in planning between units is essential as results are to be coordinated statewide.

D. Procedure

1. Five-year Unit Management Fire Plan:

- a. The district is responsible for development of a unit plan for each protection unit in the district. The plan is scheduled on a five-year basis. Effectiveness will be reviewed annually and plans revised as necessary to meet time standards, objectives and cost benefit criteria.

The Fire Management Handbook provides the guidelines to be used in preparation of unit plans. Deviation therefrom must be approved by the division.

After each five-year period the plans are to be revised.

The region will coordinate planning between districts, and assure uniformity and compliance with Handbook guidelines.

A copy of completed unit plans will be furnished the district.

- b. Staffing and Specific Action Guidelines:

A requirement for completion of the Five-Year Management Plans is the preparation of staffing and specific action guides for

Annually, by February 1, the area fire supervisor will have prepared staffing and specific action guides for prevention and suppression for each protection unit in his/her area of responsibility.

The Area Forest Manager will submit the action guidelines to the district for approval. The district will coordinate the development of unit action plans between units to best meet the needs of the district.

A copy of completed action guides will be included in the Annual District Fire Plan.

c. Air Detection Flight Plan and Action Guide:

1. Air Detection Flight Plan

The district will prepare a district air detection flight plan following the guidelines in the Fire Management Handbook.

The region will coordinate inter-district flight plans.

2. Staffing and Specific Action Guide - Air Detection:

The district will prepare a specific action guide for air detection based on guidelines in the handbook.

A copy of the district air detection plan will be submitted to the region for review and approval.

The region will prepare a regional support air detection plan and will coordinate intra-region and inter-district planning to develop the most effective region-wide detection plan.

The region will furnish copies of the district and region air detection plans to the division.

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