

FOREST FIRE DAMAGE ON STATE-OWNED LANDS/CLAIMS PROCEDURE

A. Enabling Act

Act 329 of Public acts of 1969, the Forest Fire Law (as directed by Department Procedure No. 4207.7)

B. Policy

The Forest Management Division is responsible for notifying the field supervisor administering state property damaged by forest-related fires.

C. Explanation

To provide for the payment for claims for fires damaging state-owned property.

D. Procedure

The district shall be responsible for notifying the field supervisor administering the property damaged by forest fires. When responsibility for the fire can be ascertained, a detailed listing of damages and value will be compiled by the supervisor administering the property in collaboration with the district and the assistance of personnel from other divisions, as necessary.

These supervisors shall make recommendation, by memo, as to whether a claim for reimbursement for property and/or timber destroyed should be sent to the responsible party. This recommendation and the detailed listing of damages is to be attached to the fire report submitted to the division.

A copy of the fire report, recommendations and listing of damage will be forwarded to the administering division. The Lansing office of the administering division will present claims to the responsible party or parties and will follow up on the collection of claims with assistance as necessary from the district Forest Management supervisor.

If the claim exceeds \$100, the Deputy Director for the administering division must approve the claim and any decision to take action to collect.

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