

1 **FIRE MANAGEMENT AREAS**

2 2008 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Margaret Dayton**

5 House Sponsor: Michael E. Noel

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **Committee Note:**

9 The Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee
10 recommended this bill.

11 **General Description:**

12 This bill allows the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands to enter into an
13 agreement establishing a predetermined fire suppression plan.

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15 This bill:

- 16 ▶ allows the division to conduct a limited fire suppression strategy under certain
- 17 circumstances; and
- 18 ▶ allows the division to enter into an agreement establishing a predetermined fire
- 19 suppression plan for a specific fire management area.

20 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

21 None

22 **Other Special Clauses:**

23 None

24 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

25 AMENDS:

26 **65A-8-101**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 136

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28 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29 Section 1. Section **65A-8-101** is amended to read:

30 **65A-8-101. Division responsibilities for fire control and the preservation of**
31 **forest, watershed, and other lands -- Reciprocal agreements for fire protection.**

32 (1) The division shall determine and execute the best ~~[methods]~~ method for protecting
33 private and public property by:

34 (a) except as provided by Subsection (1)(e), preventing the origin and spread of fire on
35 nonfederal forest, range, ~~[and]~~ or watershed ~~[lands]~~ land in an unincorporated ~~[areas]~~ area of
36 the state;

37 (b) protecting a nonfederal forest ~~[and]~~ or watershed ~~[areas on]~~ area using conservation
38 principles; ~~[and]~~

39 (c) encouraging a private ~~[landowners in preserving, protecting, and managing]~~
40 landowner to preserve, protect, and manage forest ~~[and]~~ or other ~~[lands]~~ land throughout the
41 state[-];

42 ~~[(2) The division shall take]~~ (d) taking action ~~[it]~~ the division considers ~~[necessary]~~
43 appropriate to control wildland ~~[fires]~~ fire and protect life and property on the nonfederal
44 forest, range, ~~[and]~~ or watershed ~~[lands]~~ land within an unincorporated ~~[areas]~~ area of the
45 state[-]; and

46 (e) implementing a limited fire suppression strategy, including allowing a fire to burn
47 with limited or modified suppression, if the division determines that the strategy is appropriate
48 for a specific area or circumstance.

49 ~~[(3)]~~ (2) The division may:

50 (a) enter into ~~[agreements]~~ an agreement with a public or private ~~[agencies, or~~
51 ~~individuals]~~ agency or individual:

52 (i) for the ~~[express]~~ purpose of protecting, managing, or rehabilitating ~~[those lands:]~~
53 land owned or managed by the agency or individual; and

54 (ii) establishing a predetermined fire suppression plan, including a limited fire
55 suppression strategy, for a specific fire management area; and

56 ~~[(4) The division may]~~ (b) enter into a reciprocal agreement with ~~[any]~~ a fire
57 protection organization, including a federal ~~[agencies]~~ agency, to provide fire protection for
58 land and ~~[improvements]~~ an improvement for which the organization normally provides fire

59 protection.

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.
