

**FIRE MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS**

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Casey Snider**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill addresses management of wildland fires.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ imposes requirements for being permitted to conduct large prescribed fires, large prescribed pile fires, or nonfull suppression event.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**19-2-107.6**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **19-2-107.6** is enacted to read:

**19-2-107.6. Prescribed fires and nonfull suppression events.**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Burn plan" means the plan required for each fire application ignited by a land manager.

(b) "Burn window" means the period of time during which the prescribed fire is

30 scheduled for ignition.

31 (c) "Land manager" means a person who administers, directs, oversees, or controls the  
32 use of public land, including the application of fire to the land.

33 (d) "Large prescribed fire" means a fire that a land manager ignites to meet a specific  
34 objective, including a resource benefit that covers 20 acres or more per burn.

35 (e) "Large prescribed pile fire" means a fire that a land manager ignites to meet a  
36 specific objective, including a resource benefit, that exceeds 30,000 cubic feet per day.

37 (f) "Nonfull suppression event" means a naturally ignited wildland fire for which a land  
38 manager secures less than full suppression to accomplish a specific pre stated resource  
39 management objective in a predefined geographic area.

40 (g) "Wildland" means an area in which development is essentially nonexistent other  
41 than the existence of a pipeline, power line, road, railroad, or other transportation or  
42 conveyance facility or one or more structures that are widely scattered.

43 (2) (a) The division may not permit a land manager to conduct a large prescribed fire or  
44 large prescribed pile fire if the land manager does not comply with the rules made by the board  
45 in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

46 (b) In the rules made by the board under this Subsection (2), the board shall require the  
47 land manager to:

48 (i) describe the use of a state, county, or municipal resource in the large prescribed fire  
49 or large prescribed pile fire;

50 (ii) provide the division the burn plan for a large prescribed fire or large prescribed pile  
51 fire by no later than one week before the day of the burn window; and

52 (iii) notify the division of a nonfull suppression event once a fire becomes a nonfull  
53 suppression event.