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**11-51a-102 Definitions.**

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Catastrophic public nuisance" means a condition on state or federal land where natural resources and biota have been managed or neglected to such an extent as to cause:
  - (a) the threat of a catastrophic wildfire demonstrated by:
    - (i) stand density, basal area, or ground fuel load greater than 150% of land health standards; or
    - (ii) an insect or disease infestation severe enough to threaten the mortality of at least 20% of the trees in the area; or
  - (b) a condition in the area that threatens the:
    - (i) quantity or quality of the public water supply of a political subdivision;
    - (ii) health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of a political subdivision;
    - (iii) air quality of a nonattainment area; or
    - (iv) vegetative resources required to support land health and authorized livestock grazing.
- (2) "Chief executive officer" means:
  - (a) for a municipality:
    - (i) the mayor, if the municipality is operating under a form of municipal government other than the council-manager form of government; or
    - (ii) the city manager, if the municipality is operating under the council-manager form of government;
  - (b) for a county:
    - (i) the chair of the county commission, if the county is operating under the county commission or expanded county commission form of government;
    - (ii) the county executive officer, if the county is operating under the county-executive form of government; or
    - (iii) the county manager, if the county is operating under the council-manager form of government.
- (3) "County sheriff" means an individual:
  - (a) elected to the office of county sheriff; and
  - (b) who fulfills the duties described in Subsection 17-22-1.5(1).
- (4) "Federal agency" means the:
  - (a) United States Bureau of Land Management;
  - (b) United States Forest Service;
  - (c) United States Fish and Wildlife Service; or
  - (d) National Park Service.
- (5) "Federally managed land" means land that is managed by a federal agency.
- (6) "Political subdivision" means a municipality or county.

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