

FIRE MANAGEMENT AREAS

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Michael E. Noel

Senate Sponsor: Margaret Dayton

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill allows the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands to enter into agreements establishing predetermined fire suppression plans.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the division to conduct limited fire suppression strategies under certain circumstances; and
- ▶ allows the division to enter into agreements establishing predetermined fire suppression for specific fire management areas.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

65A-8-1, as last amended by Chapter 319, Laws of Utah 1997

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

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

65A-8-1. Division of responsibilities for fire control and the preservation of



28 forest, watershed, and other lands -- Reciprocal agreements for fire protection.

29 (1) The division shall:

30 (a) determine and execute the best methods for protecting private and public property
31 by:

32 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) preventing the origin and spread of fire on nonfederal forest, range, and
33 watershed lands in unincorporated areas of the state;

34 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) protecting nonfederal forest and watershed areas ~~[on]~~ using conservation
35 principles; and

36 ~~[(c)]~~ (iii) encouraging private landowners ~~[in preserving, protecting, and managing]~~ to
37 preserve, protect, and manage forest and other lands throughout the state[-]; and

38 ~~[(2) The division shall]~~ (b) (i) take action it considers ~~[necessary]~~ appropriate to
39 control wildland fires and protect life and property on the nonfederal forest, range, and
40 watershed lands within unincorporated areas of the state[-]; and

41 (ii) implement limited fire suppression strategies, including allowing fires to burn with
42 limited or modified suppression, if it determines that those strategies are appropriate for a
43 specific area or circumstance.

44 ~~[(3)]~~ (2) The division may:

45 (a) enter into agreements with public or private agencies, or individuals;

46 (i) for the ~~[express]~~ purpose of protecting, managing, or rehabilitating those lands[-]
47 owned or managed by the agency or individual; and

48 (ii) establishing predetermined fire suppression plans, including limited fire
49 suppression strategies, for specific fire management areas; and

50 ~~[(4) The division may]~~ (b) enter into a reciprocal agreement with ~~[any]~~ a fire
51 protection organization, including federal agencies, to provide fire protection for land and
52 improvements for which the organization normally provides fire 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.
