

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

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



28 manager.

29 (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 that owns, administers, directs, oversees, or
32 controls the use of public or private 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 prestated 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:

51 (A) the burn plan for a large prescribed fire or large prescribed pile fire by no later than
52 two weeks before the day of the burn window; and

53 (B) the planned ignition date for a large prescribed fire or large prescribed pile fire by
54 no later than 48 hours before the day of ignition; and

55 (iii) notify the division of a nonfull suppression event once a fire becomes a nonfull
56 suppression event.