Disaster Response

HANDBOOK FOR STATE FORESTRY AGENCIES

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Disaster Plan Overview

I. State Agency Issues
II. Forest Damage Assessment
III. Forest Recovery Operations
I. State Agency Issues
A. Incident Preplanning Considerations

1. Employee Considerations and Emergency Numbers
2. Building and Equipment Preparedness
3. Evacuation Planning
4. Coordination with other local, state, and federal agencies
5. Fiscal Considerations-preplanning for emergency purchases.
6. Safety and Training
7. Public Information
B. Incident Response

1. Potential Response Assignments
2. Lengths of Assignment
3. Self-Sufficiency of responding resources
4. Available Methods to Acquire Resources and Benefits of Each: Wildfire Compacts
B. Incident Response (cont)

5. Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)
7. The National Response Plan (Federal Response)
8. Coordination Issues
B. Incident Response (cont)

9. Communication Issues
10. Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) Procedures
11. Safety/Hazard Issues
12. Fiscal Documentation Issues
C. Incident Recovery

Damage assessments and Recovery Efforts:

1. Internal agency damage assessments and communications with FEMA.

2. Assess and report agency’s ability to provide assistance and capacity to function in designated emergency roles.

3. Availability of the National Communications Equipment Cache.
II. Forest Damage Assessment

A. Initial (Quick) Assessment vs. Long Term Assessment

B. Aerial and Ground Assessment Methods
Aerial Assessments

- Tornado Track Prosperity, S C --March 15,
Ground Assessments
III. Forest Recovery Operations

A. NIPF/Industry Lands
B. State and Other Public Lands
C. Urban Forest Damage Assessment
NIPF/Industry Lands

1. Salvage Operations
2. Wet Decks
3. Permitting Procedures
4. Transportation Considerations
5. Landowner Communications
6. Market Considerations
7. Forest Industry Assistance
8. Tax Issues
A. NIPF/Industry Lands (cont)

9. Debris Removal

10. Issues Between States

11. Coordination with landowner Groups and Forestry Associations

12. Federal Funding Opportunities

13. Forest Restoration Efforts
B. State and Other Public Lands

1. Salvage Operations
2. Summary: Checklist for Conducting Timber Salvage Sale
3. Wet Decks
4. Permitting Procedures
5. Transportation Considerations (Overweight Issues)
6. Debris Removal
B. State and Other Public Lands (cont)

7. Wildland Fire Assessment
8. Increased Danger to Communities at Risk (before and after)
9. Wildland Fire Suppression Safety Issues
10. Long Term Problems and needs
11. Prescribe Fire Issues and Debris Burning Problems
12. Prevention/Education Issues
13. Federal Funding Opportunities
14. VFD Assistance
C. Urban Forest Damage Assessment

1. Preparation
2. Response
3. Recovery