

A
PLAN
FOR
COORDINATING
THE USE OF RESOURCES
IN THE
NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES
IN
WILDFIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

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Special Services Contact Points

HOSPITALS

1. WINONA DISTRICT

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Community Memorial Hospital | 507/454-3650 |
| Winona, MN | |
| St. Elizabeth Hospital | 612/565-4531 |
| Wabasha, Mn | |
| La Crosse Lutheran | 608/785-0530 |
| La Crosse, WI | |
| St. Francis Medical Center | 608/785-0940 |
| La Crosse, WI | |

2. LA CROSSE DISTRICT

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| La Crosse Lutheran | 608/785-0530 |
| La Crosse, WI | |
| St. Francis Medical Center | 608/785-0940 |

3. MCGREGOR DISTRICT

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|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Veterans Memorial Hospital | 319/568-3411 |
| Waukon, IA | |
| Prairie du Chien Hospital | 608/326-2431 |
| Prairie du Chien, WI | |
| La Crosse Lutheran | 608/785-0530 |
| La Crosse, WI | |
| St. Francis Medical Center | 608/785-0940 |
| La Crosse, WI | |
| Gunderson Clinic | 608/782-7300 |
| La Crosse, WI | |
| Vernon Memorial Hospital | 608/637-2101 |
| Viroqua, WI | |
| Lancaster Hospital | 608/723-2143 |
| Lancaster, WI | |
| Finley Hospital | 319/582-1881 |
| Dubuque, IA | |
| Mercy Health Center | 319/589-8000 |
| Dubuque, IA | |
| Guttenberg Municipal Hospital | 319/252-1121 |
| Guttenberg, IA | |

4. SAVANNA DISTRICT

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|-----------------------|--------------|
| Savanna City Hospital | 815/273-2246 |
| Savanna, IL | |
| Freeport Hospital | 815/235-4131 |
| Freeport, IL | |
| Jane Lamb Hospital | 319/243-1131 |
| Clinton, IA | |
| St. Joseph Hospital | 319/243-5900 |
| Clinton, IA | |
| Mercy Hospital | 319/588-8400 |
| Dubuque, IA | |

AMBULANCE SERVICE

1. WINONA DISTRICT

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|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Praxel Ambulance Service | 507/452-5881 |
| Winona, MN | |
| Buckman-Schierts Ambulance Service | 612/565-4531 |
| Wabasha, MN | |
| Arcadia Ambulance Service | 608/323-3341 |
| Acradia, WI | |

2. LA CROSSE DISTRICT

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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Tri-State Ambulance Service | 608/784-4997 |
| La Crosse, WI | |
| Houston Ambulance Service | 507/896-2347 |
| Houston, MN | |

3. MCGREGOR DISTRICT

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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Lansing Ambulance | 319/538-4222 |
| Lansing, IA | |
| Veteran's Memorial Hospital | 319/568-2828 |
| Waukon, IA | |
| Harpers Ferry Rescue Squad | 319/586-2440 |
| Harpers Ferry, IA | |
| Potosi | 608/723-2196 |
| Potosi, WI | |
| Volunteer EMT Service | |
| Prairie du Chien, WI | 608/326-8414 |
| Lancaster, WI | 608/723-2196 |
| Cassville, WI | 608/725-5946 |
| Dubuque, IA | 319/582-4980 |
| Area Ambulance Service | |
| Postville, IA | 319/864-7251 |
| Guttenberg, IA | 319/252-2319 |

4. SAVANNA DISTRICT

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| Savanna, IL | 815/273-2246 |
| Freeport, IL | 815/232-3013 |
| Dubuque, IA | 319/582-1711 |

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FORWARD

This plan was prepared as the result of recommendations of representatives from the various agencies involved at the Lake States Review on March 8 and 9, 1977, at Milwaukee, Wis.

The Review was conducted by the National Wild-fire Coordinating Group and was designed to lay the ground work for future cooperation in wild-fire prevention and control in Northeastern United States.

This plan does not replace the normal local operating plans and procedures of the agencies involved.

This plan does provide an orderly channel for furnishing assistance to any agency when a wildfire situation demands more resources than the agency has available.

OBJECTIVES

1. To assist personnel in the various agencies in maintaining an awareness of soil moisture conditions, fire danger levels and actions being taken in Northeastern U.S. and Canada and, in more general terms, similar information for other parts of the U.S. and Canada.
2. To provide for cooperation and uniformity in planning and implementing prevention actions such as publicity, restrictions on use or closure to entry.
3. To provide a common channel for providing and requesting assistance within the Northeastern U.S. and from BIFC when necessary.
4. To provide a mechanism for screening orders in a multi-fire situation to assure the efficient movement and use of resources.

SITUATION

When soil moisture conditions are normal in the Northeastern U.S., fire suppression requirements are usually within the resource capabilities of the agencies involved. Even during Very High and Extreme fire danger, when local resources and assistance are exhausted, additional help can be obtained by moving resources from somewhere else within the agencies' protection boundaries. Changing weather patterns usually limit extreme burning conditions to relatively short periods and mop-up under moist soil conditions is not time-consuming.

Under extended drought conditions the number of fire brands which are successful in starting fires is greatly increased. Severe burning conditions exist for longer periods and mop-up becomes a time-consuming activity which ties up initial attack forces. These conditions tend to quickly exhaust the capabilities of agencies which are manned and equipped with a strong orientation towards initial attack.

Coordinated action to deal with fire prevention and suppression is shown in the following "step up" plan. Soil moisture conditions are not accurately reflected in the fire danger rating system, therefore this factor, as measured by the Palmer Index, will be included as a triggering device in selecting action levels.

FIRE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION

STEP-UP PLAN

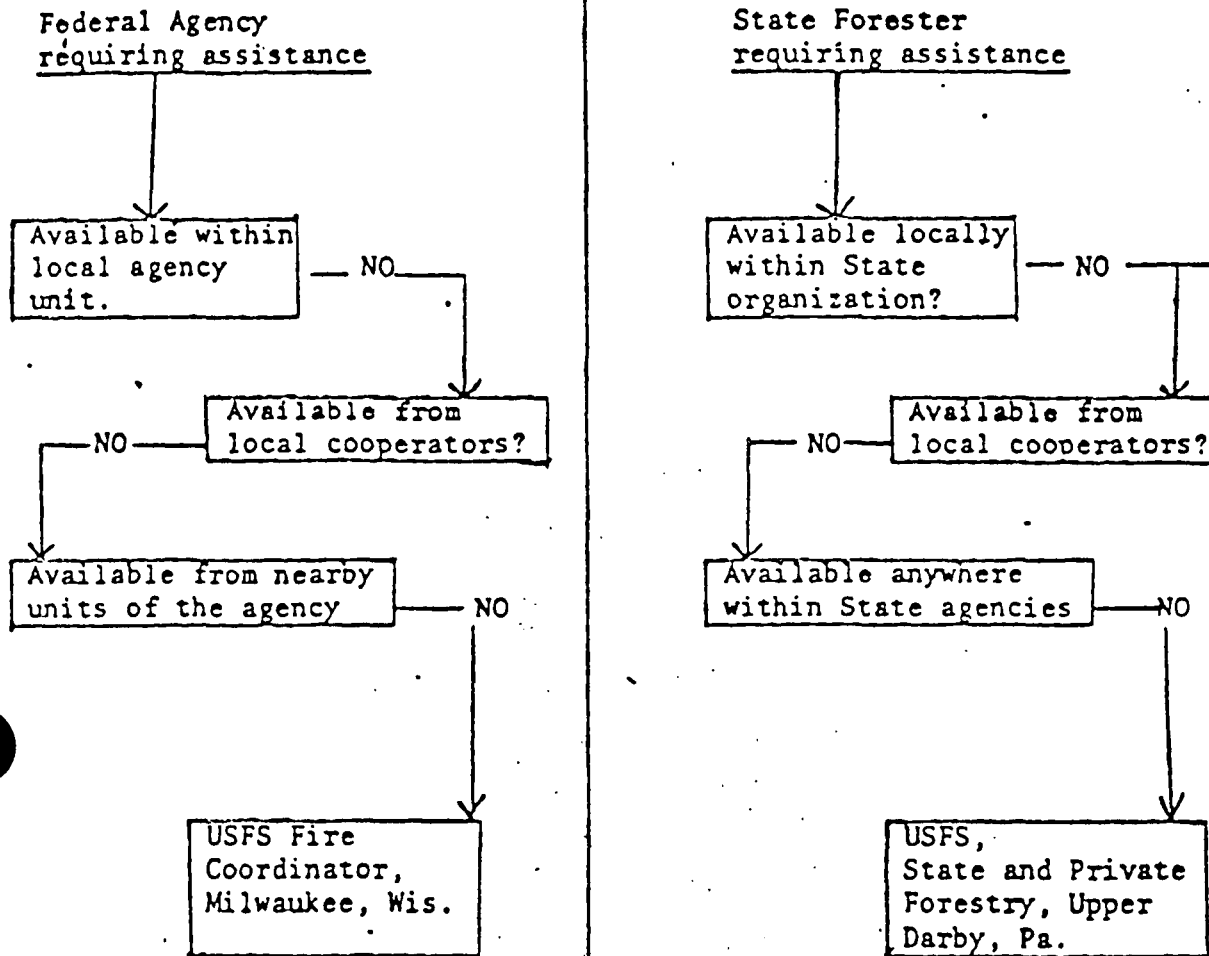
| Planning level | Palmer Index | Fire Danger | | Action |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|---|---|
| I | Normal to -1 | Low to High | Normal fire occurrence and behavior. | Assistance and information exchange at local field level. Normal prevention action. |
| II | Normal to -1 | Very high to Extreme | Extra period fires occurring, continuing assistance not required. | Assistance from local cooperators, situation reports through normal agency channels. Joint prevention planning and publicity. Telephone coordination on movement and assignment of resources. |
| III | Moderate -2 - -3 | High to Extreme | Extra period fires occurring, States or Fed. agencies requiring continued assistance. | Central point for summary of situation statements and resource inventory. Joint application of fire prevention restrictions or closures. |
| IV | Extreme -4 and below | Mod. to Extreme | Extra period fires occurring. State and Fed. agency requiring continued assistance. | Consider activating Eastern Coordinating Center. Joint application of closures to entry. |

The Eastern Coordinating Center will be activated whenever one or more states and one or more Federal agencies require continued assistance upon joint determination by R-9 Director of Fire and Aviation Management and NA Director of Cooperative Fire Management.

CHANNELS FOR OBTAINING ASSISTANCE IN

FIRE PRESSUPPRESSION AND SUPPRESSION IN

NORTHEASTERN U. S.

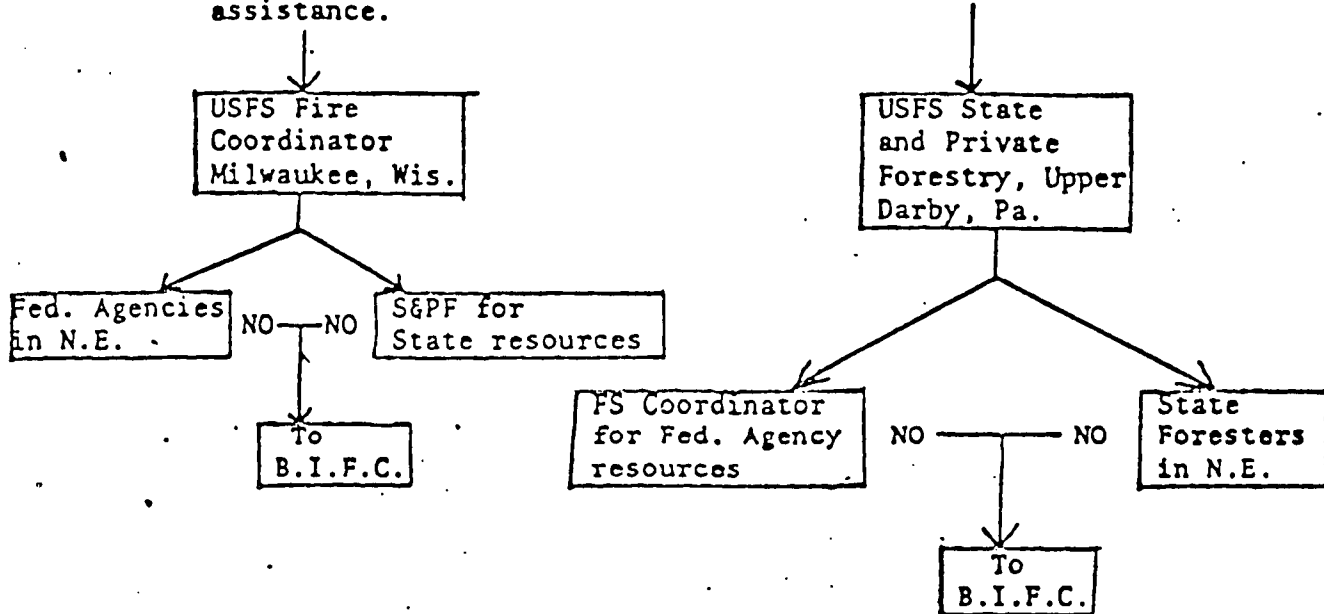


Coordinator will obtain assistance and report ETA to requesting agency.

S&PF will obtain assistance and report ETA to requesting State.

CHANNELS FOR COORDINATION

Upon receiving request for assistance the Fire Coordinator or S&PF will follow these routes in locating closest source for assistance.



CONTACT POINTS

Federal Agencies may
contact the Fire
Coordinator at the
following phone numbers
in Milwaukee, Wis.

FTS 362 1280
(Telecopier) 3692
3691
3698

Commercial 414-291-1280
3692
3691
3698

Home phones
Dave Seaberg, Coordinator
414-464-7826
Jan Juell, Dispatcher
414-282-1369
Jack Godden
414-351-4207
H.P. Gibson
414-242-1410

State Foresters may contact State & Private
Forestry through normal channels as indicated
in the Mobilization Plan.

If ECC is activated at some point other than Milwaukee, Wis., new
phone numbers will be furnished.

EASTERN COORDINATING CENTER

The Center will:

1. Accept requests for assistance in fire presuppression and suppression activities.
2. Coordinate ordering procedures to provide efficient use of the resources available.
3. Provide a single channel for contact with Boise Interagency Fire Center as necessary.

Location of E.C.C.

The Director for Fire and Aviation Management, R-9 and the Staff Director for Cooperative Forest Fire Management, Northeast Area, will monitor the fire presuppression and suppression activities, will jointly effect the activities required in this step-up plan and will select the location and activate the Eastern Coordinating Center.

COOPERATION WITH CANADIAN FIRE PROTECTION AGENCIES

- A. Local mutual assistance along the International Border will be conducted as specified in local agreements and compacts presently in effect.
- B. Requests for assistance which involve the movement of resources into (or from) the interior of either Nation will be entered into the regular dispatching channels for routing through BIFC to the State Department.

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| St. Francis Medical Center, LaCrosse, WI | 608/785-0940 |

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| Lancaster Hospital, Lancaster, WI | 608/723-2143 |
| Finley Hospital, Dubuque, IA | 319/582-1881 |
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