

Northeastern Area State & Private Forestry

Fire & Aviation Management

Did you know?

- Last year, more than 13,000 wildfires burned more than 76,000 acres of forest and grassland in the northeastern area. State forestry agencies and more often, volunteer fire departments, extinguished most of the fires.
- Humans cause about 98 percent of wildfires, with the main causes being escaped debris fires and arson.
- Good management means planning for, and even using fire in the forest to improve the environment and restore ecosystems.
- Prescribed fire was used to treat more than 100,000 acres last year on state and private lands to improve the environment and restore ecosystems.
- The Cooperative Fire Protection Program supports 13,554 volunteer fire departments in the Northeastern and Midwestern U.S., providing wildland fire protection on public and private forests.
- The Northeastern Area saves Federal, State, and local governments an estimated \$673 million in fire suppression cost annually by providing firefighter training and equipment to volunteer fire departments.
- Providing firefighter training and equipment to volunteer fire departments lets them protect communities in forested areas from wildfire.
- There are 10,000 state and federal wildland firefighters in the states served by the Northeastern Area available for response to local and national emergencies.
- Of the 413 million acres in the states served by the Northeastern Area, 15% or 784,000 acres are classified as wildland-urban interface.
- The first step toward protecting a community is the development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
- Last year, states developed 121 community protection plans, risk assessments, or equivalent planning instruments.