

FIRE MANAGEMENT AREAS

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill allows the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands to enter into an agreement establishing a predetermined fire suppression plan.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ allows the division to conduct a limited fire suppression strategy under certain circumstances; and
- ▶ allows the division to enter into an agreement establishing a predetermined fire suppression plan for a specific fire management area.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

65A-8-101, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 136

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

Section 1. Section **65A-8-101** is amended to read:

65A-8-101. Division responsibilities for fire control and the preservation of forest, watershed, and other lands -- Reciprocal agreements for fire protection.

(1) The division shall determine and execute the best [~~methods~~] method for protecting private and public property by:

(a) except as provided by Subsection (1)(e), preventing the origin and spread of fire on nonfederal forest, range, [~~and~~] or watershed [~~lands~~] land in an unincorporated [~~areas~~] area of the state;

(b) protecting a nonfederal forest [~~and~~] or watershed [~~areas on~~] area using conservation

33 principles; and

34 (c) encouraging a private [~~landowners in preserving, protecting, and managing~~]
35 landowner to preserve, protect, and manage forest [and] or other [lands] land throughout the
36 state[-];

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

41 (e) implementing a limited fire suppression strategy, including allowing a fire to burn
42 with limited or modified suppression, if the division determines that the strategy is appropriate
43 for a specific area or circumstance.

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

45 (a) enter into [~~agreements~~] an agreement with a public or private [~~agencies, or~~
46 ~~individuals~~] agency or individual:

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

49 (ii) establishing a predetermined fire suppression plan, including a limited fire
50 suppression strategy, for a specific fire management area; and

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