

NORTH CAROLINA FOREST SERVICE RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE NORTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (NCEOP)

FIRE FIGHTING (NCESF-4)

Primary Agency: The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) is the lead agency for forest fire suppression. This function is vested in the **NC Forest Service**. The **NC Forest Service** will:

- Direct all operational and tactical activities.
- Exercise the primary support function for structural fire suppression in support of the Office of State Fire Marshal.
- Conduct a forest fire public awareness program to prevent forest fires.
- Control outdoor burning permits.

PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING (NCESF-3)

Support Agency: NCDA&CS, NC Forest Service

- Assist in damage assessment of State-owned property.
- Assist with debris removal from State-owned property.
- Provide personnel and equipment to assist in coordination of debris removal when environmental concerns exist.
- Provide food and lodging for debris removal personnel as requested.
- Assist Department of Transportation in obtaining permits and clearances for disposal of debris and wreckage.

PUBLIC HEALTH (NCESF-8B)

Support Agency: NCDA&CS, NC Forest Service

- Provide personnel for a disaster team when requested.

SEARCH AND RESCUE (NCESF-9)

Support Agency: NCDA&CS, NC Forest Service

- Provide air and ground search and rescue as directed.
- Act as guides within the State forest areas.
- Provide as required, mobile headquarters to function in a search management role.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (NCESF-10)

Support Agency: NCDA&CS, NC Forest Service

- Provide equipment and personnel for decontamination operations, including earth moving and wash down.
- Provide air and land transportation.
- Provide emergency feeding.
- Act as guides in forest areas.

TRANSPORTATION (NCESF-1)

Support Agency: NCDA&CS, NC Forest Service

- Provide air and land transportation.

HURRICANE OPERATIONS PLAN

- North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) Branch Offices become Regional Coordination Centers (RCCs) during hurricane operations. An RCC is established to provide for coordinating emergency management activities and space. Personnel are usually assigned to RCCs from NCEM, NCNG, **NC Forest Service**, and the Office of the State Fire Marshall.
- Incident Management Teams (IMTs). IMTs may be organized to provide Pre-impact and post-impact liaison between coastal counties, the SERT, and the Regional Coordination Center. IMTs are normally led by NCEM Area Coordinators assigned by the SERT Leader and are composed also of representatives from NCNG, **NC Forest Service**, and the Office of the State Fire Marshall.
- Pre-location of NC Forest Service debris clearance resources.
- Coordinate the organization of NC Forest Service chainsaw teams for deployment.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAMS FOR FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASE (FAD)

- The NCEM Area Coordinator is responsible for leading each IMT in support of the Veterinary Supervisor's designated Team Leader. Team members may include personnel from the NCDA&CS, NCNG, DHHS, Office of the State Fire Marshal, **NC Forest Service**, Department of Transportation, Department of Commerce, and other SERT agencies as appropriate.

OIL/PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SPILL RESPONSE PLAN

NC Forest Service will:

- Provide heavy equipment for gaining access to remote or inaccessible spill locations.
- Within the available resources provide equipment and personnel for contaminated debris removal.
- Provide air and land transportation as directed by the SERT Leader.

EARTHQUAKE OPERATIONS PLAN

- Decision to establish EMAC Staging area when anticipated EMAC/instate mutual aid requirements exceed the number of response personnel that can be handled by the lead RCC). Decide upon the location. Cost for the EMAC staging area (RSOI) is approximately \$20,000 per day for 134 person RSOI organization consisting of a **NCFS Type 2 IMT**, the NG RSOI force Package, and 30 personnel from several other state agencies.

NC Forest Service will:

- Provide aviation assets to support the aerial assessment of earthquake damage.
- Be prepared to provide a Type II Incident Management Team (IMT) to operate an EMAC staging area (RSOI).
- Assist in damage assessment to State-owned property.
- Provide personnel and equipment to assist in coordination of debris removal when environmental concerns exist.
- Assist Department of Transportation in obtaining permits and clearances for disposal of debris and wreckage.