



Fire Management Handbook  
Policy 808

## Protection by Owner

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In accordance with [Executive Order 2020-02, Transparency in Agency Guidance Documents](#), guidance documents promulgated by the department are not new laws. They represent an interpretation of existing law, except as authorized by Idaho Code or incorporated into a contract.

### Agency Contact

Chief, Bureau of Fire Management

### Purpose

Owners of forest land may elect to provide their own protection against the starting, existence, or spread of fires. To do so, they must comply with IDAPA 20.04.01.030 of the Rules Pertaining to Forest Fire Protection as authorized under Title 38, Section 111, Idaho Code.

### Applicability

All forest landowners who choose to provide their own forest fire protection.

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## 1. Associated Policies

- A. Title 38, Section 111, Idaho Code
- B. Rules Pertaining to Forest Fire Protection, IDAPA 20.04.01.030

## 2. Exception Authorization

Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the Chief, Bureau of Fire Management.

## 3. Definitions

None

## 4. Policy

A written Fire Plan received by a Department of Lands Fire Warden will be forwarded to the Bureau of Fire Management with recommendations attached. The Bureau will review the plan and forward it to the State Forester with an additional recommendation. Any recommendation for rejection of the request will outline, in detail, the reasons for such recommendations.

See **Fire Plan – Protection Against the Starting, Existence, or Spread of Fires, Attachment 1**, for an example of a protection plan. This attachment constitutes the absolute minimum information required and is intended merely to provide a general format for anyone desiring to protect their lands.

## 5. Procedures

Landowners who elect to protect their own lands must comply with the following:

- A. Deadline for submission of plan. Written fire plans must be submitted before April 1 of each year.
- B. Effective date of approval. No plan shall become effective until approved, in writing, by the State Forester of the Department of Lands.
- C. Minimum requirements. Any plan submitted must include, as a minimum, the items specifically outlined in IDAPA 20.04.01.030.
- D. Inspection by the Department. The detection system, fire tool caches, manpower, suppression equipment, etc. listed in the fire plan must be available for inspection by the Department of Lands at all times during closed fire season.

**FIRE PLAN  
PROTECTION AGAINST THE  
STARTING, EXISTENCE, OR SPREAD OF FIRES**

**Forest Lands Owned By:**

Donald D. Doe  
Rt. 1, Box 999  
Avery, ID 83802

Phone: 908-987-6543

**Legal Description:**

SW1/4 Section 5, Township 75 North, Range 55 East  
S1/2 Section 6, Township 75 North, Range 55 East  
All Section 7, Township 75 North, Range 55 East

**Detection and Reporting System:**

The owner's residence is located on a south-facing slope which overlooks approximately 85 percent of the timbered lands. During periods of high fire danger, a person will be employed to maintain continuous watch from this point during the critical part of the day. This person will have contact with fire suppression personnel, both with CB radio and by telephone.

Pumper trucks, and the owner's pickup and sedan, will be equipped with CB radios and will be in contact with owner's residence at all times.

**Personnel:**

The ranch hands, trained in fire suppression methods, will be available at each pumper station during the critical fire season. Six additional ranch personnel will be available on one-hour notice. Additional manpower may be obtained from the following sources:

Bullpine Lumber Co.	10 men	5 miles away by road
Red Cedar Pole Co.	25 men	22 miles away by road

**Firefighting Equipment:**

Type	Quantity	Location
Pumper Trucks, 1-Ton, 4X4 with 250 gal. slip-in tank	2	1 at Main Ranch House 1 at Mouth of Bird Creek
Dozer, Caterpillar, D-6	1	Main Ranch House
Transport	1	Main Ranch House
Portable Fire Pumps (each equipped with 500 feet of hose and two nozzles)	3	2 at Main Ranch House 1 at Mouth of Bird Creek

**Location of Fire-Tool Caches:**

Fire-tool caches will be maintained at the following locations:

1. Main ranch house – located in SWSW Section 5, T75N, R55E
2. Mouth of Bird Creek – located in SWSE Sec. 7, T75N, R55E
3. Range foreman’s house – located in SESE, Sec. 6, T75N, R55E

The following items will be contained in each tool cache:

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|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 10 Shovels       | 10 Headlamps with Batteries |
| 10 Pulaski Tools | 20 Emergency Rations        |
| 3 Axes           | 5 2-Gallon Water Bags       |
| 5 Hazel Hoes     | 1 Carton of Fusees          |
| 10 Canteens      | 1 First Aid Kit             |

**Fire Protection Foreman:**

The person assigned specific responsibility for carrying out the provisions of this protection plan is:

Jake Johnson  
Rt. 5, Box 100  
Avery, ID 83802

Phone: (908) 123-4567

**Map of Area:**

Note: Include the appropriate portion of a Forest Service, State, BLM, or other map, showing the area to be covered. Map should be as near the required two-inches-to-the-mile scale as possible.