



# Forest Fires Training Needs Analysis

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#### Training needs Analysis



- Training Needs Analysis (TNA) for forest fire management provides information on the training and skills development of all responders. It enables to;
  - identify gap between current and required levels of KSA.
  - identify what general content of training should be.
  - form foundation of a training plan.
  - ensure relevant and appropriate training is delivered.
  - Forest fire fighting requires;
    - Stamina
    - Fortitude
    - Awareness
    - Understanding of the factors that drive the fire

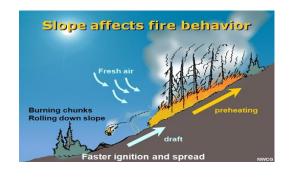
## Who requires training?



The training allows acquiring thorough knowledge & skills about forest fires thereby transforming human attitude and activities.

- ☐ It can be carried out targeting:
  - Young people, during their education.
  - Teachers, who sensitize their pupils.
  - People working in the forest.
  - Elected officials of local communities.
  - Personnel working in fire prevention and suppression.
  - People volunteering (NGO's) for forest fire protection.

## **Topic: 1**Forest Fire Behaviours





- Describe how forest fire spreads.
- List the types of forest fuels and how they burn.
- Identify forest fuel characteristics.
- Explain the effect of topography has on fire.
- Explain how weather factors influence a fire.
- Identify extreme fire bahaviour watchouts.

## **Topic: 2**Safety on Forest Fires



- Use PPE properly.
- Use fire shelter correctly.
- Respond when trapped by fire in a vehicle or building.
- Identify forest fire behavior watchouts.
- Explain safety procedure when working around snags.
- Describe safety precautions for working near a bulldozer/aircraft.
- Explain the term LECS.
- Explain the "Fire Orders" and 18 situations that shout "watch out".
- Explain additional forest fire hazards.



**Topic: 3**Water Supplies

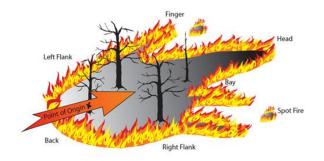


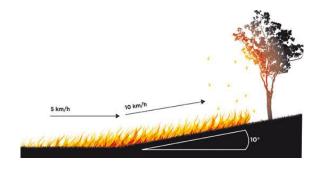
- Identify water sources for use at a forest fires.
- Describe the different types of water sources.
- Explain the different equipment used to supply water.





**Topic: 4**Tactics and Strategy





- Explain the difference between tactics and strategy.
- Describe the size-up process.
- Identify the factors to be evaluated upon arrival at the fire.
- Describe operational plan of action.
- Explain in establishing initial fireground operation by fire officer.

**Topic: 5**Fire Tender Crew Operations







- Describe how to use a forest fire tender effectively.
- Explain the different types of fire attack methods.
- Explain the different types of hose lays.
- Describe use of mobile pump fire fighting.
- Explain fire crew tactics on both forest and urban interface fires.

**Topic: 6**Handcrew Operations







- Identify the different types of handcrews.
- Explain the different methods of attack a handcrew uses.
- Describe the rules for working around inmate crews.
- Identify the different handtools a handcrew uses.
- Demonstrate the use of various handtools.

**Topic: 7**Backfire/Burnout Basics



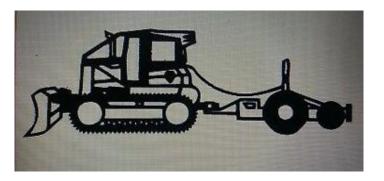
- Define the term backfire and burnout.
- Explain the difference between backfire and burnout.
- Explain the steps to be taken before undertaking a firing operations.
- Identify the tools to be used in firing operations.
- Explain three different ignition techniques used in firing operations.

**Topic: 8**Bulldozers and Tractor Plows





- Identify the different types of bulldozers.
- Explain the different types of control systems and blades used on a bulldozers.
- Demonstrate use of a bulldozer
- Identify a tractor plow.
- Demonstrate use of a tractor plow.



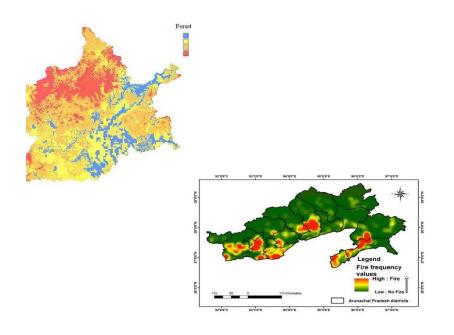
**Topic: 9**Class A foam and Fire-Blocking Gels





- Explain Class A foam and its working principles.
- Describe the foam generation techniques.
- Differentiate between CAFS and lowenergy foam systems.
- Describe different types of FB/nozzles used to apply Class A foam.
- Explain tactical application of Class A foam.
- Explain fire blocking gels and its tactical applications.

**Topic: 10**Use of GPS and Maps



- Explain the GPS.
- Describe the limitations of the GPS.
- Identify the GPS reference lines on a GSI topographic map.
- Demonstrate GSI map reading.
- Describe latitude and longitude.
- Demonstrate a coordinate rules to find own position on map.

**Topic: 11**Firefighting Aircraft







- Explain the different types of aircraft used in forest fire.
- Describe the difference between fixedwing aircraft types.
- Explain the capabilities of air tankers.
- Explain the different coverage levels used by fixed-wing aircraft.
- Explain the capabilities of helicopters.
- Identify the tactics used by helicopters.

Topic: 12

The Incident Response System (IRS)



- Explain the importance of IRS.
- Describe the five major functional units in the IRS.
- Describe the IRS forms used.
- Identify the forms used in an incident action plan.
- Demonstrate application of IRS in simulated fire situation.





- ☐ There is a need of having a structured training program for forest fire management.
- To achieve desired outcome, well developed training resources/facilities (trainers/equipment/appliances) are pre-requisite.
- Development of training module is required for different level of functionaries.
- Application of modern simulation technology is desirable in learning process.