

**OHIO EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN
EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION #4 – FIREFIGHTING**

Tab A – WILDFIRES

I. PURPOSE

- A. To assess and address drought-related impacts resulting in threats of wildfire.

II. LEAD STATE AGENCY

- A. Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry
- B. The Task Force is chaired by the Division of Forestry and will consist of the following State and federal agencies:
 - 1. Division of Air Pollution Control, OEPA
 - 2. Division of Wildlife, ODNR
 - 3. Division of Parks and Recreation, ODNR
 - 4. Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of the State Fire Marshal
 - 5. U.S. Forest Service
 - 6. Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, ODNR

III. ACTIVITIES

- A. Identify key personnel and contacts.
- B. Assess and project the extent and potential impacts of wildfire threats.
- C. Review existing wildfire protection capabilities and inventory ponds, lakes and dry hydrants which may be available in firefighting efforts.
- D. Project the need for additional resources.
- E. Provide technical planning and preparedness assistance.
- F. Recommend a burning ban, in specified areas or statewide, based on current and expected wildfire activity and available indicators.
- G. Prepare a final report upon deactivation.