

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE STATE FORESTER FIREWARDEN

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EXPLANATION—Matter in *bold italic* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: Assembly Bill 163 of the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

A REGULATION relating to Operations, Scope and Requirements; requiring limits on the scope of a Rangeland Fire Protection Association's boundaries, membership, and engagement; providing for communication protocols; allowing mutual aid agreements; requiring as part of an interlocal contract certain requirements to be contained therein; and other matters properly relating thereto.

OPERATIONS, SCOPE AND REQUIREMENTS (NAC bbb.bbb)

Section 1. *Chapter bbb of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this regulation.*

Sec. 2. *The Nevada Division of Forestry will require a Rangeland Fire Protection Association to abide by the following limits of scope:*

(a) The members shall be derived from within a Rangeland Fire Protection Association's boundaries as the association was formed pursuant to NAC aaa.aaa.

(b) The association boundaries shall represent the common interests of the association's membership and be proportionate to the membership size.

(c) The association shall limit its engagement to initial attack functions; limit its response to areas clearly within the association boundaries, or to boundary fires within 1/2 mile of the association boundary or as further defined in the interlocal contract; and will be limited to no interior structure firefighting.

(d) The association may undertake an immediate suppression action for boundary fires on adjacent protection areas, but must communicate immediately with the adjacent protection agency and communicate fire occurrence and association involvement.

(e) The association may enter into mutual aid agreements with adjacent fire protection districts as appropriate and with notification to the Nevada Division of Forestry.

Sec. 3. *The Nevada Division of Forestry will require, as part of the Interlocal contract process, a Rangeland Fire Protection Association to:*

(a) Initially, and annually thereafter, provide a written list of association resources available to provide fire protection during the next calendar year, including information on the number of personnel and types and numbers of available equipment.

(b) Maintain workers compensation coverage for all personnel in accordance with NRS 616A-616D.

(c) Enforce proper use and maintenance of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at all times.

(d) Adhere to proper radio etiquette and an approved radio plan for all radio communications equipment; including that issued to the association by state or federal fire agencies.