

Interagency Wildfire Management Team  
Meeting Notes  
May 8, 2002

Gene Darling (Emergency Management and Response, LANL) announced that the Santa Fe National Forest and Bandelier National Monument are considering the imposition of additional restrictions to the access and use of their lands that would continue until the wildfire hazards moderate.

Rob Farris (Fire Protection Group, LANL) reported that LANL may also place additional restrictions on outdoor work conducted on LANL property.

Doug Tucker (Los Alamos County Fire Department) indicated that the County will prohibit open fire in Camp May and in other recreational areas that are surrounded by forests.

Steve Mee (Cerro Grande Rehabilitation Project, LANL) has activated an additional water truck as a precautionary measure at the air curtain burner. In addition, forested areas that had been thinned during the current day are scanned for potential ignitions at the end of each shift. Finally, Steve has made arrangements for a local wood products company to obtain some of the small diameter timber that is produced during the thinning operations.

Fran Talley (Public Affairs Office, LANL) is organizing the activities for Safety Days that will be held in conjunction with the Farmer's Market on June 20. Several displays will feature information related to home fires and wildfires.

Dave Bradbury (Restoration Group, LANL) is the contact for any issues or concerns related to wildfire hazard reduction activities and their potential interactions with solid waste management units (SWMU) and potential release sites (PRS).

Mia Peralta (Private Citizen) requested information related to chain saw training for the general public. Potential contacts and additional information related to chain saw training were discussed.

Randy Balice (Ecology Group, LANL) has installed the wildfire behavior modeling system in the LANL Emergency Operation Center. Also, the first draft of the fire hazard map has also been received from Earth Data Analysis Center (EDAC), University of New Mexico. The map and the associated training data are currently being revised in preparation for the second draft.

Manny L'Esperance (Emergency Management and Response, LANL) is reviewing the fire hazard matrix for its applicability and appropriateness relative to the conduct of normal operations at LANL during the fire season.

Tom Shough (Emergency Management, Los Alamos County) announced that Marla Brooks is serving as the Acting County Emergency Management Officer.

Dean Clark (Fire Management Officer, Bandelier National Monument) reported that extensive drops of fire retardants have reduced the size of the Dalton Fire from 700 acres to 500 acres. Dean also stated that additional closures on Bandelier and Forest Service property are imminent. A public information post will be established at the intersection of Highway 4 and Highway 501.

The next IWMT meeting will be at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, May 22, at TA-21, Building 210 in the Conference Room (142). The IWMT meets every other week and these meetings are open to the public. Contact Randy Balice ([balice@lanl.gov](mailto:balice@lanl.gov), 665-1270) for further information, or to get on the distribution list for these meeting notes.