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September 10, 2012

The Honorable Mary Anne Salmon
Arkansas Senate
State Capitol

The Honorable Tommy Lee Baker
Arkansas House of Representatives
State Capitol

Re: Arkansas Forestry Commission monthly activity report

Dear Senator Salmon and Representative Baker:

Per Act 252 of the 2012 Fiscal Session, Section 50, the Arkansas Forestry Commission is to report monthly fiscal and agency activities to the Arkansas Legislative Council. Please find attached the report for August 2012.

August was a busy month for wildfires. It took a hurricane at the end of August to give some relief to our fire fighters.

Respectfully yours,
ARKANSAS FORESTRY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe S. Fox", is written over a faint circular stamp.

Joe S. Fox

cc: Ms. Marty Garrity
Secretary of Agriculture Butch Calhoun



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August 2012 Activity and Fiscal Report

FIRE PROTECTION

Wildfires: During August 2012, a total of 425 wildfires were suppressed for a total of 7,721 acres burned. The ten year average for the month of August is 178 fires for 2,038 acres burned.

In August, lightning associated with isolated thunderstorms caused 42% of the fires.

Hurricane Isaac came through the state on August 30 -31 helping to reduce fire danger.

Rural Fire Protection: Rural Fire Protection (RFP) assists rural volunteer fire departments with organization, training and equipment. RFP provides interest-free loans and administers federal grants to assist approximately 1,000 volunteer rural fire departments.

Sixty-six (66) rural fire departments were provided wildland fire training. Twenty-seven (27) fire trucks were delivered to rural fire departments. One (1) fire department received loans to purchase equipment. Fifteen (15) Department of Defense trucks were picked up from military posts that will be refurbished and provided to fire department for use as fire trucks, brush trucks, or tankers.

Firewise: Firewise staff and district personnel work with fire departments and civic organizations to make communities safer from the threat of wildfire through mitigation projects and community education initiatives. Arkansas leads the nation in certified Firewise communities. Certified communities display Firewise signs at the city limits.

Firewise staff assisted 18 communities/fire departments with education and renewal efforts, prepared four media releases, made one radio appearance, answered numerous media calls for fire and prevention information, worked on Wildfire Education Team and Trash Bash team and provided educational booths at the Arkansas EMT Association and Emergency Managers Convention.

Law Enforcement: Forestry Commission has the authority to enforce the State's laws pertaining to unlawful dumping, timber theft, forest fires, and equipment theft and vandalism. Forestry Commission aggressively seeks prosecution of violators to deter such crimes. In August, AFC Investigators and law enforcement officers worked 2 unlawful dumping, 16 fire related, and 6 timber theft cases.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

Landowner assistance: Forestry Commission foresters prepared 108 forest management plans on 11,511 acres.

Urban forestry assistance: Urban Forestry Program staff provides assistance and training to communities, educational institutions, non-profit organization, developers and homeowners on urban tree care, inventory and management. There are 45 certified Tree City USA communities in Arkansas. Certified communities display Tree City USA signs at the city limits. There are 3 Tree Campus USA (colleges) - U of A at Monticello, U of A at Fort Smith and Ouachita Baptist University. In August, we partnered with the Arkansas Urban Forestry Council and held a workshop in Fayetteville titled "Environmental Design with Trees". There were 63 participants and of those 33% were landscape architects and 11% were city planners which is the professions the workshop was geared for. The Council acquired 40 new members.

Baucum Nursery: Forestry Commission's Baucum Nursery grows hardwood and pine seedlings for reforestation and afforestation efforts. This year's Baucum Nursery inventory consists of 4,855,000 loblolly and shortleaf pine seedlings and 6,793,000 hardwood seedlings of a variety of species.

Best Management Practices: Forestry Commission provides BMP training to loggers and timber companies, conducts courtesy exams prior or during timber harvest operations and addresses logging complaints. During August 2012, two logger training session, four courtesy exams and three logging complaint investigation were performed.

Forest Inventory and Analysis: Forestry Commission in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station is responsible for collecting scientific data from permanently established plots located all over the state. The plots, each representing 5,937 acres, are strategically located on a three-mile by three-mile grid. The inventory plots have been generating data since they were established in the 1950's. Natural resource managers use the data to make management decisions and follow Arkansas' natural resource trends through time.

For August, FIA personnel have measured and submitted data on 71 plots and completed 10 utilization/felled tree studies. 158 forest industry mills were mailed surveys which will provide information for the Timber Products Output program.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION

Conservation Education programs include presentations to schools and civic organizations, news articles and other media programs. With the loss of Conservation Education staff, the State Forester and other staff conducted multiple radio and television presentations that are not included in the district reporting. During August 2012, the districts reported 24 news articles, 2 radio and television presentations, and 11 presentations to schools or civic organizations.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	August 2012	
4020014000 TIMBER SEVERANCE	(288,295.87)	
** SR (3.0) - Taxes	(288,295.87)	
4030002000 ACREAGE TAX	(35,122.09)	
4031076000 FIRE PROTECT/SUPP	(406.95)	
** SR (1.5) - Taxes	(35,529.04)	
4034001000 RENTS	(500.00)	Rental of State-owned housing
** SR (1.5) - Rents, Royalties, Leas	(500.00)	
4038001000 TIMBER SALES	(355.10)	
4038003000 SEEDLING SALES	(63,704.97)	
** SR (1.5)- Sales of Agency Produce	(64,060.07)	
4042001000 FINES	(643.32)	Fines for illegal burning, dumping
** OR - Fines and Penalties	(643.32)	
4047002000 OTHER SALES	(11,432.49)	Loans for Equipment to Rural Fire Depts
4047099000 MISC REVENUE	(22,579.61)	Book sales & refunds
** OR - Miscellaneous	(34,012.10)	
4048019000 RESALES	(33,144.50)	Sales of Fire Fighting Equipment to Rural Fire Depts
** OR - Sales of Goods and Services	(33,144.50)	
4050003000 OTH REFUNDS/REIMB	(119.62)	Refund of Credit on Account
** OR - Grants and Reimbursements	(119.62)	
4050004000 FED GRANTS/REIMBURSE	(80,000.00)	Federal Reimbursement for Urban & Community Forestry Expenses
** Federal Grants and Reimbursements	(80,000.00)	
4090010000 3% SPECIAL REV FEES	8,648.88	
4090020000 1.5% SPL REV FEES	1,501.34	
4090030000 ADDITIONAL SR FEES	1,015.01	
** Treasury Charges	11,165.23	Fees Charged by Treasury on Special Revenues
5010001000 00 Regular Salaries	740,247.82	
5010002000 01 Extra Help Sal	28,505.09	
5010005000 03 FICA & Medic Exp	54,690.96	
5010006000 03 Ben Ins Exp HAL	108,810.00	
5010006500 Agency Cost of ARCAP	4,101.53	
5010007000 03 Retirement Exp	106,140.32	
5010008000 03 Unemploy Comp Exp	0.00	
5010009000 03 Worker Comp Exp	0.00	
5010011000 16 Fixed Uniform All	118.00	
** Salary Expense	1,042,613.72	General Operations of Agency & Federal Programs
5020001000 Postage	4,869.47	
5020002000 Telecomm Wired	12,327.94	
5020003000 Telecomm Wireless	6,058.48	
5020004000 Network Services Exp	2,766.43	
5020004200 Internet Serv-Tech	111.32	
5020005000 Freight	217.74	
** Communication & Transp. of Commod	26,351.38	General Operations of Agency & Federal Programs
5030001000 Printing	4,599.24	
** Printing & Advertising	4,599.24	General Operations of Agency & Federal Programs
5030005000 02-Bldg & Grds Maint	8,898.96	
5030005100 Pest Control CI 02	78.12	
5030010000 Pub Safety Eq Maint	372.07	

5030011000	Ind Inst Equip Maint	34,111.01	
5030012000	02 - Vehicle Maint	30,129.62	
5030013000	Auto Collision Rep	980.34	
5030014000	Mar Avi Equip Maint	13,552.02	
5030016000	DP Equip Maint	215.45	
5030018000	Oth Repair Servicing	0.00	
** Repairing & Servicing		88,337.59	General Operations of Agency & Federal Programs
5040001000	Electricity	14,541.26	
5040003000	Water & Sewage	8,407.36	
5040004000	Natural Gas Propane	961.47	
5040005000	Rent of Facilities	10,128.07	
5040006000	Lease Private Land	300.00	
5040007000	Rent of Office Equip	6,228.25	
5040011000	Other Rent & Leases	7,789.60	
** Utilities & Rent		48,356.01	General Operations of Agency & Federal Programs
5050001000	02 Mileage	2,750.45	
5050003000	02 Meals & Lodging	440.88	
5050003100	02 - Meals	2,138.22	
5050003200	02 - Lodging	3,514.56	
5050004100	09 - Meals	0.00	
5050004200	09 - Lodging	0.00	
5050011000	02 Parking Fees	0.00	
5050017000	02 Conf Seminar Fees	20.00	
5050018000	09 Conf Seminar Fees	735.00	
5050025000	02 - Gas Purchases	40.86	
** Travel & Subsistence		9,639.97	General Operations of Agency & Federal Programs
5060001000	Professional Adm Fee	163,224.50	Single Engine Air Tankers & Stewardship Plans
5080015000	Misc. Technical Serv	853.25	DOT & Pre-Employment Drug Tests
** Professional Services & Fees		164,077.75	
5080013000	Security Services	0.00	
5080014000	Trash Pickup Service	537.69	General Operations of Agency & Federal Programs
5080016000	Temp Employ Svc	7,859.27	Nursery Temporary Labor
5080019000	Veh Lic Title Fees	15.00	General Operations of Agency & Federal Programs
5080020000	Enforce Invest Exp	110.00	General Operations of Agency & Federal Programs
5120011000	Loans to Individuals	45,714.15	Rural Fire Dept Equipment
** Other Expenses & Services		54,236.11	
5090002000	Natural Res Supps	65.83	
5090003000	Special Purpose Supp	4,011.03	
5090004000	Tires	5,565.66	
5090005000	Fuel Purchases	191,715.88	
5090006000	Office Supplies	4,421.13	
5090007000	Educ Supplies Mats	173.82	
5090013000	02-Pub Safe,Mil Sups	295.40	
5090015000	Health Lab Supps	205.09	
5090016000	Shop Indust Supps	7,917.43	
5090018000	Subscriptions Pubs	75.00	
5090019000	Food Purchases	1,088.05	
5090022000	02-Kit,Jan,House Sup	1,705.25	
5090023000	Seed Fert Cont Agent	18,747.91	
5090025000	Agri Hort WL Supps	6,236.07	
5090026000	DP Supps	2,504.49	
5090027000	Software/Licenses	1,516.83	
** Commodities, Materials & Supplies		246,244.87	General Operations of Agency & Federal Programs

5100001000 04 Assist Grants Aid	53,887.00	
** Assistance, Grants & Aids	53,887.00	Grants for Southern Pine Beetle Prevention, National Fire Plan, and Urban & Community Forestry
6060003100 INTER XFER IN REBATE	(1.74)	Sales tax rebate
6060004500 IntraAgy GR Tran-In	(699,392.26)	General Revenue Allocation from DFA
6060007200 M & R Transfers In	(483.53)	Marketing & Redistribution Proceeds from Equip. Sales
6061003000 Inter-Agy Xfers Out	0.00	
6061004500 IntraAgy GR Tran-Out	0.00	
6061007500 WC Ad. Cost Tr. Out	0.00	
** Transfers In/Out	(699,877.53)	
6990001000 Prior Yr Warr Outlaw	(5,079.06)	Un-cashed warrants that expired
6990002000 Prior Yr Warr Cancel	0.00	
6990003000 Prior Yr Ref to Exp	0.00	
** Prior Year Adjustment	(5,079.06)	