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by hand delivery

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 July 2012.

Due to the extreme drought and fire danger, suppressing wildfires has been our primary focus.

Respectfully yours,

ARKANSAS FORESTRY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe S. Fox".

Joe S. Fox

cc: Ms. Marty Garrity
Secretary of Agriculture Butch Calhoun



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July 2012 Activity and Fiscal Report

FIRE PROTECTION

Wildfires: During July 2012, an estimated 441 wildfires were suppressed for a total of 7,548 acres burned. On record only July 1952, 1954 and 1980 surpass July 2012 for number of wildfires suppressed and acres burned. Both 1954 and 1980 were record dry summers.

Seventy-five (75) percent of Arkansas is in extreme or exceptional drought. January through June 2012 is the warmest period on record. April through June 2012 is the driest April- June period on record.

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.

Forty-two (42) rural fire departments were provided wildland fire training. Two (2) fire trucks were delivered to rural fire departments. Two (2) fire departments received loans to purchase equipment. Seventeen (17) 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 10 communities/fire departments, prepared 10 media releases, made 15 television, radio and newspaper appearances, and provided an educational booth at the annual Arkansas State Firefighters Association and Arkansas Association of Fire Chiefs convention in Hot Springs.

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 July, Forestry Commission in working with U.S. Attorney Chris Thyer closed a timber theft case that netted the violator 18 months in federal prison, 3 years supervised release, and restitution of \$228,463.80. Forestry Commission worked 1 unlawful dumping and 6 forest fire cases in July.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

Landowner assistance: Forestry Commission foresters prepared 131 forest management plans on 11,436 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 2 Tree Campus USA (colleges) in Arkansas. In July, Forestry Commission personnel provided technical assistance to 6 communities concerning tree maintenance and Tree City USA program.

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 July 2012, one logger training session, three courtesy exams and one 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 July, FIA personnel have measured 60 plots and completed 3 utilization studies. The FIA Coordinator has provided assistance to 2 forestry companies.

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 July 2012, the districts reported 42 news articles, 14 radio and television presentations, and 10 presentations to schools or civic organizations.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	July 2012	
4020014000 TIMBER SEVERANCE	(301,410.57)	
** SR (3.0) - Taxes	(301,410.57)	
4030002000 ACREAGE TAX	(110,275.12)	
** SR (1.5) - Taxes	(110,275.12)	
4034001000 RENTS	(400.00)	Rental of State-owned housing
** SR (1.5) - Rents, Royalties, Leas	(400.00)	
4038001000 TIMBER SALES	(279.60)	
4038003000 SEEDLING SALES	(27,182.86)	
** SR (1.5)- Sales of Agency Produce	(27,462.46)	
4042001000 FINES	(830.00)	Fines for illegal burning, dumping
** OR - Fines and Penalties	(830.00)	
4047002000 OTHER SALES	(15,000.00)	Loans for Equipment to Rural Fire
4047099000 MISC REVENUE	(2,229.40)	Depts
** OR - Miscellaneous	(17,229.40)	Book sales & refunds
4048019000 RESALES	(24,708.07)	Sales of Fire Fighting Equipment to Rural Fire Depts
** OR - Sales of Goods and Services	(24,708.07)	
4050004000 FED		Federal Reimbursement for Forest Inventory
GRANTS/REIMBURSE	(53,533.00)	Expenses
** Federal Grants and Reimbursements	(53,533.00)	
4090010000 3% SPECIAL REV FEES	9,042.32	
4090020000 1.5% SPL REV FEES	2,072.07	
4090030000 ADDITIONAL SR FEES	1,111.43	
** Treasury Charges	12,225.82	Fees Charged By Treasury on Special Revenues
5010001000 00 Regular Salaries	774,424.28	
5010002000 01 Extra Help Sal	19,314.63	
5010005000 03 FICA & Medic Exp	56,650.70	
5010006000 03 Ben Ins Exp HAL	108,810.00	
5010006500 Agency Cost of ARCAP	4,086.33	
5010007000 03 Retirement Exp	107,556.57	
5010008000 03 Unemploy Comp Exp	10,695.10	
5010009000 03 Worker Comp Exp	10,976.52	
5010011000 16 Fixed Uniform All	400.00	
** Salary Expense	1,092,914.13	General Operations of Agency & Federal Programs
5020001000 Postage	1,544.29	
5020002000 Telecomm Wired	12,054.70	
5020003000 Telecomm Wireless	4,282.50	
5020004000 Network Services Exp	5,349.73	
** Communication & Transp. of Commod	23,231.22	General Operations of Agency & Federal Programs
5030005000 02-Bldg & Grds Maint	3,290.16	
5030010000 Pub Safety Eq Maint	4,651.92	
5030011000 Ind Inst Equip Maint	14,278.37	
5030012000 02 - Vehicle Maint	12,095.56	
5030014000 Mar Avi Equip Maint	13,009.04	
5030016000 DP Equip Maint	227.23	
5030018000 Oth Repair Servicing	116.49	
** Repairing & Servicing	47,668.77	General Operations of Agency & Federal Programs
5040001000 Electricity	11,426.31	
5040003000 Water & Sewage	1,988.09	
5040004000 Natural Gas Propane	1,171.09	

5040005000	Rent of Facilities	6,500.00	
5040006000	Lease Private Land	375.00	
5040007000	Rent of Office Equip	1,548.54	
5040011000	Other Rent & Leases	960.00	
** Utilities & Rent		23,969.03	General Operations of Agency & Federal Programs
5050001000	02 Mileage	562.38	
5050003000	02 Meals & Lodging	0.00	
5050003100	02 - Meals	686.15	
5050003200	02 - Lodging	1,278.24	
5050004100	09 - Meals	37.78	
5050004200	09 - Lodging	412.72	
5050011000	02 Parking Fees	44.00	
5050018000	09 Conf Seminar Fees	50.00	
** Travel & Subsistence		3,071.27	General Operations of Agency & Federal Programs
5060001000	Professional Adm Fee	83,265.59	Single Engine Air Tankers & Stewardship Plans
5080015000	Misc. Technical Serv	408.75	DOT & Pre-Employment Drug Tests
** Professional Services & Fees		83,674.34	
5080013000	Security Services	428.73	General Operations of Agency & Federal Programs
5080014000	Trash Pickup Service	1,315.69	General Operations of Agency & Federal Programs
5080016000	Temp Employ Svc	2,015.92	Nursery Temporary Labor
			Rural Fire Dept.
5120011000	Loans to Individuals	18,874.30	Equipment
** Other Expenses & Services		22,634.64	
5090004000	Tires	15,328.98	
5090005000	Fuel Purchases	84,124.42	
5090006000	Office Supplies	2,628.70	
5090007000	Educ Supplies Mats	3.36	
5090013000	02-Pub Safe,Mil Sups	22.84	
5090016000	Shop Indust Supps	3,256.69	
5090018000	Subscriptions Pubs	211.03	
5090019000	Food Purchases	557.60	
5090022000	02-Kit,Jan,House Sup	1,270.72	
5090023000	Seed Fert Cont Agent	189.13	
5090025000	Agri Hort WL Supps	4,135.72	
5090026000	DP Supps	2,858.28	
5090027000	Software/Licenses	2,434.17	
** Commodities, Materials & Supplies		117,021.64	General Operations of Agency & Federal Programs
5100001000	04 Assist Grants Aid	48,141.00	
** Assistance, Grants & Aids		48,141.00	Grants for Southern Pine Beetle Prevention
6060004500	IntraAgy GR Tran-In	(702,502.00)	General Revenue Allocation from DFA
			Marketing & Redistribution Proceeds from Equip.
6060007200	M & R Transfers In	(211.10)	Sales
6061003000	Inter-Agy Xfers Out	25,000.00	Transfer to Claims Comm. For Adams Settlement
6061004500	IntraAgy GR Tran-Out	2,000.00	Transfer to Other Ag Agencies For Over Allocated GR
6061007500	WC Ad. Cost Tr. Out	3,153.84	Transfer to DFA for Workers Comp Costs
** Transfers In/Out		(672,559.26)	
6990002000	Prior Yr Warr Cancel	(763.14)	Un-cashed warrants that expired
6990003000	Prior Yr Ref to Exp	(2,195.55)	Refunds of prior year expenses that are not eligible
** Prior Year Adjustment		(2,958.69)	for appropriation replenishment