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MAINE FOREST SERVICE

FOREST PROTECTION

Natural Resource Law Enforcement

Incident Management

Disaster Response

Maine's Forest Rangers are honored to serve the citizens, visitors of the State of Maine and the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

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Mission Statement

The mission of Maine's Forest Rangers is to protect homes and Maine's forest resources from wildfire, respond to disasters and emergencies and to enhance the safe, sound, and responsible management of the forest for this and future generations.

Overview of laws Ranger's enforce

Maine's Forest Rangers routinely enforce, investigate, and prosecute the following laws and regulations:

- Open burning laws
- Arson (Wildland) investigation and prosecution
- Forest Operations Notifications (FONS)
- Forest Practices Act standards (FPA)
- Liquidation harvesting
- Trip ticket violations
- Delinquent landowner reports
- Delinquent wood processor reports
- Disposal of slash
- Railroads – spark arrester and ROW clearance inspections
- Logging machinery - spark arrester inspections
- Timber asset security
- Litter control & illegal dumping
- ATV and snowmobile laws
- Unlawful cutting of trees – Civil violations
- Timber theft – Criminal violations
- Firewood theft
- Illegal importing of out-of-state firewood



- Cutting of Christmas trees or boughs
- Illegal tapping of maple trees for syrup
- Harvesting timber near property line
- Failure to pay for trees harvested – (45 day rule)
- Civil trespass by motor vehicle
- Operating a motor vehicle on land of another
- Damaging forest and / or cropland with a motor vehicle
- Obstruction and/or damage to woods roads
- Investigation of water quality violations in the unorganized territories
- Investigation of DEP air and water quality violations
- Illegal camping and / or fires
- Bureau of Parks & Lands rules

Additional duties

- Speaking with civic groups and schools
- Instruction in wildfire prevention and suppression tactics
- Conducting Wildfire Risk Assessments
- Developing Community Wildfire Protection Plans
- Working with communities to maintain “Firewise” status
- organizing and conducting hazardous fuels mitigation (chipping or prescribed fire)
- Maine's forest rangers are the State's recognized experts in ICS (Incident Command System) and routinely assist other state and federal agencies with wildfire and other “all-hazard response” such as floods, search & rescues, hurricanes, etc.