

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN and STATE FOREST RANGER

The Fremont Forest Fire Warden and Deputies, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact the Fremont Fire Warden or the Fire Rescue Department at 895 9634 (or the Dispatch Center at 895 4222) to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact DES at 1 800 498 6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org. You can also find the daily fire weather report on the Town's website (during forestry season) at www.Fremont.nh.gov on the Fire Rescue Department page.

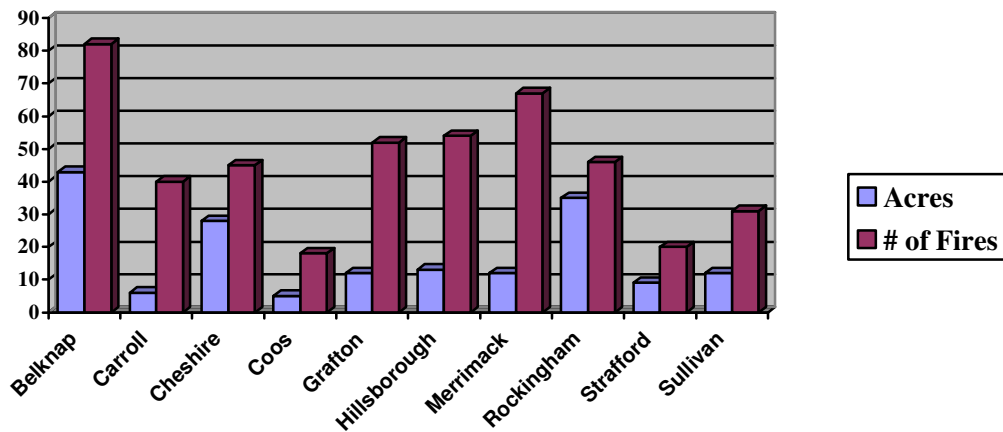
Spring fire season lasted unusually long this past year, with very high fire danger stretching into the first week of June. Once again, the rains started to fall during the summer and the fire activity was fairly light for the remainder of the year. The acreage burned was less than that of 2007. The largest forest fire during the 2008 season burned approximately 54 acres on Rattlesnake Mountain in Rumney on White Mountain National Forest property. Another 39 acre fire occurred on Mount Major in Alton during the month of April. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2008 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, the Fremont Fire Rescue Department and the State's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2008 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 24, 2008)

(Figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest.)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	43	82
Carroll	6	40
Cheshire	28	45
Coos	5	18
Grafton	12	52
Hillsborough	13	54
Merrimack	12	67
Rockingham	35	46
Strafford	9	20
Sullivan	12	31



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

		Total Fires		Total Acres
Arson	2	2008	455	175
Debris	173	2007	437	212
Campfire	35	2006	500	473
Children	23	2005	546	174
Smoking	36	2004	482	147
Railroad	2			
Equipment	11			
Lightning	11			
Misc.*	162 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)			

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

"Undertake not what you cannot perform; but be careful to keep your promise."

~ George Washington

From his "Rules of Civility," written when he was in his teens.