

Equipment Alert

Mowers and Graders Can Cause Fires!

To prevent wildfires before they start, the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry calls to attention the fact that fires can be started by equipment operation. Over the past years mowing and grading equipment have caused several serious wildfires.

Be Cautious

Local road authorities and contract operators of road maintenance equipment are reminded to be cautious during dry weather. They need to check to the rear on a regular basis to make sure their equipment is not starting fires. They should also carry tools such as a shovel and backpack pump tank to put out small fires if/when they occur.

It's a Violation

Fires caused by careless or negligent acts are violations of wildfire laws and can result in charges for fire suppression costs.

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Grader blades being “sharpened” on paved roads or equipment with faulty mufflers have caused fires.



Mower or grader blades striking rocks can cause sparks that start fires.