

USFS Southern Region GUIDE TO EMERGENCY EVENTS



A Model for Response, Recovery and Restoration



Recent Region 8 Events and Situations with Major Impacts and Ripple Effects

- ❑ Wind Storm, NFs in Texas (1998)
- ❑ 7+ Type II, Type I Fires (2000)
- ❑ SPB Epidemics (1998-2002) NFs in Alabama, Cherokee NF, Daniel Boone NF
- ❑ Red Oak Borer Infestation, Ozark NF
- ❑ Ice Storm Ouachita NF (2001)
- ❑ Hurricanes of 2004 (Charley, Frances, Ivan, Jeanne)
- ❑ Hurricanes of 2005 (Dennis, Katrina, Rita, Wilma)
- ❑ Ga/FL Wildfires (2007)

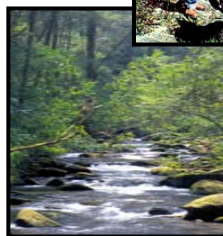
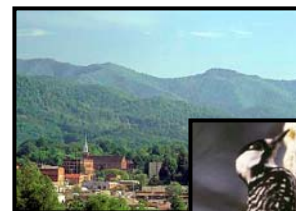
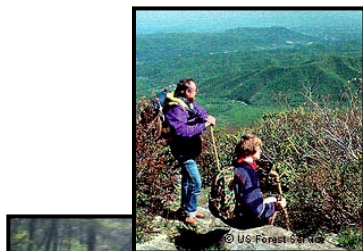
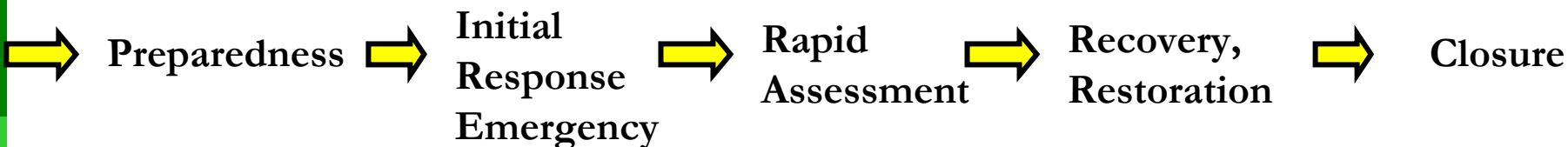
Common Threads

- ❑ Similar Phases (Preparedness, Emergency, Assessment, Recovery, Restoration, Closure)
- ❑ Multiple Effects
- ❑ Large-Scale Responses
- ❑ Focus on Critical Priorities
- ❑ Adjustments for Normal Programs of Work
- ❑ Solid Communication
- ❑ Sound Relationships
- ❑ Thinking out of the Box
- ❑ Safety First Culture



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an INTEGRATED RESPONSE, RECOVERY & RESTORATION MODEL

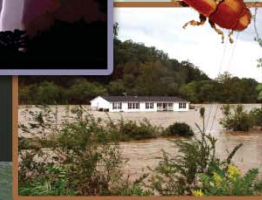
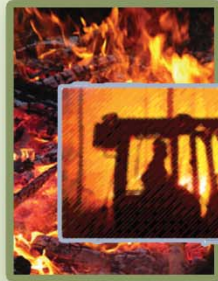


*Collaboration * Safety First * Clear Communication * Integrated Monitoring * Aggressive Treatments * Alignment * Financially Sound * Recover safely, effectively and efficiently*

Critical Priorities and Values



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*Preparedness, Response,
Assessment, Recovery, and Closure*

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Preparedness Initial Response Rapid Assessment Restoration & Recovery Closeout

"Moving From Good to Great"

The Southern Region has developed an integrated model for response and recovery from large-scale emergency events. This model serves as a mechanism for *moving from good to great* and capitalizing on a history of success, valuable experiences, and lessons learned. The model addresses each of the chronological phases of these large scale events and situations including preparedness, initial response, rapid assessment, recovery and restoration, and closure.

The model is primarily a tool for Line Officers, Districts, and Forests closest to these events but also serves the roles of others, including those at the Regional level, State and Private Forestry (S&PF), and Research and Development (R&D). The model embraces a set of guiding principles that serve as a framework for emergency response. This framework is built on by the

Guiding Principles Common to All Emergencies

1. **SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT.**
2. Take care of your employees and their long term stress.
3. Identify authorities and ensure Line Officer involvement. Don't get in charge of things you're not responsible for.
4. Accurately define the scope and complexity of the event and don't underestimate the worst case scenario. *"There's no situation so good, it can't go bad and there's no situation so bad, it can't get worse."*
5. Communicate early and often.

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