

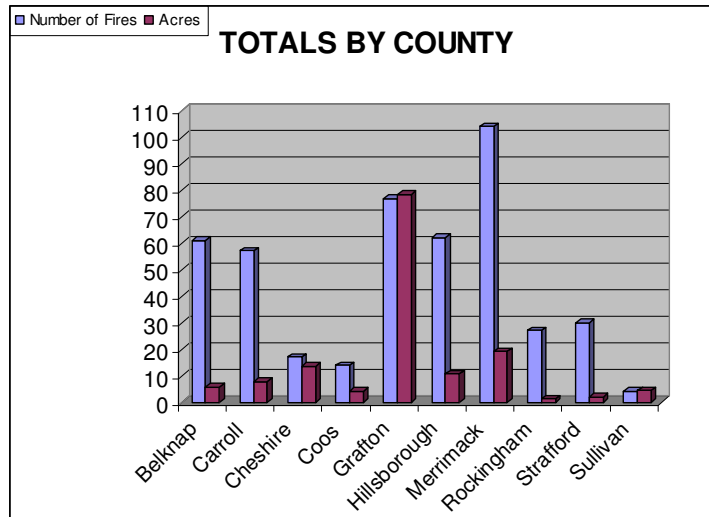
Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. 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 the local fire department or 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 contact the Division of Forests & Lands (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

This last year was fairly wet throughout the spring and summer months, however we finished the season with an active fall fire season. In order to meet an increased demand for services, the Forest Protection Bureau was reorganized into three regions with smaller Forest Ranger Districts and over the last several years we have added two Forest Rangers. The fifteen state fire towers were the first to report on many fires throughout the state and they completed many other projects on the low fire danger days. The state implemented a program called Tower Quest to help citizens learn about fire towers and the need to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. The United States celebrated Smokey Bear's 60th birthday in 2004, and celebrations were held throughout the state. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire smart and fire safe!

2004 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 18, 2004)



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

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| Arson | 15 | 2004 | 462 | 147 |
| Campfire | 41 | 2003 | 374 | 100 |
| Children | 12 | 2002 | 540 | 187 |
| Smoking | 19 | 2001 | 942 | 428 |
| Debris | 201 | | | |
| Railroad | 1 | | | |
| Equipment | 5 | | | |
| Lightning | 5 | | | |
| Misc.* | 163 | (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.) | | |

Total Fires Total Acres

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE