

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.51501 Definitions.**

Sec. 51501. As used in this part:

(a) "All hazard incident" means an incident, whether natural or human-caused, that requires an organized response by a public, private, or governmental entity to protect life, public health or safety, or other values or to minimize any disruption of governmental, social, or economic services. One or more kinds of incident, such as fire, flood, mass casualty, search, rescue, or evacuation, may occur simultaneously as part of an all hazard incident.

(b) "Certified prescribed burn manager" means an individual who has successfully completed the certification program of the department under section 51513 and possesses a valid certification number.

(c) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

(d) "Domestic purposes" refers to burning that is any of the following:

(i) A fire within the curtilage of a dwelling where the material being burned has been properly placed in a debris burner constructed of metal or masonry, with a metal covering device with openings no larger than 3/4 of an inch.

(ii) A campfire.

(iii) Any fire within a building.

(e) "Extinguished", in reference to prescribed burning, means that there is no longer any spreading flame.

(f) "Forest land", subject to subdivision (f), means any of the following:

(i) Timber land, potential timber-producing land, or cutover or burned timber land.

(ii) Wetland.

(iii) Prairie or other land dominated by grasses or forbes.

(g) "Forest land" does not include land devoted to agriculture.

(h) "Flammable material" means any substance that will burn, including, but not limited to, refuse, debris, waste forest material, brush, stumps, logs, rubbish, fallen timber, grass, stubble, leaves, fallow land, slash, crops, or crop residue.

(i) "Prescribed burn" or "prescribed burning" means the burning, in compliance with a prescription and to meet planned fire or land management objectives, of a continuous cover of fuels.

(j) "Prescription" means a written plan establishing the criteria necessary for starting, controlling, and extinguishing a burn.

(k) "Primary public safety answering point" means that term as defined in section 102 of the emergency 9-1-1 service enabling act, 1986 PA 32, MCL 484.1102.

(l) "Wetland" means land characterized by the presence of water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances does support, wetland vegetation or aquatic life, and is commonly referred to as a bog, swamp, or marsh.

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**Compiler's note:** In subdivision (f), the reference to "subject to subdivision (f)" evidently should read "subject to subdivision (g)."

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