

Forest Fire Season Heats Up In Spring, Fall

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Forest fires riveted the attention of the nation this summer as wildfires ravaged huge sections of the western United States and killed 14 firefighters on Colorado's Storm King Mountain. For Pennsylvanians, however, the danger of fires is greatest in spring and fall, according to a Penn State forest fire expert.

"The conditions in the West are much drier in the summer, making it very easy to ignite the forest," said Todd Bowersox, professor of silviculture in the College of Agricultural Sciences. "In eastern forests, frequent rains and higher humidity keep the grass and trees from drying out."

The fall fire season is relatively short — from October to November — and Bowersox explains that fall fire risk is most severe after a very hot, dry summer. Following a wet summer, the forest leaves will not dry out enough to pose a severe threat.

"Most of the leaves drop from the trees by early November and the grass, ferns and other herbaceous plants usually will die after the first killing frost," Bowersox said. "As the fallen leaves and herbaceous vegetation dry out, the forest fills with a fuel that can burn."

Bowersox said that March, April, and May are the prime spring fire months, although the fire season varies across the state. "The southern part of the state will have an earlier fire season than the northern section," Bowersox said.

In spring, the days become longer and warmer, and as the snow melts, last fall's leaves and dead vegetation are revealed to the sun. The vegetation dries out

as temperatures rise, usually aided by spring winds, which can be very strong and dry.

"Spring fires usually burn more vigorously and cover larger areas than fall fires," Bowersox said. "Under extreme drought conditions with high winds, we can get fires just as severe as those in the West."

For the most part, however, Pennsylvania fires primarily burn surface vegetation which results in flame heights of less than 10 feet. Such fires are easier to control and do not spread as easily.

Bowersox points out the key difference between Pennsylvania and western fires is that nine out of 10 Pennsylvania fires are started by people. Many western fires are started by lightning strikes.

"Pennsylvania really has the opportunity to control the number of fires each year," he said. "You should be able to control people better than you can control lightning."

The majority of fires started by people are ignited by burning trash and debris or by arson, Bowersox said. Such fires frequently start in rural areas, spreading from the backyard, through dead grass and weeds, into bordering woodlands.

"There is something about burning that fascinates people," Bowersox said. "Even if an area has garbage collection service,

people will be out burning. They just like to play with fire."

Because national fire-prevention ad campaigns are geared toward summer, most Pennsylvanians are not reminded about fire safety during peak fire seasons.

Early in the morning or late in the evening on cool, moist days are the best times to burn debris. Bowersox emphasizes that most forest fires can be prevented by burning debris in a safe container (such as a burning barrel) with a fire screen.

"People burning with safe containers are definitely in the minority," Bowersox said.

New Facility To Aid Local Farmers

TOWSON, Md. — In an effort to assist the local farming community, Baltimore County government broke ground on a new building designed to provide local, federal and other agricultural services at a single site.

The Baltimore County Soil Conservation District, the federal Soil Conservation Service, and the federal Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service will be under one roof on Alms

House Road when construction is completed in the summer of 1995.

Baltimore County Executive Roger B. Hayden attended the groundbreaking ceremony.

"This makes good sense in facilitating governmental accessibility for the farmers of Baltimore County," Hayden said at the groundbreaking. "A combined site benefits not only the agricultural community but the whole county."

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*** MISC. ***

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AUCTION PRIME LAND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1994 2:00 P.M.

(FERGUSON TOWNSHIP - JUST OFF CIRCLEVILLE RD.)
State College, Pa.

FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION WILL BE 3 ACRES OF LAND, ZONED R-1. PERMITTED USES IN THIS ZONE INCLUDE SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED DWELLINGS, CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, AND PERSONAL CARE BOARDING HOMES. FLAG LOTS ARE ALSO ANOTHER POSSIBILITY FOR USE IN THIS 3 PRIME ACRES. THIS LAND IS LOCATED ON FARMSTEAD LAND - JUST OFF OF CIRCLEVILLE RD. (Near intersection of Science Park Rd. & Circleville Rd.) From Rt. 322 (N. Atherton St.) take Valley Vista Dr. toward K-Mart & go to stop sign turn left onto Circleville Rd. (Auction sign 1 block). From Rt. 26 take Science Park Rd. to Circleville Rd. & go right at stop sign-1 block to auction sign.

(This land is only 3-4 minutes from Penn State University)

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Public Auction Register

NOVEMBER

SAT. NOV. 26 - 10AM
Genesee Schoolhouse,
Genesee, Pa. 12 miles S.
of Wellsville, NY, Rt. 19 - 20
miles N. of Coudersport,
Pa. Estate of Richard M.
Mohler, Coudersport, Pa.
Household, Appliances,
Antiques. Si Pepperman,
auct.

FRI. NOV. 25 - Noon &
SAT. NOV. 26 - 5PM
Christmas Auction, Kirk-
wood Auction Center, 375
Maple Shade Rd., Kirk-
wood, Pa.

FRI. NOV. 25 & SAT. NOV.
26 - 4 PM Smith Auction
Center, Downingtown
Marketplace, Rt. 30 Dow-
ningtown, Pa. From Exit 23
of Pa. Turnpike take Rt.
100 S. to Business Rt. 30,
make right, go west market
located next to Tabas
Hotel. Antique furniture,
jewelry, toys, paintings and
prints, china, glassware,
collectibles, signed base-
balls and cards. Harold M.
Smith, Jr., Annette T.
Smith, Dennis Childers,
aucts.

FRI. DEC. 2 - 2PM Prime
Land Auction, Ferguson
Twp, Just off Circleville
Rd., State College, Pa. By
State College Friends
School Ron J & Ron S Gil-
ligan, auct

SAT. DEC. 3 - 10AM
Repossession Sale.
Approx. 175 repo's and off
lease vehicles. Keystone
Public Auto Exchange

SUN. DEC. 4 - 1PM Christ-
mas Jewelry Auction, I.W.
Abel Hall, 200 Gibson St.,
Steelton. Ensminger Aucts.

SUN. DEC. 4 - 1PM At Little
Haps Auction app 8 miles
E. of Harrisburg in the Rt
22 Marketplace (Ollies
East) exit 26E off I-81 Anti-
que, Collectibles John Gol-
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Antique - Collectible Auction Sunday, Dec. 4 - 1 PM at Little Haps Auction app. 8 miles east of Harrisburg in the Rt. 22 Marketplace (Ollies East) exit 26E off I-81

Preview: 10 AM Sale Day

A selection of pre & post war Lionel trains & accessories, Plasticville, a collection of Hess trucks and hard to find Hess items inc. signs, uniforms etc., wooden Pull toys, Coca Cola items, Winross trucks, Schucco windup, Tootsie Toys, early Elvis items, records, nice Conley camera, 1950's Shooting medals, USMC WW II Batonet, Planters P-nut items, Lunch Pals, Steigmater Thermometer, Baseball, Football & Hockey Wax Boxes, collection of 40+ dolls, app. 40 pcs. Flow Blue, 3 pcs. of Rotor Bearuth, Limoges, Heisey, Noritake, 9 old Pez dispensers (some Whistles), 40+ pcs. of pink transferware, Historical plates, Phoenix, pressed/cut glass, or/fringer lamps, Coronation plate, cup & saucer, prints/pics., nice selection of ruby glass, Majolica, marbles, bowls, Cookie Cutters, old BB guns, H & R singe BBL (2), Marlin 22 cal., Montary 22 cal. TNG. rifle.

A selection of furniture and more. A GOOD sale.

Auction: John Golden AU-2851
(717) 540-0339

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