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MARYLAND DNR FOREST SERVICE STATE FIRE MANAGEMENT TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Maryland DNR Forest Service Fire Management Staff is offering the NWCG certified training courses S-130 – Wildland Firefighter; S-190 – Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior; L-180 – Human Factors on the Fireline and I-100 – Introduction to ICS. Successful completion of the courses qualifies firefighters for certification through the Maryland Fire Service Personnel Qualification Board (MFSPQB) as a Wildland Firefighter I.

These courses are the basic wildland fire courses and are also the prerequisites for firefighters to participate on Maryland's Wildland Fire Crew. Prospective fire crew members must also be Maryland residents, a member in good standing with a volunteer or career department, be at least 18 years old and pass a physical endurance test called the "pack test". Red cards will be issued after successful completion of all the above requirements.

Dates: Friday, May 5 through Tuesday, May 9, 2006
Training will begin promptly at 0830 and end at 1630 each day.

Location: Greenbrier State Park Visitor's Center
just off MD Route 40, eight miles east of Hagerstown

**Note: Minimum class size is 10 students.
Maximum class size is 35 students.**

Registration: Contact Dave Robbins at (301) 791-4010 or e-mail drobbs@dnr.state.md.us. Provide your name, daytime phone number and fire department or agency affiliation. **Registration deadline is April 21.**

There is no cost for tuition or course materials. Meals and lodging are not provided. Lodging assistance may be available to members of **volunteer fire departments** only. Reimbursement assistance must be requested and approved in advance of the course. Assistance is available for lodging up to \$75.00/night for members. A volunteer fire department officer may request an assistance grant by contacting Monte Mitchell, State Fire Supervisor at 410-260-8503 or mmitchell@dnr.state.md.us. Reimbursement of actual cost up to the maximum allowable will be paid to the volunteer fire department (not the member) after receipts and invoice have been submitted.

