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Chapter 5110 – Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation**

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Digest: Following is an explanation of the changes throughout the directive by section.

5110: Changes the chapter title from “Wildfire Prevention” to “Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation” and revises the chapter to align with the revised FSM 5100 Zero Code and the U.S. Forest Service mission. Removes all Area references because the Area has been incorporated into Region 9.

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5110.2 - Objective

The objectives of wildfire prevention and mitigation is the cost-efficient reduction of fire suppression expenditures and damages from unwanted human-caused fires to levels commensurate with resource management objectives and fire management direction.

5110.3 - Policy

Forest Service wildfire prevention and mitigation must be:

1. Planned and evaluated using the Fire Management Reference System (FMRS), which can be found in the Fire Management Planning Guide.
2. Coordinated with State Foresters to encourage planning and analysis of State wildfire prevention and mitigation programs.
3. Coordinated between Forest Service units, and with other agencies where risks also affect other jurisdictions.

5110.4 - Responsibilities

Every Forest Service employee has a responsibility to support and to participate in wildfire prevention and mitigation.

5110.41 - Regional Foresters

Regional Foresters must:

1. Establish Region-wide guidelines for wildfire prevention and mitigation analysis, planning, and implementation.
2. Establish Region-wide guidelines for cooperative wildfire prevention and mitigation activities.

5110.42 - Forest Supervisors

Forest Supervisors must:

1. Develop and approve wildfire prevention plans as a component of Spatial Fire Planning and the Fire Management Reference System (FMRS), a collection of plans required for fire program management (FSM 5103.1, FSM 5121.03; FSM 5121.1, 4; FSM 5191.04c, 2).
2. Include appropriate wildfire prevention and mitigation provisions in contracts, permits, and functional plans.
3. Coordinate wildfire prevention and mitigation programs with other agencies in their area of activity and influence.

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4. Monitor wildfire prevention and mitigation programs to determine effectiveness and needed changes.

5110.43 - District Rangers

District Rangers must implement wildfire prevention plans and activities to prevent wildfires.

5111 - Cooperative Forest Fire Prevention Program (Smokey Bear)

See FSM 3110.

5112 - Enforcement of Fire Laws and Regulations

See FSM 5331 and FSH 5309.31.