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Introduction

This presentation is about how methamphetamine (meth) use and production can affect you as a non law enforcement Forest Service employee working in the field. As meth use and production are becoming widespread in the United States, the impacts of this drug are moving to National Forest lands and other remote areas.

A lot of the meth consumed in this country is made in small clandestine labs. Increasingly these labs are being located in remote locations like National Forests and Grasslands. These labs are toxic time bombs, and the waste they leave behind is very dangerous. Encountering labs or the people cooking meth is a safety concern for Forest Service employees.

Even if the labs are not located on forests, the toxic wastes from meth labs are being dumped along roadsides, ditches, and streambeds. This refuse might look harmless but it can be toxic; mistaking meth lab waste for common garbage can get you hurt or worse.

In addition to the dangers of encountering meth labs or meth-related waste, people on meth are unpredictable and potentially dangerous.

This presentation covers some things to watch out for and specific work practices to use to stay safe. The presentation provides basic information about meth and meth labs, and the extent of the problem both nationally and on National Forest Lands.



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