

Forest Resources Update



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Bond Mill Pond Fire, May 1

Firefighting

- 2018 season:
- On May 1, 32 fires in LP, including 3 large fires; 8 in UP
- To date in 2018: 121 fires have burned 760 acres
- 10-year average for spring: 111 fires; 855 acres burned



Oak Fire, Newaygo County, May 1

Prescribed Burns



Drone shot of a Cass County burn

- 48 so far this year
- Total of 3,466 acres
- 2017: Nearly 9,140 acres in full year
- 10-year average: About 10,000 acres in 100 burns each year



New truck for Houghton Lake

Fire Equipment

- \$2M in new equipment coming into service

Out-of-state assignments

- 2018 so far: 3; In 2017: 130+

FRD Successes 2017



- Planted: More than 6 million seedlings
- Sustainability: Honored by FSC with leadership award



- **Partnerships:**
 - Good Neighbor Authority
- **Forest Health:**
 - Beech bark disease
 - Hemlock woolly adelgid



- **Timber industry**
 - Supports 99,000 jobs
 - Adds \$21.2 billion to economy
- **Harvest: 60,012 acres of state forest land**
 - More than 1.1 million cords of wood
 - \$50M in revenue



Industry: Arauco in Grayling



- Startup scheduled for Sept. 18, 2018
- Will employ 210 people
- \$400 million investment

- Largest continuous, single-line particle board press in North America
- 170 ft. long, 10 ft. wide





**You need a tree
to rock.**

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Public information campaign in second phase:

- Digital billboards
- Radio promotions and live event
- Bar coasters with forestry trivia
- Digital ads and “You need a tree” jingle

Questions?

