Forest Resources Update

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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
Prescribed Burns

- 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

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
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?