

Total	2,307	10,991	4,920
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Experience Implementing Wildfire Protection Programs

Operations Plan Between the FFS and Bradford County

The Florida Forest Service has the primary responsibility for prevention, detection, and suppression of wildfires wherever they may occur. The Florida Forest Service shall provide leadership and direction in the evaluation, coordination, allocation of resources, and monitoring of wildland fire management and protection. The purpose of this plan is to outline the framework of both administration and operational functions for the Florida Forest Service (FFS) and Bradford County as they relate to outdoor burning, wildland fires, and other emergencies which may require interaction between the two departments.

Cooperative Agreements with Florida Forest Service: Fire Protection Assessment

Per Section 125.27, Florida Statutes:

The board of county commissioners of each county in this state shall enter into agreements with the Florida Forest Service for the establishment and maintenance of countywide fire protection of all forest and wild lands within said county. Each county shall, under the terms of such agreements, be assessed each fiscal year, as its share of the cost of providing such fire protection, a sum in dollars equal to the total forest and wild land acreage of the county, as determined by the Florida Forest Service.

The agreement provides that the county will budget funds annually to pay its share of the cost of providing fire protection. The county share paid to the FFS for 2018-2019, is \$15,040.84.

6. Goals and Objectives

The following Goals are a starting point for long-term protection *and* the application of safe procedures and practices at the Wildland Urban Interface. This foundation should be built upon over time.

Goal 1: Reassess Wildland /Urban Interface areas of Bradford County

Goal 2: Enhance Bradford Fire Department Wildland Firefighting Capabilities

Goal 3: Maintain and Enhance Community Outreach and Engagement in Wildfire and Preparedness Activities