



Dear Forest Warden and/or Fire Chief,

Communities with populations of 10,000 or less and which are non profit rural call or volunteer fire departments made up of at least 80% call or volunteer firefighters are able to apply for a Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grant offered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) on an annual basis.

The recent DCR initiated Smokey Bear Wildfire Danger Risk signage program 'outfitted' each qualifying VFA community with 2 signs. A 2 foot square Smokey Bear Wildfire Danger Rating Sign for mounting or posting at the fire station where the public stops for open burn permits or other, and a magnetic smaller sign for use on the forest warden's vehicle. A portion of the grant monies each year was used to fund this project. We encourage your using them to assist wildfire prevention efforts in your community. Posting the daily level of risk to wildfire in a highly visible spot will increase community awareness and caution.

As part of the *Fire Danger Rating Sign* Bid award, any community in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (population size not a factor) is still able to purchase the 2' x 2' and magnetic vehicle sign **directly** from the award vendor listed below at the state secured lower bid price.

NUTRON – OSM
PO Box 487
North Olmsted, OHIO 44070

TEL: toll free @ 888-737-5052, ext 231
FAX: 440 777-6664
ATTN: Rusty

Smokey Bear Fire Danger Rating Sign – refer to RFR File: MA DCR#348

- 2' x 2' sign
additional placard for your department name also available
- magnetic vehicle sign

Each town is responsible for keeping the daily fire danger rating current and posted in a highly visible spot either mounted on the building front of its fire department, or mounted on suitable posts on front lawn of fire department or at the forest warden's home. Altering the information on the sign itself is not allowed. The level of fire danger is made available on a daily basis by the State's Bureau of Forest Fire Control and Forestry.

See enclosed guidelines for further information regarding use of this sign. We invite your participation in this program. If you have any questions please contact Forest Fire Program Coordinator Roxanne Savoie at 413 538-9092 or roxanne.savoie@state.ma.us.

Respectfully yours,

Roxanne B. Savoie, DCR Forest Fire Program Coordinator

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