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DROUGHT CONDITIONS PROMPT WILDLAND TASK FORCE MEETING

Immediate Release

- WHO:** The Marion County Multi-Agency Wildland Task Force, composed of representatives from Marion County Fire Rescue, Florida Division of Forestry, United States Forest Service, Dunnellon Fire Rescue, Ocala Fire Rescue, Marion County Emergency Management, Marion County Parks, Florida State Parks, and St. Johns Water Land Management and Private Land Management groups
- WHAT:** Meeting to discuss current drought conditions, wildfire conditions and probabilities, resource availability and communications.
- WHEN:** Monday, May 9, 2011 ▪ 9 a.m.
- WHERE:** Marion County Fire Rescue Headquarters (2631 SE Third St., Ocala)
- WHY:** With the 2011 wildfire season in full swing and dry conditions intensifying, members of the Marion County Multi-Agency Wildland Task Force will meet to discuss the current drought conditions, wildfire conditions and probabilities, and communication procedures. This unique task force was formed following the 1998 wildfire season and meets regularly during peak wildfire dangers to ensure agencies stay informed of the local capabilities, minimizing the negative effects wildfires have on our community.

This award-winning multi-agency task force has been nationally recognized and commended for its commitment and serves as a model for other agencies across the state.

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