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WILDLAND TASK FORCE TO DISCUSS DRY CONDITIONS, EXTENDING BURN BAN

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 and Recreation, Florida Park Service, St. Johns Water Land Management and private land management groups).

WHAT: Meeting to discuss extending the mandatory burn ban, current drought conditions, wildfire conditions and probabilities, resource availability and communications.

WHEN: Monday, June 20, 2011 ▪ 9 a.m.

WHERE: Marion County Fire Rescue Headquarters (2631 SE Third Street, Ocala)

WHY: With Marion County implementing a mandatory burn ban in May, the Marion County Multi-Agency Wildland Task Force will meet to discuss extending the mandatory burn ban, 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.

The Wildland Task Force makes recommendations to the Marion County Board of County Commissioners to implement mandatory burn bans based on participating agencies' feedback.

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