

Subject:	EQUIPMENT FOR WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING
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1.0 POLICY

- 1.1 All hand tools, when not in use, shall have appropriate covers and guards to prevent injury.
- 1.2 Members whose duties require them to operate a power chain saw shall wear flexible ballistic nylon pads, sewn or otherwise fastened into the trousers, or other equivalent protection that shall protect the vulnerable areas of the legs. Additional trouser, eye, hearing, face and head protection as required by this policy shall be worn.
- 1.3 Members shall not use the chain saw to cut directly overhead, or at a distance that would require the operator to relinquish a safe grip on the saw.
- 1.4 Members using chainsaws or assigned work on a saw team shall have training on chainsaw usage and operating ranges.
- 1.5 Only members trained in firing equipment shall handle and use such equipment, and observe the manufacturers' recommendations.
 - (a) Training for members using firing equipment shall include S-190, S-290 Fire Behavior

2.0 REFERENCES

- 2.1 WAC 296-305-07013
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