This memorandum of understanding is between the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, hereafter referred as the Department, and the__________________________, hereafter referred as the “Fire Agency”. The purpose of this MOU is to reduce the effects of uncontrolled wildfires upon the forests, wildlife habitat and soil and water resources. This agreement is hereby placed into effect.

The territory covered by this agreement is as per attached map.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Provide training to fire agency personnel in the areas of fire education, prevention, suppression and damage appraisal.
2. Provide guidance and assistance in selecting and utilizing personnel protective equipment (PPE), tools and other necessary equipment to fight wild land fires. As available, loan appropriate tools and equipment to the Fire Agency.
3. Provide available resources to assist in suppression efforts for fires on or adjacent to Department owned lands within the Fire Agency’s territories. As available, dispatch help to suppress fires on private lands.
4. Provide the Fire Agency fire prevention materials, (e.g. Smokey Bear costume, literature, etc.).

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FIRE AGENCY

1. Furnish proper storage and maintenance of equipment loaned by the Department and maintain and make available all pertinent records.
2. Provide fire protection on Department owned lands within or adjacent to the Fire Agency.
3. Take action on wild land fires, and file reports to the Department for wildfires for which action was taken.

This memorandum can be terminated by either party upon 60 day notice in writing. Unless otherwise stated, there will be no charges by either the Department of Natural Resources or the Fire Agency for services rendered.

Fire Agency Representative Date IDNR Forester (Filled in after completion) Date

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Fire Agency

Address ____________________________________________

Phone ____________________________________________

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State Forester
IDNR - Forestry
One Natural Resources Way
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