

# News Release

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## Spring Wildland Fire Season Begins!

The spring fire season is upon us. As in years past, Bois Forte Forestry will issue FREE fire burn permits as conditions allow. You are required to have a valid permit in your possession when you burn. Please remember to call Forestry before you burn. As the fire danger rises to an elevated level, the burn restrictions will go in effect.

As in past years, and continuing with our fire prevention program we plan to attend the maple sugar camp and tell the kids about wildland fire safety.

Again this year we would like to continue with our FireWise program. Last year we did 39 outside home assessments on the reservation. The purpose of the assessment is to help the occupant identify hazards around the home that could lead to the loss of your home to a wildland fire. Things like brush and leaves around the house, rain gutters full of leaves and debris, and tall grass around the house, are the thing we look for to identify hazards that would reduce your home's chance of surviving a wildland fire.



*Gas grill presented to Billie Mason by Lance Kingbird*

Billie Mason was randomly selected from the 39 assessments we did in 2007. To sign up for a *voluntary 2008 home assessment*, and a chance to win the 2008 gas grill, please contact Forestry at [218-757-3177](tel:218-757-3177).

Forestry plans to conduct a hazard fuel reduction in the Nett Lake village this spring. The purpose is to burn off flashy fuels in a controlled environment with sufficient firefighters and engines on hand.

Remember:  
TO REPORT ANY FIRE – CALL 911!

If you have any questions for Forestry, please feel free to contact us at 218-757-3177.

*-Lance Kingbird, Forestry Technician*