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(2) To do all in its power to prevent and suppress forest, brush, or grass fires on the lands and in their vicinity, and to require its employees, contractors, subcontractors, and employees of contractors or subcontractors to do likewise. Unless prevented by circumstances over which it has no control, the Unit Operator shall place its employees, contractors, subcontractors, and employees of contractors and subcontractors employed on the lands at the disposal of any authorized officer of the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of fighting forest, brush or grass fires on or originating on the lands or on adjacent areas or caused by the negligence of the Unit Operator or its employees, contractors, subcontractors, and employees of contractors and subcontractors, with the understanding that payment for such services shall be made at rates to be determined by the authorized representative of the Secretary of Agriculture, which rates shall not be less than the current rates of pay prevailing in the vicinity for services of a similar character; Provided, that if the Unit Operator, its employees, contractors, subcontractors, or employees of contractors or subcontractors, caused or could have prevented the origin or spread of said fire or fires, no payment shall be made for services so rendered.

During periods of serious fire danger to forest, brush, or grass, as may be specified by the authorized representative of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Unit Operator shall prohibit smoking and the building of camp and lunch fires by its employees, contractors, subcontractors, and employees of contractors or subcontractors within the area involved except at established camps, and shall enforce this prohibition by all means within its power; Provided, that the authorized representative of the Secretary of Agriculture may designate safe places where, after all inflammable material has been cleared away, campfires may be built for the purpose of heating lunches and where, at the option of the Unit Operator, smoking may be permitted.

The Unit Operator shall not burn rubbish, trash, or other inflammable materials except with the consent of the authorized representative of the Secretary of Agriculture and shall not use explosives in such a manner as to scatter inflammable materials on the surface of the lands during the forest, brush or grass fire season, except as authorized to do so or on areas approved by such representative.