

ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

While protecting over 559,100 acres of forested land in Echols, Lanier and Lowndes Counties (E-L-L), the local forestry units responded to 60 wildfires which burned a total of 363.64 acres during the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

FOREST PROTECTION

During the past fiscal year, the average wildfire size was 6.06 acres; a 12 percent decrease from the 5 year average. Equipment and personnel from E-L-L also responded to 4 wildfires outside of its respective home unit. Once again this year, as has been the case in previous years, debris burning was the major cause of wildfires in E-L-L. The cause of each wildfire is listed below:

Fire Cause	Number of Wildfires
Debris Burning	29
Lightning	2
Undetermined	4
Campfire	3
Machine Use	4
Power line/Electric Fence	5
Incendiary	2
Forestry Site Prep	3
Land	4
Clearing/Construction	
Ag Fields/Orchards	1
Smoking	1
Fireworks	1
Spontaneous Combustion	1
Totals	60

*****11 of the 60 suppressed fires were not permitted and thus resulted in suppression charges being issued*****