

## **Fire danger from radiation, sparks, crashes**

The issue of fire danger has not been addressed in the Navy's Environmental Assessment (EA) or any Forest Service documents that have been shared with the public on this proposed electromagnetic warfare range. Combined with effects from climate change, fire danger is a major omission. Summer months can be tinder dry, and the danger of fire caused by transmitter vehicle sparks, or operators' cigarettes, or misdirected electromagnetic beams, or highly powerful beams hitting forested areas where dry vegetation could ignite, is potentially huge. Why was this information not included in the [September 2014 EA](#)?

The U.S. Navy has a history of aircraft and [drone crashes](#), which could easily ignite fires in forested areas. This is also not included in the EA. The Navy has lost aircraft over land and sea areas and has had glitches where their equipment failed and caused lost control of their aircraft. Why didn't the EA address these issues and investigate the high number of such crashes?

What areas of the forest will be off-limits to people? Will advance public notice of these restrictions be advertised on local radio, television, in large size print or articles in newspapers or magazines? Will these future restrictions be posted on the U.S. Forest Service website? And what provisions are being made by the Forest Service, in the event that closures are unannounced, for getting people out in case of a Navy-caused fire?

How much does the Forest Service anticipate it will cost to put out fires caused by weapons training and testing accidents?

None of these questions have been answered.