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## **Wildfire**

Wildfire season never really developed across the state or the region this year. Moisture levels were up and occurrence of dry lightening was down. While we saw significant initial attack activity, but had very few fires that persisted past the first operational period.

## **Forest Health**

Even with the high snow levels last year, we did not see cold enough weather to impact beetle populations in the large outbreaks of Mountain Pine Beetle, Spruce Bark beetle, Doug Fire Beetle, and other insects that has occurred over the last several years. The general trend of warmer than 'normal' winters has not provided the severe cold temperatures need to freeze the beetle larva in the trees. The mountain pine beetle infestation will continue to grow in both the southeast and west portions of the state at least for the next several years.

## **OSLI**

Due to concerns over climate change and interest in renewable energy, the Surface Division has seen a huge increase wind energy development across the state. The division has been working with the Land Board, developers, and other agencies, on refining and improving the wind lease and development process.