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## NOTICE

The Emission Factor And Inventory Group (EFIG) has been working for several months on this Fifth Edition of AP-42. It is the result of a major technical undertaking by EFIG's AP-42 Team and the several contractors who assisted. This document represents a substantial step toward complying with Section 130 of the *Clean Air Act Amendments Of 1990*, which direct the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency to review and revise its air pollutant emission factors every three years. Although such updating is required only for ozone-related pollutants (total organic compounds, oxides of nitrogen, and carbon monoxide), the AP-42 Team has also addressed the other criteria pollutants, hazardous pollutants, global warming gases and speciation information, where data are available. Sections of AP-42 are continuously being developed, reviewed and/or updated.

Even though there are significant additions and improvements in this book, many data gaps and uncertainties still exist. All readers and users of AP-42 are asked to provide comments, test data, and any other information for our evaluation and possible use to improve future updates.

Users familiar with this document may notice changes in factor quality ratings, specifically that some factors, although unchanged or supported by even newer and more extensive data, are rated lower in quality than previously in the AP-42 series. This is attributable to the adoption of more consistent and stringently applied rating criteria. There are some factors in this edition with lower ratings than previously, but they are believed to represent appropriate estimates. AP-42 emission factors are truly for estimation purposes and are no substitute for exact measurements taken at a source.

Users should especially note this edition's expanded "Introduction", for its information on pollutant definition, factor limitations, the factor rating system, and cautionary notes on the use of factors for anything other than emission estimation and inventory and approximation purposes.

In addition to print, the AP-42 series is available in several other media. The *Air CHIEF* compact disc (CD-ROM), with AP-42 and other hazardous air pollutant emission estimation reports and data bases, can be purchased from the Government Printing Office. Also, *The CHIEF* electronic bulletin board (by modem, 919-541-5742) posts the latest AP-42 and other reports and tools before they are available on paper. Final sections of AP-42 can be obtained quickly from our automatic *Fax CHIEF* service (919-541-5626 or -0548). These last two media operate 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. If you have questions or need further information on these tools or other aspects of emission estimation, call our help line, *Info CHIEF*, at 919-541-5285, during regular office hours, eastern time.

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Chap. 6, Sect. 2	Adipic Acid	Replace entire	Major Revision
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## 13.1 Wildfires And Prescribed Burning

### 13.1.1 General<sup>1</sup>

A wildfire is a large-scale natural combustion process that consumes various ages, sizes, and types of flora growing outdoors in a geographical area. Consequently, wildfires are potential sources of large amounts of air pollutants that should be considered when trying to relate emissions to air quality.

The size and intensity, even the occurrence, of a wildfire depend directly on such variables as meteorological conditions, the species of vegetation involved and their moisture content, and the weight of consumable fuel per acre (available fuel loading). Once a fire begins, the dry combustible material is consumed first. If the energy release is large and of sufficient duration, the drying of green, live material occurs, with subsequent burning of this material as well. Under proper environmental and fuel conditions, this process may initiate a chain reaction that results in a widespread conflagration.

The complete combustion of wildland fuels (forests, grasslands, wetlands) require a heat flux (temperature gradient), adequate oxygen supply, and sufficient burning time. The size and quantity of wildland fuels, meteorological conditions, and topographic features interact to modify the burning behavior as the fire spreads, and the wildfire will attain different degrees of combustion efficiency during its lifetime.

The importance of both fuel type and fuel loading on the fire process cannot be overemphasized. To meet the pressing need for this kind of information, the U. S. Forest Service is developing a model of a nationwide fuel identification system that will provide estimates of fuel loading by size class. Further, the environmental parameters of wind, slope, and expected moisture changes have been superimposed on this fuel model and incorporated into a National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS). This system considers five classes of fuel, the components of which are selected on the basis of combustibility, response of dead fuels to moisture, and whether the living fuels are herbaceous (grasses, brush) or woody (trees, shrubs).

Most fuel loading figures are based on values for "available fuel", that is, combustible material that will be consumed in a wildfire under specific weather conditions. Available fuel values must not be confused with corresponding values for either "total fuel" (all the combustible material that would burn under the most severe weather and burning conditions) or "potential fuel" (the larger woody material that remains even after an extremely high intensity wildfire). It must be emphasized, however, that the various methods of fuel identification are of value only when they are related to the existing fuel quantity, the quantity consumed by the fire, and the geographic area and conditions under which the fire occurs.

For the sake of conformity and convenience, estimated fuel loadings estimated for the vegetation in the U. S. Forest Service Regions are presented in Table 13.1-1. Figure 13.1-1 illustrates these areas and regions.

Table 13.1-1 (Metric And English Units). SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED FUEL CONSUMED BY WILDFIRES<sup>a</sup>

National Region <sup>b</sup>	Estimated Average Fuel Loading	
	Mg/hectare	ton/acre
Rocky Mountain	83	37
Region 1: Northern	135	60
Region 2: Rocky Mountain	67	30
Region 3: Southwestern	22	10
Region 4: Intermountain	40	8
Pacific	43	19
Region 5: California	40	18
Region 6: Pacific Northwest	135	60
Region 10: Alaska	36	16
Coastal	135	60
Interior	25	11
Southern	20	9
Region 8: Southern	20	9
Eastern	25	11
North Central	25	11
Region 9: Conifers	22	10
Hardwoods	27	12

<sup>a</sup> Reference 1.

<sup>b</sup> See Figure 13.1-1 for region boundaries.

### 13.1.2 Emissions And Controls<sup>1</sup>

It has been hypothesized, but not proven, that the nature and amounts of air pollutant emissions are directly related to the intensity and direction (relative to the wind) of the wildfire, and are indirectly related to the rate at which the fire spreads. The factors that affect the rate of spread are (1) weather (wind velocity, ambient temperature, relative humidity); (2) fuels (fuel type, fuel bed array, moisture content, fuel size); and (3) topography (slope and profile). However, logistical problems (such as size of the burning area) and difficulties in safely situating personnel and equipment close to the fire have prevented the collection of any reliable emissions data on actual wildfires, so that it is not possible to verify or disprove the hypothesis. Therefore, until such measurements are made, the only available information is that obtained from burning experiments in the laboratory. These data, for both emissions and emission factors, are contained in Table 13.1-2. It must be emphasized that the factors presented here are adequate for laboratory-scale emissions estimates, but that substantial errors may result if they are used to calculate actual wildfire emissions.

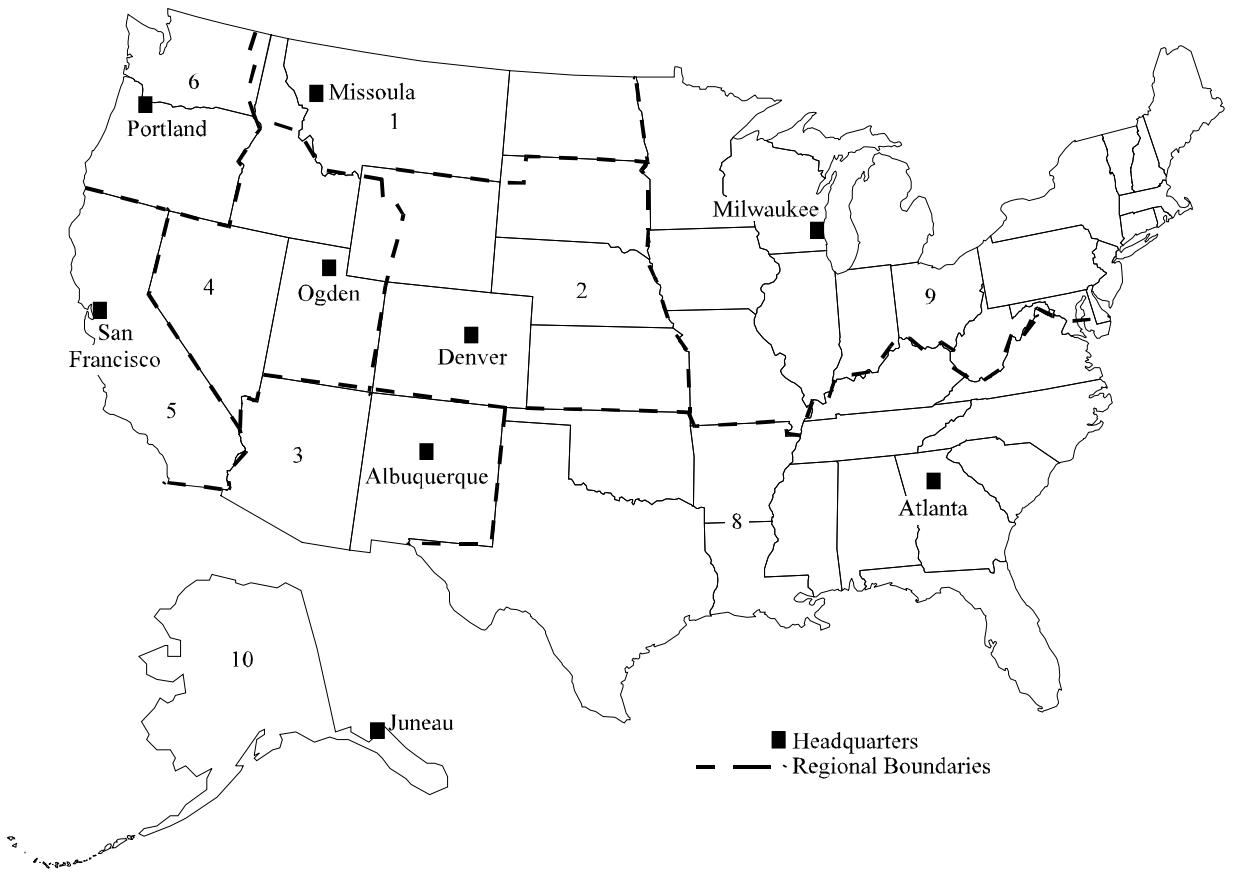


Figure 13.1-1. Forest areas And U. S. Forest Service Regions.

The emissions and emission factors displayed in Table 13.1-2 are calculated using the following formulas:

$$F_i = P_i L \quad (1)$$

$$E_i = F_i A = P_i L A \quad (2)$$

where:

- $F_i$  = emission factor (mass of pollutant/unit area of forest consumed)
- $P_i$  = yield for pollutant "i" (mass of pollutant/unit mass of forest fuel consumed)
  - = 8.5 kilograms per megagram (kg/Mg) (17 pound per ton [lb/ton]) for total particulate
  - = 70 kg/Mg (140 lb/ton) for carbon monoxide
  - = 12 kg/Mg (24 lb/ton) for total hydrocarbon (as  $CH_4$ )
  - = 2 kg/Mg (4 lb/ton) for nitrogen oxides ( $NO_x$ )
  - = negligible for sulfur oxides ( $SO_x$ )
- L = fuel loading consumed (mass of forest fuel/unit land area burned)
- A = land area burned
- $E_i$  = total emissions of pollutant "i" (mass pollutant)

Table 13.1-2. EMISSIONS AND EMISSION FACTORS FOR FOREST WILDFIRES

## EMISSION FACTOR RATING: D

Geographic Area	Area Consumed By Wildfire <sup>a</sup> (hectares)	Wildfire Fuel Consumption (Mg/hectare)	Emission Factors (kg/Hectare)				Emissions (Mg)			
			Particulate	Carbon Monoxide	Volatile Organics <sup>b</sup>	Nitrogen Oxides	Particulate	Carbon Monoxide	Volatile Organics <sup>b</sup>	Nitrogen Oxides
Rocky Mountain	313,397	83	706	5,810	996	166	220,907	1,819,237	311,869	51,978
Northern (Region 1)	142,276	135	1,144	9,420	1,620	269	162,268	1,339,283	229,592	38,265
Rocky Mountain (Region 2)	65,882	67	572	4,710	808	135	37,654	310,086	53,157	8,860
Southwestern (Region 3)	83,765	22	191	1,570	269	45	15,957	131,417	22,533	3,735
Intermountain (Region 4)	21,475	40	153	1,260	215	36	3,273	26,953	4,620	770
Pacific	469,906	43	362	2,980	512	85	170,090	1,400,738	240,126	40,021
California (Region 5)	18,997	40	343	2,830	485	81	6,514	53,645	9,196	1,533
Alaska (Region 10)	423,530	36	305	2,510	431	72	129,098	1,063,154	182,255	30,376
Pacific Northwest (Region 6)	27,380	135	1,144	9,420	1,620	269	31,296	257,738	44,183	7,363
Southern	806,289	20	172	1,410	242	40	138,244	1,138,484	195,168	35,528
Southern (Region 8)	806,289	20	172	1,410	242	40	138,244	1,138,484	195,168	35,528
North Central and Eastern	94,191	25	210	1,730	296	49	19,739	162,555	27,867	4,644
(Region 9)	141,238	25	210	1,730	296	49	29,598	243,746	41,785	6,964
Eastern Group (With Region 9)	47,046	25	210	1,730	296	49	9,859	81,191	13,918	2,320
Total	1,730,830	38	324	2,670	458	76	560,552	4,616,317	791,369	131,895

<sup>a</sup> Consumption data are for 1971.<sup>b</sup> Expressed as methane.

For example, suppose that it is necessary to estimate the total particulate emissions from a 10,000-hectare wildfire in the Southern area (Region 8). From Table 13.1-1, it is seen that the average fuel loading is 20 Mg/hectare (9 tons/acre). Further, the pollutant yield for particulates is 8.5 kg/Mg (17 lb/ton). Therefore, the emissions are:

$$E = (8.5 \text{ kg/Mg of fuel}) (20 \text{ Mg of fuel/hectare}) (10,000 \text{ hectares})$$

$$E = 1,700,000 \text{ kg} = 1,700 \text{ Mg}$$

The most effective method of controlling wildfire emissions is, of course, to prevent the occurrence of wildfires by various means at the land manager's disposal. A frequently used technique for reducing wildfire occurrence is "prescribed" or "hazard reduction" burning. This type of managed burn involves combustion of litter and underbrush to prevent fuel buildup under controlled conditions, thus reducing the danger of a wildfire. Although some air pollution is generated by this preventive burning, the net amount is believed to be a relatively smaller quantity than that produced by wildfires.

### 13.1.3 Prescribed Burning<sup>1</sup>

Prescribed burning is a land treatment, used under controlled conditions, to accomplish natural resource management objectives. It is one of several land treatments, used individually or in combination, including chemical and mechanical methods. Prescribed fires are conducted within the limits of a fire plan and prescription that describes both the acceptable range of weather, moisture, fuel, and fire behavior parameters, and the ignition method to achieve the desired effects. Prescribed fire is a cost-effective and ecologically sound tool for forest, range, and wetland management. Its use reduces the potential for destructive wildfires and thus maintains long-term air quality. Also, the practice removes logging residues, controls insects and disease, improves wildlife habitat and forage production, increases water yield, maintains natural succession of plant communities, and reduces the need for pesticides and herbicides. The major air pollutant of concern is the smoke produced.

Smoke from prescribed fires is a complex mixture of carbon, tars, liquids, and different gases. This open combustion source produces particles of widely ranging size, depending to some extent on the rate of energy release of the fire. For example, total particulate and particulate less than 2.5 micrometers ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) mean mass cutpoint diameters are produced in different proportions, depending on rates of heat release by the fire.<sup>2</sup> This difference is greatest for the highest-intensity fires, and particle volume distribution is bimodal, with peaks near 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$  and exceeding 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .<sup>3</sup> Particles over about 10  $\mu\text{m}$ , probably of ash and partially burned plant matter, are entrained by the turbulent nature of high-intensity fires.

Burning methods differ with fire objectives and with fuel and weather conditions.<sup>4</sup> For example, the various ignition techniques used to burn under standing trees include: (1) heading fire, a line of fire that runs with the wind; (2) backing fire, a line of fire that moves into the wind; (3) spot fires, which burn from a number of fires ignited along a line or in a pattern; and (4) flank fire, a line of fire that is lit into the wind, to spread laterally to the direction of the wind. Methods of igniting the fires depend on forest management objectives and the size of the area. Often, on areas of 50 or more acres, helicopters with aerial ignition devices are used to light broadcast burns. Broadcast fires may involve many lines of fire in a pattern that allows the strips of fire to burn together over a sizeable area.

In discussing prescribed burning, the combustion process is divided into preheating, flaming, glowing, and smoldering phases. The different phases of combustion greatly affect the amount of emissions produced.<sup>5-7</sup> The preheating phase seldom releases significant quantities of material to the atmosphere. Glowing combustion is usually associated with burning of large concentrations of woody fuels such as logging residue piles. The smoldering combustion phase is a very inefficient and incomplete combustion process that emits pollutants at a much higher ratio to the quantity of fuel consumed than does the flaming combustion of similar materials.

The amount of fuel consumed depends on the moisture content of the fuel.<sup>8-9</sup> For most fuel types, consumption during the smoldering phase is greatest when the fuel is driest. When lower layers of the fuel are moist, the fire usually is extinguished rapidly.<sup>10</sup>

The major pollutants from wildland burning are particulate, carbon monoxide, and volatile organics. Nitrogen oxides are emitted at rates of from 1 to 4 g/kg burned, depending on combustion temperatures. Emissions of sulfur oxides are negligible.<sup>11-12</sup>

Particulate emissions depend on the mix of combustion phase, the rate of energy release, and the type of fuel consumed. All of these elements must be considered in selecting the appropriate emission factor for a given fire and fuel situation. In some cases, models developed by the U. S. Forest Service have been used to predict particulate emission factors and source strength.<sup>13</sup> These models address fire behavior, fuel chemistry, and ignition technique, and they predict the mix of combustion products. There is insufficient knowledge at this time to describe the effect of fuel chemistry on emissions.

Table 13.1-3 presents emission factors from various pollutants, by fire and fuel configuration. Table 13.1-4. gives emission factors for prescribed burning, by geographical area within the United States. Estimates of the percent of total fuel consumed by region were compiled by polling experts from the Forest Service. The emission factors are averages and can vary by as much as 50 percent with fuel and fire conditions. To use these factors, multiply the mass of fuel consumed per hectare by the emission factor for the appropriate fuel type. The mass of fuel consumed by a fire is defined as the available fuel. Local forestry officials often compile information on fuel consumption for prescribed fires and have techniques for estimating fuel consumption under local conditions. The *Southern Forestry Smoke Management Guidebook*<sup>5</sup> and the *Prescribed Fire Smoke Management Guide*<sup>15</sup> should be consulted when using these emission factors.

The regional emission factors in Table 13.1-4 should be used only for general planning purposes. Regional averages are based on estimates of the acreage and vegetation type burned and may not reflect prescribed burning activities in a given state. Also, the regions identified are broadly defined, and the mix of vegetation and acres burned within a given state may vary considerably from the regional averages provided. Table 13.1-4 should not be used to develop emission inventories and control strategies.

To develop state emission inventories, the user is strongly urged to contact that state's federal land management agencies and state forestry agencies that conduct prescribed burning to obtain the best information on such activities.

Table 13.1-3 (Metric Units). EMISSION FACTORS FOR PRESCRIBED BURNING<sup>a</sup>

Fire/Fuel Configuration	Phase	Pollutant (g/kg)						Fuel Mix (%)	EMISSION FACTOR RATING
		Particulate			Carbon Monoxide	Volatile Organics			
		PM-2.5	PM-10	Total		Methane	Nonmethane		
Broadcast logging slash									
Hardwood	F	6	7 <sup>b</sup>	13	44	2.1	3.8	33	A
	S	13	14 <sup>b</sup>	20	146	8.0	7.7	67	A
	Fire	11	12 <sup>b</sup>	18	112	6.1	6.4		A
Conifer									
Short needle	F	7	8 <sup>c</sup>	12	72	2.3	2.1	33	A
	S	14	15 <sup>c</sup>	19	226	7.2	4.2	67	A
	Fire	12	13 <sup>c</sup>	17	175	5.6	3.5		A
Long needle	F	6	6 <sup>d</sup>	9	45	1.5	1.7	33	B
	S	16	17 <sup>d</sup>	25	166	7.7	5.4	67	B
	Fire	13	13 <sup>d</sup>	20	126	5.7	4.2		B
Logging slash debris									
Dozer piled conifer									
No mineral soil <sup>d</sup>	F	4	4	5	28	1.0	ND	90	B
	S	6	7	14	116	8.7	ND	10	B
	Fire	4	4	6	37	1.8	ND		B

Table 13.1-3 (cont.).

Fire/Fuel Configuration	Phase	Pollutant (g/kg)						Fuel Mix (%)	EMISSION FACTOR RATING
		Particulate			Carbon Monoxide	Volatile Organics			
		PM-2.5	PM-10	Total		Methane	Nonmethane		
10 to 30% Mineral soil <sup>e</sup>	S	ND	ND	25	200	ND	ND	ND	D
25% Organic soil <sup>e</sup>	S	ND	ND	35	250	ND	ND	ND	D
Range fire									
Juniper slash <sup>f</sup>	F	7	8	11	41	2.0	2.7	8.2	B
	S	12	13	18	125	10.3	7.8	15.6	B
	Fire <sup>g</sup>	9	10	14	82	6.0	5.2	12.5	B
Sagebrush <sup>f</sup>	F	15	16	23	78	3.7	3.4		B
	S	13	15	23	106	6.2	7.3		B
	Fire <sup>g</sup>	13	15	23	103	6.2	6.9		B
Chaparral shrub communities <sup>h</sup>	F	7	8	16	56	1.7	8.2		A
	S	12	13	23	133	6.4	15.6		A
	Fire	10	11	20	101	4.5	12.5		A
Line fire									
Conifer									
Long needle (pine)	Heading <sup>j</sup>	ND	40	50	200	ND	ND		D
	Backing <sup>k</sup>	ND	20	20	125	ND	ND		D
Palmetto/gallberry <sup>j</sup>	Heading	ND	15	17	150	ND	ND		D
	Backing	ND	15	15	100	ND	ND		D
	Fire	ND	8 - 22	ND	ND	ND	ND		D
Chaparral <sup>k</sup>	Heading	8	9	15	62	2.8	3.5		C
Grasslands <sup>j</sup>	Fire	ND	10	10	75	ND	0		D



Table 13.1-3 (cont.).

- <sup>a</sup> References 7-8. Unless otherwise noted, determined by field testing of fires  $\geq 1$  acre size. F = flaming. S = smoldering. Fire = weighted average of F and S. ND = no data.
- <sup>b</sup> For PM-10, Reference 7. EMISSION FACTOR RATING: C.
- <sup>c</sup> For PM-10, References 3,7. EMISSION FACTOR RATING: D.
- <sup>d</sup> For PM-10, References 3,7. EMISSION FACTOR RATING: D.
- <sup>e</sup> Reference 12. Determined using laboratory combustion hood.
- <sup>f</sup> Reference 16.
- <sup>g</sup> Fuel mix uncertain, because of short, intense flaming phase. Use fire average for emission inventory purposes.
- <sup>h</sup> References 17-18.
- <sup>j</sup> References 13-14. Determined using laboratory combustion hood.
- <sup>k</sup> References 13-14.

Table 13.1-4 (Metric Units). EMISSION FACTORS FOR PRESCRIBED BURNING  
BY U. S. REGION

Regional Configuration And Fuel Type <sup>a</sup>	Percent Of Fuel <sup>b</sup>	Pollutant <sup>c</sup>			
		Particulate (g/kg)			CO
		PM-2.5	PM-10	PM	
Pacific Northwest					
Logging slash					
Piled slash	42	4	5	6	37
Douglas fir/Western hemlock	24	12	13	17	175
Mixed conifer	19	12	13	17	175
Ponderosa pine	6	13	13	20	126
Hardwood	4	11	12	18	112
Underburning pine	5	30	30	35	163
Average for region	100	9.4	10.3	13.3	111.1
Pacific Southwest					
Sagebrush	35		9	15	62
Chaparral	20	8	9	15	62
Pinyon/Juniper	20		13	17	175
Underburning pine	15		30	35	163
Grassland	10		10	10	15
Average for region	100		13.0	17.8	101.0
Southeast					
Palmetto/gallberry	35		15	16	125
Underburning pine	30		30	35	163
Logging slash	20		13	20	126
Grassland	10		10	10	75
Other	5		17	17	175
Average for region	100		18.8	21.9	134

Table 13.1-4 (cont.).

Regional Configuration And Fuel Type <sup>a</sup>	Percent of Fuel <sup>b</sup>	Pollutant <sup>c</sup>			
		Particulate (g/kg)			CO
		PM-2.5	PM-10	PM	
Rocky Mountain					
Logging slash	50		4	6	37
Underburning pine	20		30	35	163
Grassland	20		10	10	75
Other	10		17	17	175
Average for region	100		11.9	13.7	83.4
North Central and Eastern					
Logging slash	50		13	17	175
Grassland	30		10	10	75
Underburning pine	10		30	35	163
Other	10		17	17	175
Average for region	100		14	16.5	143.8

<sup>a</sup> Regional areas are generalized, e. g., the Pacific Northwest includes Oregon, Washington, and parts of Idaho and California. Fuel types generally reflect the ecosystems of a region, but users should seek advice on fuel type mix for a given season of the year. An average factor for Northern California could be more accurately described as chaparral, 25%; underburning pine, 15%; sagebrush, 15%; grassland, 5%; mixed conifer, 25%; and douglas fir/Western hemlock, 15%. Blanks indicate no data.

<sup>b</sup> Based on the judgement of forestry experts.

<sup>c</sup> Adapted from Table 13.1-3 for the dominant fuel types burned.

#### 13.1.4 Wildfires and Prescribed Burning—Greenhouse Gases

Emission factors for greenhouse gases from wildfires and prescribed burning are provided based on the amount of material burned. Emission factors for methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) based on the mass of material burned are provided in Table 13.1-5. To express emissions based on area burned, refer to Table 13.1-1 for estimated average fuel loading by region. The CH<sub>4</sub> emission factors have been divided into the type of forests being studied for specific plant species. Emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> from this source as well as other biogenic sources are part of the carbon cycle, and as such are typically not included in greenhouse gas emission inventories.

Table 13.1-5. WILDFIRE AND PRESCRIBED BURNING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION FACTORS

EMISSION FACTOR RATING: C

Regional/Fuel Type <sup>a</sup>	Pollutant (lb/ton)	
	CH <sub>4</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> O
Agricultural Residues	5.4 <sup>b</sup>	0.46
Amazon	8.5 <sup>c</sup>	
Boreal and Coniferous Forests	11.1 <sup>c</sup>	
Savanna	3.7 <sup>c</sup>	
Temperate and Boreal Forests	12.2	

<sup>a</sup> References 19-22. To convert lb/ton to kg/Mg multiply by 0.5.

<sup>b</sup> For more details see Table 2.5-5 of Section 2.5 Opening Burning.

<sup>c</sup> Emission factor developed based on combustion efficiency (ratio of carbon released as CO<sub>2</sub>).

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