

The GFC also has a Stewardship harrow which is pulled behind the dozer units, used to "reclaim" old firebreaks and cut down on the risk of erosion. The fee for this service is \$205 for the first hour, Then \$140 an hour, for every hour after.

Prescribed burning is an important tool used to reduce hazardous fuels in timber stands, improve wildlife habitats, and prepare sites for re-planting. Fees are calculated as follows: ATV \$25 per hour, firefighter \$35 per hour, Engine use \$0.75 per mile or \$75 per hour, and torch fuel \$4.00 per gallon.

This past year, Lowndes personnel and equipment assisted 30 different landowners (some with multiple jobs throughout the year) and provided 30 services for residents in Lowndes County. Control burns totaled 384 acres. Plow and harrow jobs totaled 130.20 miles of fire breaks installed.

Assistance Type	Number of Jobs	Miles	Acreage
Control Burns	9	NA	384
Plowing	12	79.65	NA
Harrowing	9	50.55	NA
TOTALS	30	130.20 miles	384acres

AIR OPERATIONS

The GFC air patrol is an invaluable tool in the detection and suppression of wildfires. In addition to regular fire control flights, the GFC aircraft also fly insect surveys, twice each year, that obtain early detection on any infestations that may be detrimental to our forests.