

U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service	1. WORK PROJECT/ACTIVITY  <b>SMOKEY BEAR / WOODSY OWL PUBLIC APPEARANCES</b>		2. LOCATION  <b>Washington Office</b>	3. UNIT <b>Conservation Education and Fire and Aviation</b>
JOB HAZARD ANALYSIS (JHA) References-FSH 6709.11 and -12 (Instructions on Reverse)	4. NAME OF ANALYST <b>Maureen Brooks/Iris Velez/ Dave Updike</b>		5. JOB TITLE <b>Program Managers/ Safety Officer</b>	6. DATE PREPARED  <b>October 28, 2020</b>
7. TASKS/PROCEDURES	8. HAZARDS	9. ABATEMENT ACTIONS Engineering Controls * Substitution * Administrative Controls * PPE		
<b>PUBLIC APPEARANCES</b>				
<b>Wearing the Woodsy Owl or Smokey Bear costume or Smokey Bear Walkaround</b>	<b>Impaired agility and visibility inside Smokey Bear suit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be aware of and familiar with the impaired agility and reduced visibility while wearing the costumes.</li> <li>• Wear shoes to reduce excess foot movement inside the costume's feet. Use caution and handrails when using stairs, steps, or ladders to access buildings, stages, parade floats, fire engines, or other elevated structures.</li> <li>• Sit down while riding on parade floats, fire engines, etc. If it is necessary to stand, have a person or secure stationary object to hold onto while vehicle is in motion.</li> <li>• Always be accompanied by a handler familiar with safety concerns which include tripping hazards such as curbs, steps, drop-offs, and other obstacles that the individual inside the costume may be unable to see.</li> <li>• At large events provide an adequate number of handlers (one on each side and one to the rear is a good rule of thumb). Provide additional handlers for public contacts as necessary.</li> <li>• Handlers should stay alert for violent or aggressive behavior such as poking and pushing costume characters and unintentional over-exuberant public contact.</li> </ul>		
	<b>Sharp tools used as props</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoid the use of a fire shovel to recreate the symbolic appearance of Smokey Bear. Extreme caution and care shall be exercised at all times around hand or power tools.</li> </ul>		
	<b>Heat stress</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be aware of extreme heat buildup while inside the costume.</li> <li>• Monitor the weather forecast for the planned event. If there is a heat advisory for the local area, the costumes should not be used.</li> <li>• Plan ahead to take frequent breaks out of the suit and drink plenty of fluids, beforehand, during breaks and afterwards.</li> <li>• Remain in the shade as much as possible when outdoors on sunny days, and provide the "cool vest" when the suit is to be used in extremely warm conditions or for longer than normal periods of time.</li> <li>• Limit appearances to 15-20 minute segments to minimize personal discomfort, and reduce the risk of overheating.</li> </ul>		
	<b>Uneven terrain</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan ahead, select safe routes for Smokey to travel, watch out for changes in ground surface, slick spots, tripping hazards, overhanging objects, or any other unusual hazards.</li> </ul>		

	<b>Carrying and lifting the costumes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The costume containers are bulky and heavy. Use caution when lifting. When available, use two people to lift and transport the costume.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Costume is damp from perspiration after use</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hang the costume to air dry after each use. For the walkaround, wipe the inside of the costume with a dry cloth.</li> <li>• Use a disinfecting wipe or spray to clean the hard surfaces on the inside of the head of the costumes. If available, use a UV-C wand for touchless disinfection of the inside of the costume/walkaround.</li> <li>• Clean the costumes/walkaround according to manufacturers recommendations.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Public Health Emergencies or Pandemics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow all local public health recommendations for public appearances, if guidelines cannot be followed (as in maintaining personal distancing from the public) or if the appearance could endanger or pose a health threat to the employees, then consider cancelling the appearance.</li> <li>• PPE is not to be 'worn' on the costumes – the costumed symbols are to maintain their educational message, not advertise or support a public health message.</li> <li>• The person wearing the costume may opt to wear a mask inside the costume but this may cause heat stress on the individual.</li> <li>• Recommend only one person wear a costume for a season. If more than one staff member will wear the costume, it must be cleaned and disinfected between users. Allow up to 96 hours between users and cleaning.</li> <li>• Costumes should be cleaned and disinfected according to manufacturers instructions.</li> </ul>	
<b>10. LINE OFFICER SIGNATURE</b>		<b>11. TITLE</b>	<b>12. DATE</b>

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