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## INTRODUCTION

The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in its daily operations--both routine and emergency--faces formidable telecommunications challenges, requiring the highest level of system management and user proficiency.

CDF is unique in the complexity and volume of its fire protection and resource management missions. It must operate, frequently under extreme duress, as a single, unified entity. It must also interact in harmony with a multitude of cooperating agencies during emergency incidents. The area of operation ranges from desert to subalpine forest, from wilderness to urban shopping malls, from cropland to high-rise buildings. The scope of activities is continually expanding in response to the needs generated by the most dynamic and demanding population of any state.

CDF cannot afford to be shortsighted in planning, implementing and managing the vital telecommunications systems which link the facilities, the ground and air mobile units, and the people of this department together.

Every employee has a stake in how well we carry out our communications tasks. Those who manage the systems need the support and assistance of those who use them--and vice versa.

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