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FLOOD WOOD DEBRIS BURNING TO BEGIN IN WALPOLE AND LANGDON
CONTROLLED BURN WILL BE SUPERVISED BY NHDOT AND NHDES

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces the controlled burning of forest wood debris from October flooding will take place in the towns of Walpole and Langdon. The controlled burning will be conducted in accordance with the NH Department of Environmental Services permit issued on November 16, 2005.

The controlled burns by Eastern Logging, Inc. will be supervised by representatives of the NH Department of Transportation and the NH Department of Environmental Services could begin as soon as this Friday (November 18), depending on weather conditions.

The burning is being done to expedite the debris clean-up process at two sites along the Cold River. The wood debris along Route 123 in the towns of Walpole, Alstead and Langdon resulted from the floods of October 8 and 9, 2005. Burning the wood debris is the most cost-effective and most efficient means of getting rid of the debris without an adverse impact of public health, the environment, and on natural resources.

Eastern Logging, Inc., of Merrimack, New Hampshire is the contractor for the \$3.99 million debris removal and disposal project, which has been approved from October 31 to December 2, 2005.