

**Fire Management Today  
2011 Photo Contest**

**Deadline for submission is 6 p.m. eastern time, Friday, December 2, 2011**

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*Fire Management Today (FMT)* invites you to submit your best fire-related images to be judged in our photo competition. Entries must be received by close of business at 6 p.m. eastern time on Friday, December 2, 2011.

**Awards**

Winning images will appear in a future issue of *FMT* and may be publicly displayed at the USDA Forest Service's national office in Washington, DC.

**Winners in each category will receive the following awards:**

- 1st place: One 20- by 24-inch framed copy of your image.
- 2nd place: One 16- by 20-inch framed copy of your image.
- 3rd place: One 11- by 14-inch framed copy of your image.
- Honorable mention: One 8- by 10- inch framed copy of your image.

**Categories**

• Wildland fire	• Aerial resources	• Wildland-urban interface fire
• Prescribed fire	• Ground resources	• Miscellaneous (fire effects, fire weather, fire-dependent communities or species, etc.)

**Rules**

- The contest is open to everyone. You may submit an unlimited number of entries taken at any time, but you must submit each image with a separate release/application form. You may not enter images that were judged in previous *FMT* contests.
- You must have the authority to grant the Forest Service unlimited use of the image, and you must agree that the image will become public domain. Moreover, the image must not have been previously published in any publication.
- *FMT* accepts only digital images at the highest resolution using a setting with at least 3.2 mega pixels. Digital image files should be TIFFs or highest quality JPGs. Note: *FMT* will eliminate date-stamped images. Submitted images will not be returned to the contestant.
- You must indicate only one category per image. To ensure fair evaluation, *FMT* reserves the right to change

the competition category for your image.

- You must provide a detailed caption for each image. For example: *A Sikorsky S-64 Skycrane delivers retardant on the 1996 Clark Peak Fire, Coronado National Forest, AZ.*
- You must submit with each digital image a completed and signed Release Statement and Photo Contest Application granting the Forest Service rights to use your image. See <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/fmt/release.pdf>

#### Disclaimer

- A panel of judges with photography and publishing experience will determine the winners. Their decision is final.
- Images depicting safety violations, as determined by the panel of judges, will be disqualified.
- Life or property cannot be jeopardized to obtain images.
- The Forest Service does not encourage or support deviation from firefighting responsibilities to capture images.
- Images will be eliminated from the competition if they are obtained by illegal or unauthorized access to restricted areas, show unsafe firefighting practices (unless that is their expressed purpose), or are of low technical quality (for example, have soft focus or camera movement).

To help ensure that all files are kept together, e-mail your completed release form/contest application and digital image file at the same time.

**E-mail entries to: [fmtphoto@me.com](mailto:fmtphoto@me.com)**

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