

National - International Emergency Assistance Response Process – An Operating Plan for USDA Forest Service:

A 1985 Agreement between the U. S. Agency for International Development Office of U. S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA) and USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service/International Cooperation and Development (FAS/ICD) established in the Disaster Assistance Support Program (DASP) within the Forest Service's International Program's Staff.

The purpose of this operating plan is to define the emergency response process whereby decisions are made and individuals and/or equipment and supplies are mobilized to assist OFDA on international disasters. It is important that the roles and responsibilities are clearly understood.

A copy of the operating plan is available in the National Interagency Mobilization Guide, Chapter 40. To obtain a copy of the Guide, you may visit the NIFC website, Publications Management System, and order publication NFES 2092 (paperback edition). The National Mobilization Guide may become available through the NIFC website during 2001: <http://www.nifc.gov/news/nicc.html>