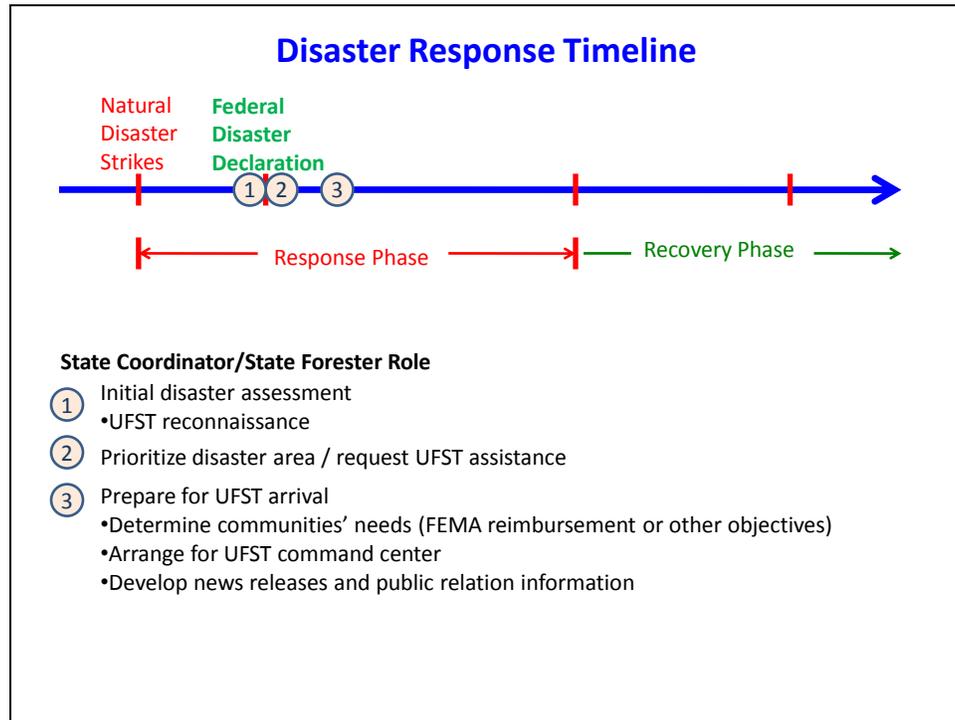


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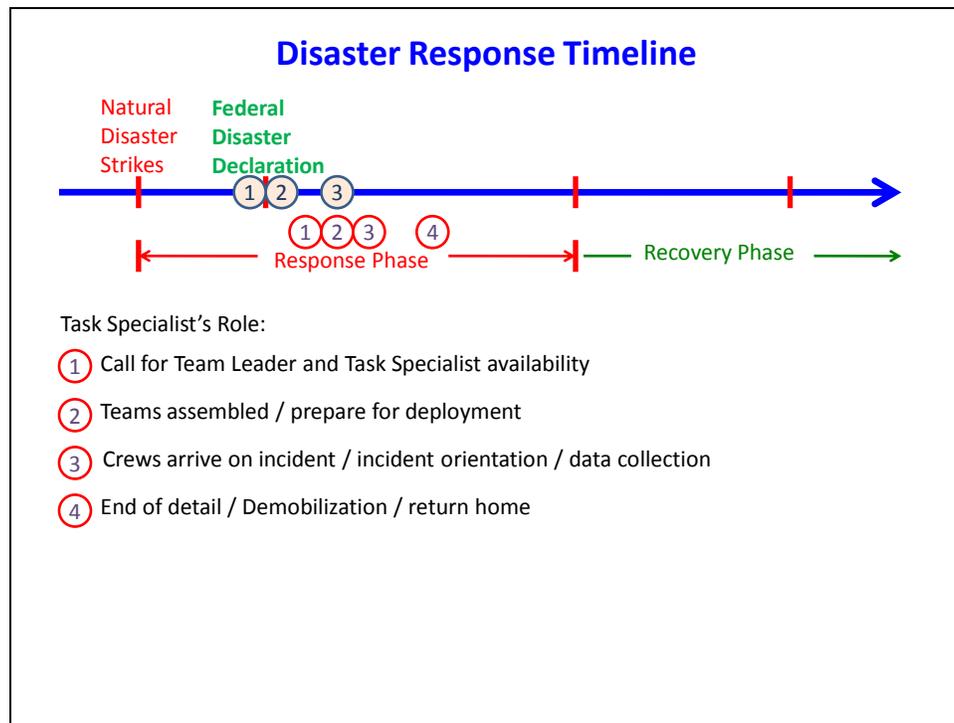
Here is a quick review of the disaster response timeline from a FEMA standpoint and the role of the state coordinator/state forester with regards to UFST.

After a natural disaster impacts an area, the impacted state gathers information about the severity of the damage and determines if its resources are sufficient to handle the clean-up. Usually within 72 hours the governor of the state will ask the U.S. president (through FEMA) to declare the area a federal disaster. After that declaration, FEMA initiates assistance programs and begins the response phase. Generally, this phase lasts a couple of months, however, depending on the severity of the event (i.e. Hurricane Katrina), it can extend for quite a few months. After basic infrastructure has been restored, FEMA switches its programs to recovery phase.

State Coordinator Role:

1. After disaster, state coordinator assesses communities for severity of damage. They may ask for assistance from UFST to help them determine priorities.
2. After a federal disaster declaration, the coordinator identifies impacted communities, prioritizes disaster area, and requests UFST assistance.
3. While the UFST team is being assembled, the coordinator prepares for their arrival.

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While the coordinator is preparing for UFST arrival, the UFST team is being assembled (These events for UFST deployment are fluid and may occur anytime after the disaster).

1. Urban Forestry South or the UFST Advisory Committee (AC) will determine who is available for deployment via email request.
2. The UFST teams are assembled based on availability. Task specialists begin preparing for deployment by getting proper clearance for deployment through their employer, assembling necessary gear, etc.
3. UFST crews arrive at designated location, receive incident orientation and protocol/equipment refresher from Team Leaders, and begin data collection. Daily routine of data collection continues until the end of the detail.
4. Task specialists return equipment to Team Leaders and participate in the demobilization process which is used to improve the strike team efficiency in the future.