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**Emergencies Minister Vladimir Puchkov held thematic teleconference on  
readiness of personnel and equipment for 2015 fire-dangerous period**



A thematic teleconference on "The readiness of personnel and equipment of the Russian Emergencies Ministry, territorial subsystems of the National Emergency Management System and their units to ensure the safety of the population during the fire season 2015" chaired by Minister Vladimir Puchkov was held in the situational hall of the National Crisis Management Center of the Russian Emergencies Ministry. Heads of Emergencies Ministry departments, directorates, and territorial bodies, as well as representatives of federal executive bodies reported on the readiness of personnel and equipment. The safety of economic facilities, human settlements and livelihoods of people in the fire-dangerous period are the priority for the Russian Emergencies Ministry. The number of fires that cause economic damage grows in this period. In order to organize the collaboration, coordination and control of Emergencies Ministry territorial bodies in reducing the risk of emergencies during this period, a series of preventive measures has been scheduled and carried out. The Emergencies Ministry held a meeting of the Government Commission and the Emergency Management Commission, which developed and approved a plan for the prevention and elimination of possible emergencies during the wildfire period in federal districts and subjects of the Russian Federation, including the Republic of Crimea and Sevastopol. The ministry developed a phased plan of functioning of the system of operational control over personnel and equipment, identified the issues of interagency cooperation on rapid exchange of information, formed an interagency group to monitor the development of the forest fire situation at the National Center for Crisis Management. The meeting reviewed the results of scheduled and unscheduled site inspections of the compliance with the requirements of fire safety in subjects of the Russian Federation with special attention paid to human settlements, horticultural, gardening and dacha non-profit associations of citizens, and children's camps. "I urge you to pay close attention to critical economic facilities and settlements bordering forest areas. The situation with peat bogs requires daily monitoring. This potentially dangerous sector should be taken under special control," said Vladimir Puchkov. Sergey Didenko, Director of the Department of Civil Protection, reported on possible emergency situations, on creating public awareness of possible risks, as well as on the work done to attract manpower and resources to monitoring and the today's fire situation. The meeting clarified the number of personnel and equipment of the National Emergency Management System, which amounted to more than 1 million 140 thousand people and more than 200 thousand pieces of equipment, including more than 189 thousand people and more than 29 thousand pieces of equipment provided by the Russian Emergencies Ministry. The overall composition of the Emergency Management System air group is about 700 aircraft, including 100 unmanned aerial vehicles. 242 aircraft, including 58 aircraft of the Russian Emergencies Ministry, have been prepared to be directly involved in firefighting. During the meeting, Emergencies Ministry Head Vladimir Puchkov ordered to hold a command-staff exercise with administrative bodies and forces of the National Emergency Management System in April this year on the prevention and elimination of

