

# EMERGING METHODS FOR EARLY DETECTION OF FOREST FIRES

## LITERATURE:

Apart from causing tragic loss of lives and valuable natural and individual properties including thousands of hectares of forest and hundreds of houses, forest fires are a great menace to ecologically healthy grown forests and protection of the environment. Every year, thousands of forest fires across the globe cause disasters beyond measure and description. This issue has been the research interest for many years; there are a huge amount of very well studied solutions available out there for testing or even ready for use to resolve this problem. Aim. This work will summarise all the technologies that have been used for forest fire detection with exhaustive surveys of their techniques/methods used in this application. A lot of methods and systems are available in the market and for research. The paper reviews all the methods and discusses examples of research experiment results and some market product methods for better understanding. Result. Each technique has its own advantages and disadvantages. A full discussions provided after each type. Conclusion. A full table is provided at the end to summarise a comparison between the four methods.



Forests are the protectors of earth's ecological balance. Unfortunately, the forest fire is usually only observed when it has already spread over a large area, making its control and stoppage arduous and even impossible at times. The result is devastating loss and irreparable damage to the environment and atmosphere (30% of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) in the atmosphere comes from forest fires) [1], in addition to

irreparable damage to the ecology (huge amounts of smoke and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) in the atmosphere). Among other terrible consequences of forest fires are long-term disastrous effects such as impacts on local weather patterns, global warming, and extinction of rare species of the flora and fauna.

The problem with forest fires is that the forests are usually remote, abandoned/unmanaged areas filled with trees, dry and parching wood, leaves, and so forth that act as a fuel source. These elements form a highly combustible material and represent the perfect context for initial-fire ignition and act as fuel for later stages of the fire. The fire ignition may be caused through human actions like smoking or barbeque parties or by natural reasons such as high temperature in a hot summer day or a broken glass working as a collective lens focusing the sun light on a small spot for a length of time thus leading to fireignition. Once ignition starts, combustible material may easily fuel to feed the fires central spot which then becomes bigger and wider. The initial stage of ignition is normally referred to as "surface fire" stage. This may then lead to feeding on adjoining trees and the fire flame becomes higher and higher, thus becoming "crown fire." Mostly, at this stage, the fire becomes uncontrollable and damage to the landscape may become excessive and could last for a very long time depending on prevailing weather conditions and the terrain.



Existing Solutions:

- <https://www.bosch.com/stories/early-forest-fire-detection-sensors> Reference:
- <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8534245>