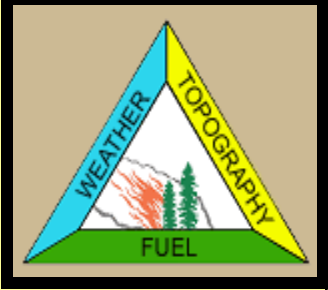




TOPIC 43
COARSE FUELS



COARSE FUELS – Logs, stumps and deep duff (i.e. peat moss) are considered heavy and usually slow-burning fuels. However, heavy fuels burn readily and throw off large volumes of heat when dry. After a long, hot, dry spell, a fire in an area with large amounts of down and dead trees and branches will burn with a great deal of intensity and cause great difficulty for firefighters. When fires start in areas containing a lot of large sized material, there will be intense heat transfer to fuels lying in the path of the fire.

