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Fire Prevention "Tree Game"

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Introduction

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES.



REC staff in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MIDNR) have worked together to create an interactive carnival type game to help communicate the message of fire prevention.

The "Tree Game" explained below gives agencies a tool to be able to better explain causes of forest fire to children and give them a chance to learn how forest fires are extinguished by having them actively participate in putting out a mock fire on the Tree Game.

States across the country have invested much time and resources in developing various programs to help educate the public regarding preventable forest fires. The Smokey Bear program is a good example of this type of educational initiative.

<u>Design</u>

MIDNR approached REC with the intent of developing an apparatus that was easily transportable, setup and operated at indoor or outdoor functions. The apparatus would need to be able to help MIDNR staff interactivley engage children and their parents to communicate the message of fire prevention and to teach them in general terms how forest fire is classically fought.

REC created the Tree Game to fulfill this need.

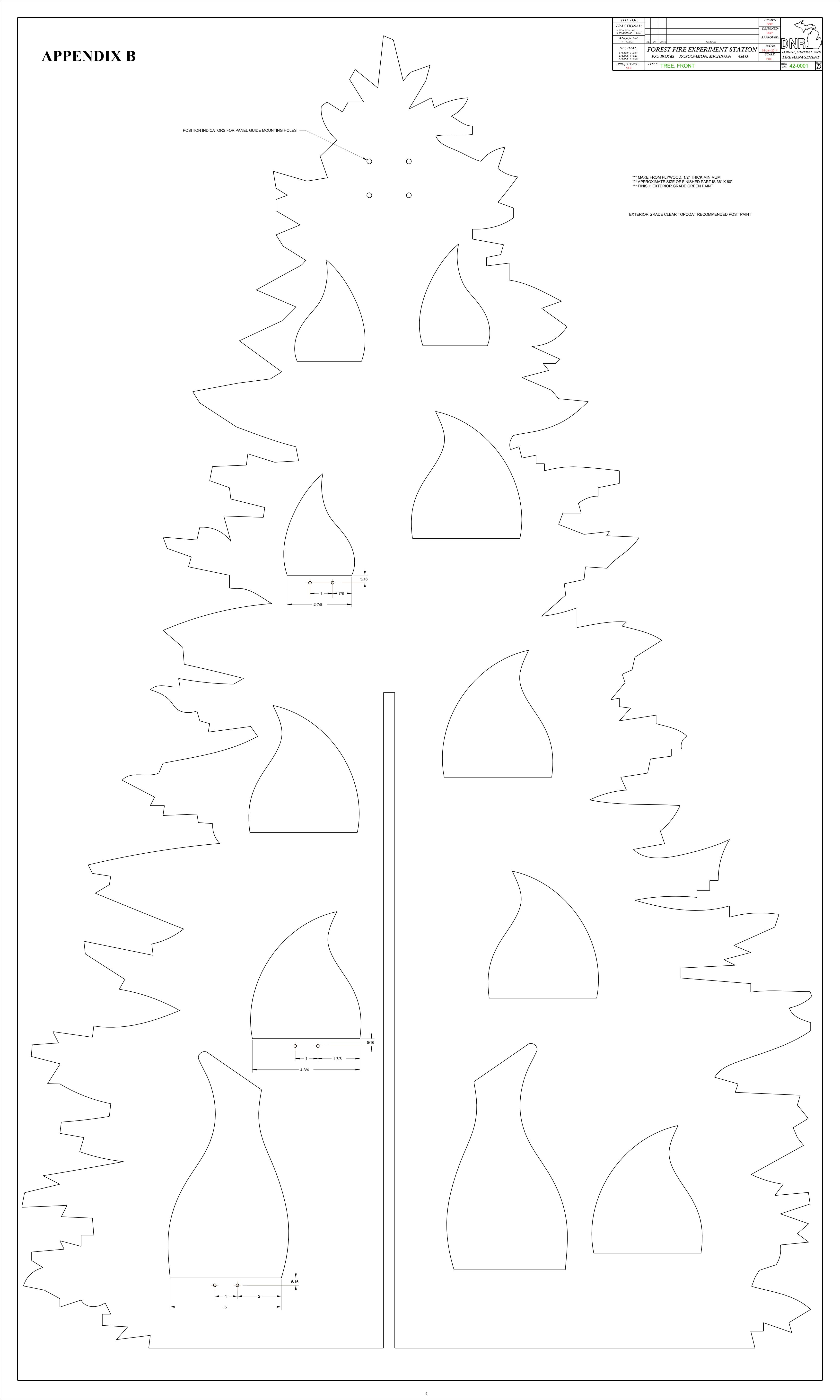
The Tree Game is shaped like a conifer tree and consists of 2 seperate panels that when assembled is self standing and presents more of a 3D representation. One of the panels has cutouts of various sizes to house the artificial "flames". The flames are installed such that they will stand upright and are hinged to be able to be knocked over or "extinguished" by a child with either a low pressure water spraying device or a small sandbag (for indoor functions).

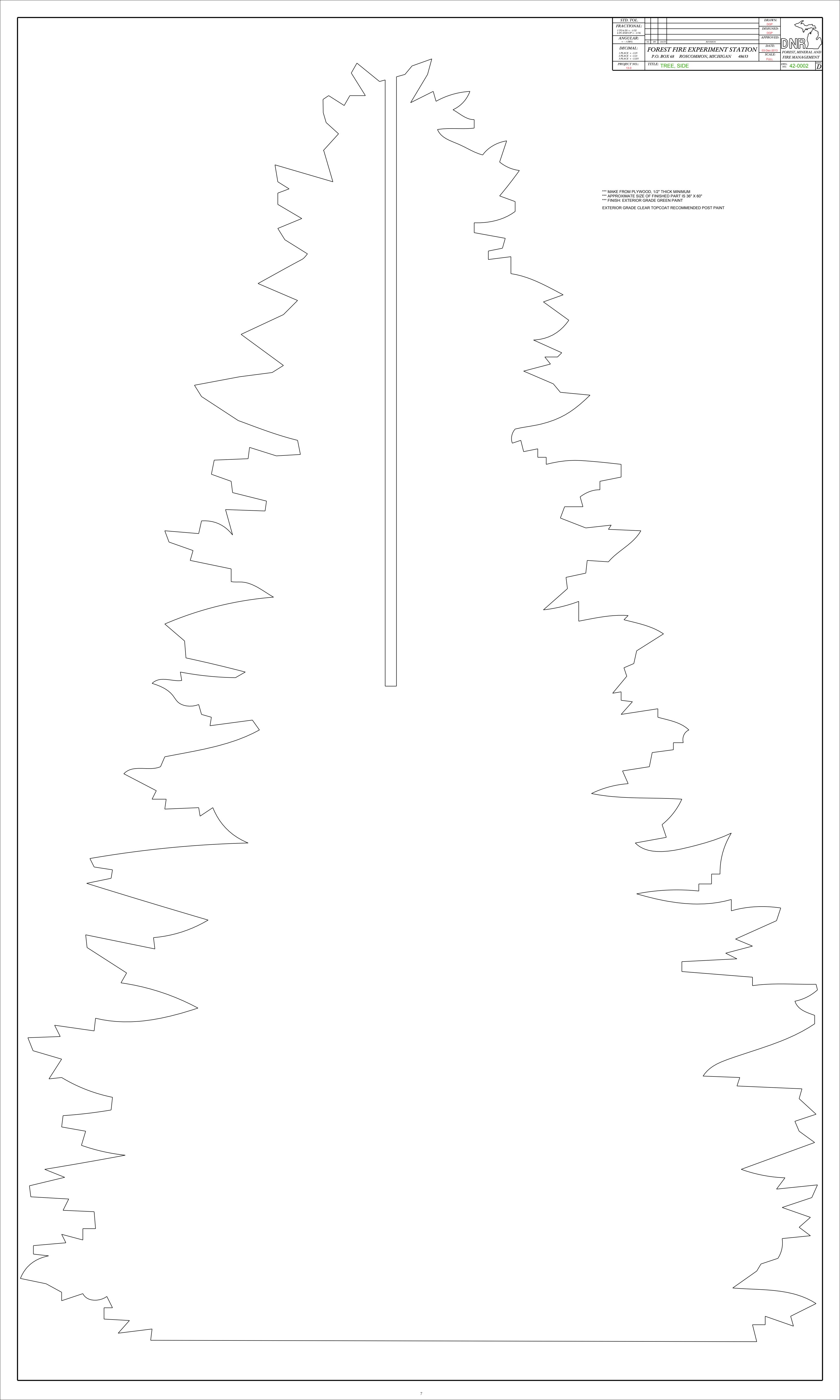
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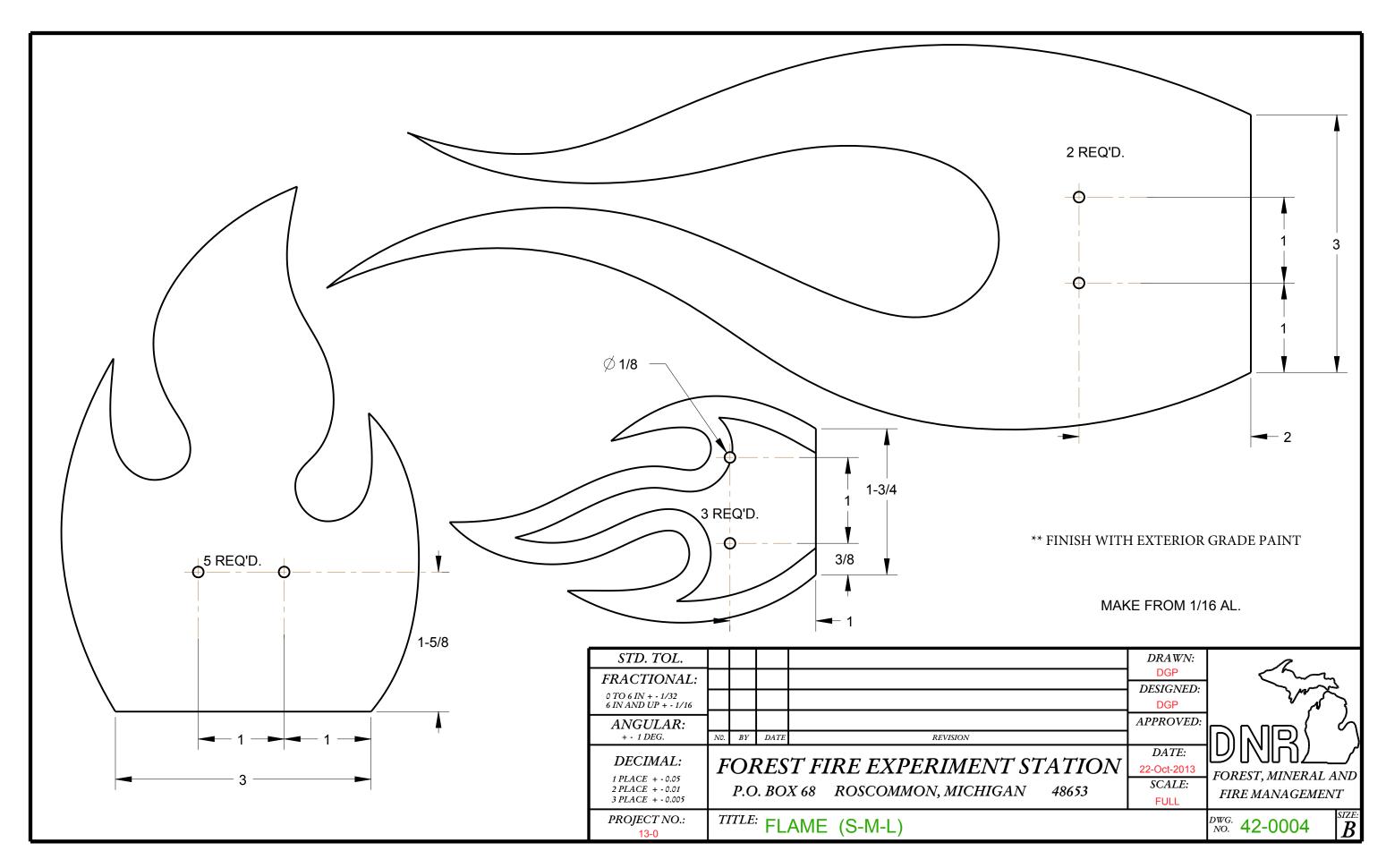
<u>Appendix A</u>Photograph of the Tree Game being used <u>Appendix B</u>Construction Drawings

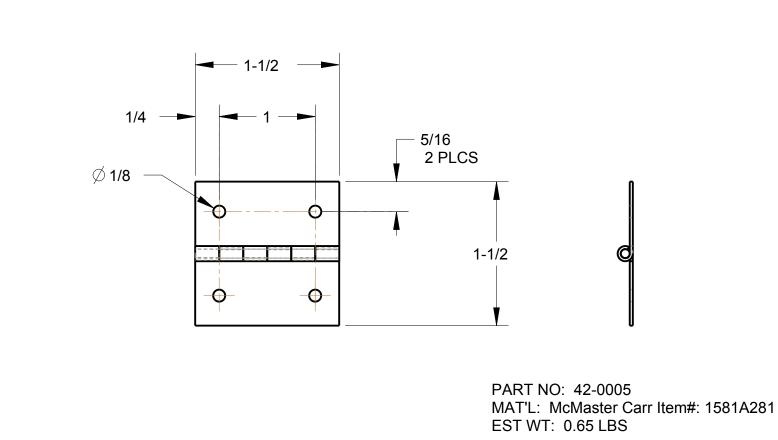
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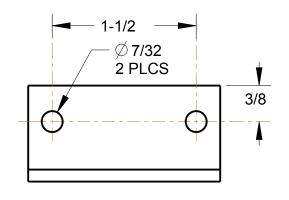


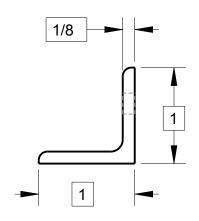






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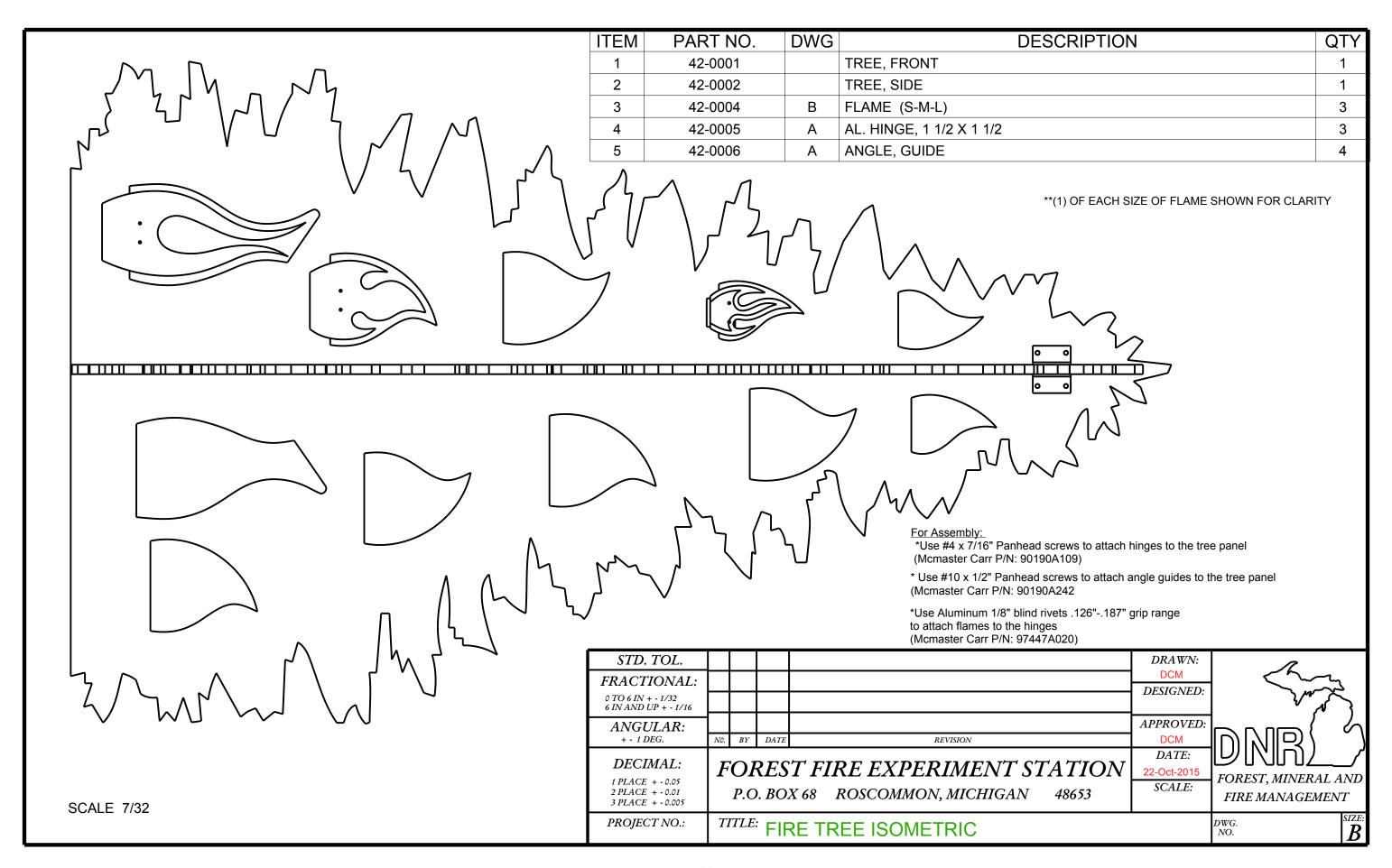
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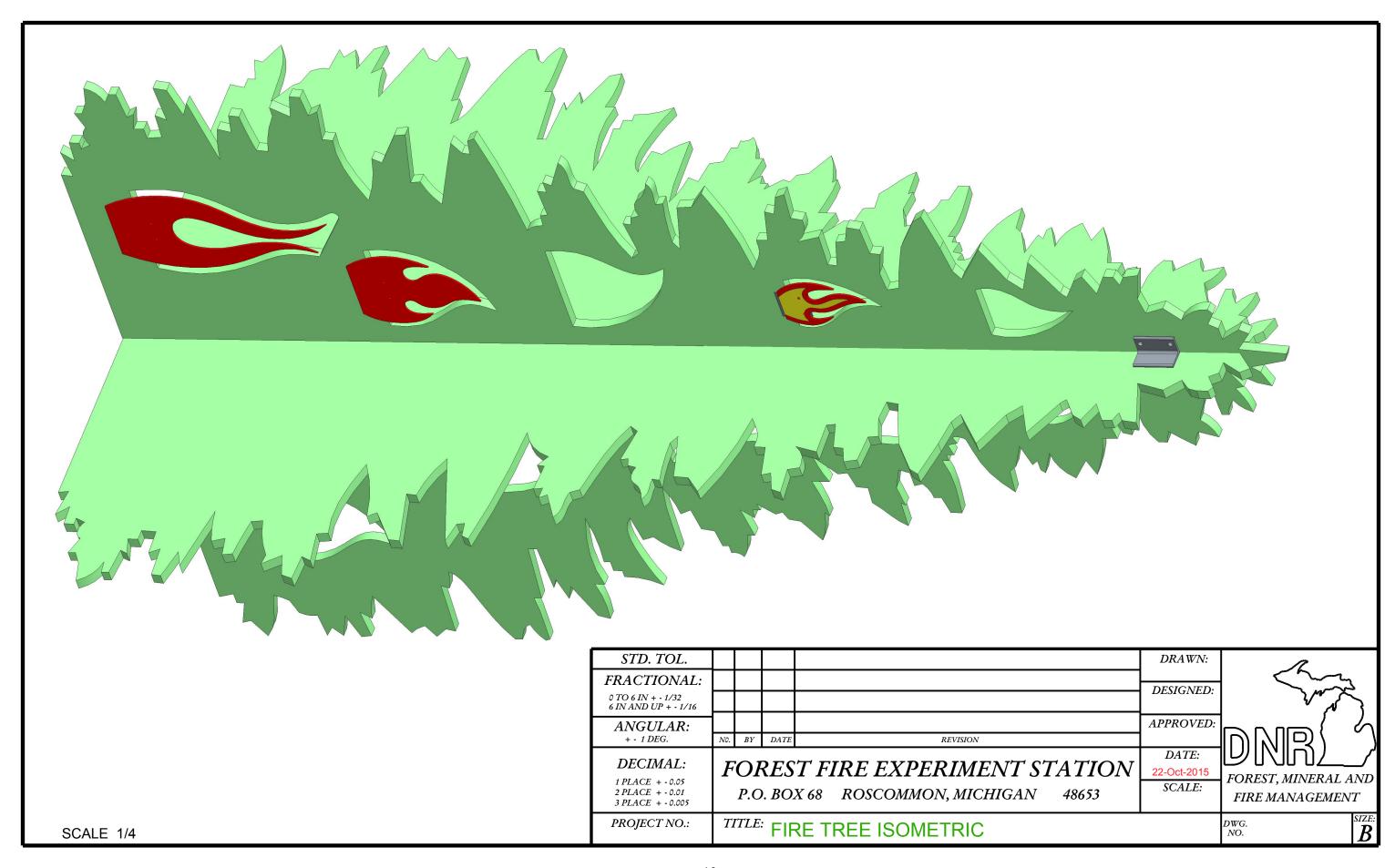
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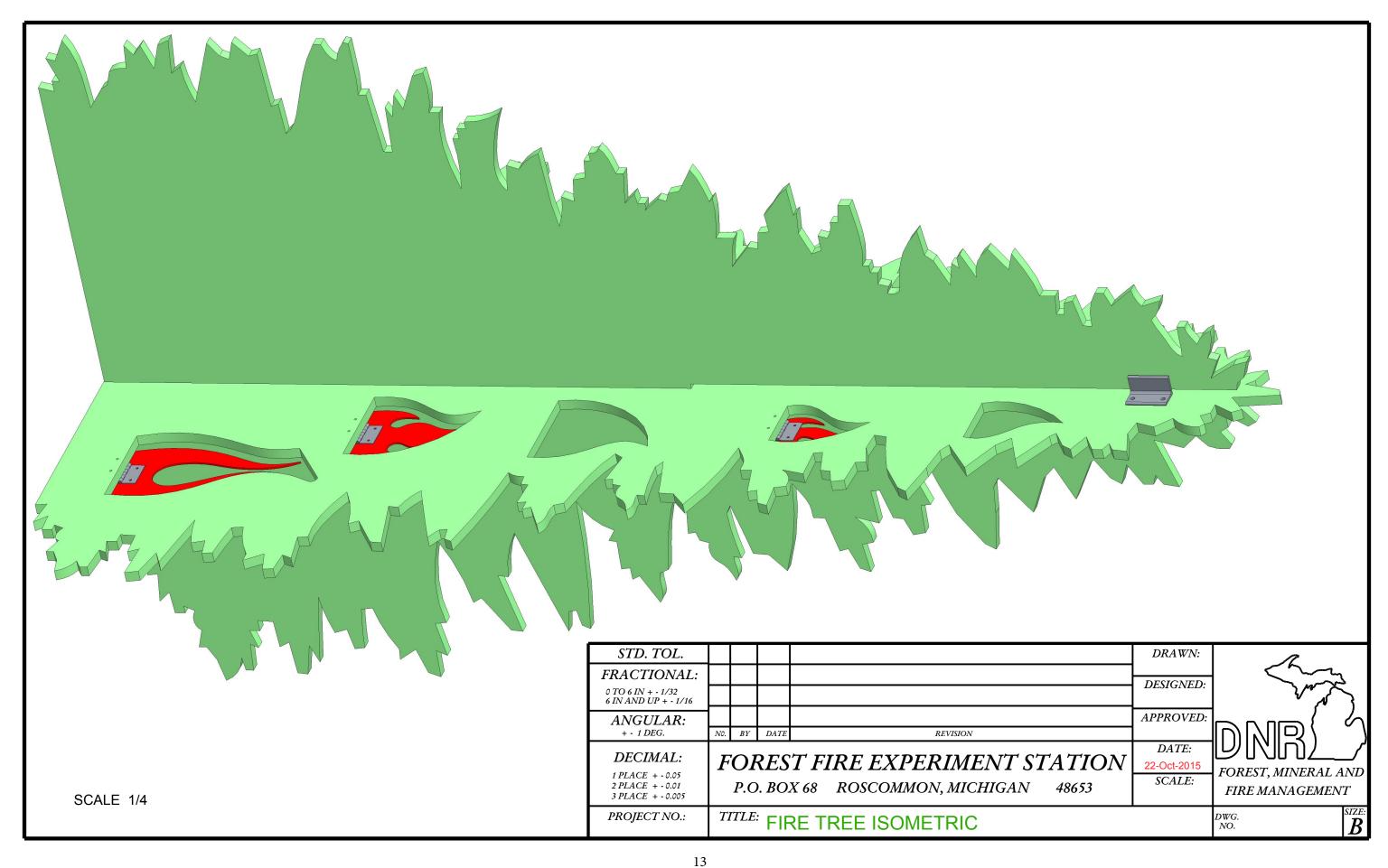
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