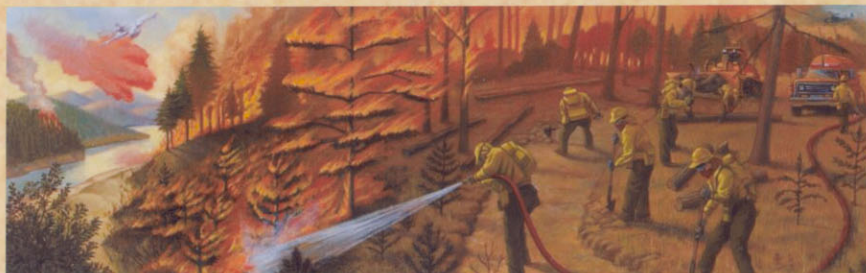


Living with Fire: Making Wise Choices

In the past... **NATIVE AMERICANS** used fire as a tool for daily living.
It was a powerful force. **IT STILL IS.**



THE CHOICES OF TODAY...



UNMANAGED WILDLAND FIRES

It only takes a spark to ignite a fire that destroys a forest, leaving a lasting impact on our ecosystem. **DO THE RIGHT THING.** If you're in the woods, practice forest fire safety.

ACTIONS:

1. Notice weather conditions—hot, windy conditions increase the chance of wildland fire.
2. Follow all rules about debris burning and campfires.
3. Put out all campfires completely with water and dirt.
4. Be careful with matches, lighters, cigarettes, and fireworks.
5. Hot exhaust systems can ignite dry vegetation. Be careful where you park.



MANAGED WILDLAND FIRES

Managed fires are a valuable means of forest management, but careful planning on where and when to burn is essential to achieve desired results. **DO YOUR HOMEWORK.** Discover the benefits and risks of managed fires.

ACTIONS:

1. Be aware of managed fires happening near where you live.
2. Notice the conditions on the day of the fire - if an emergency arises, call 911.



WILDLAND FIRES NEAR PROPERTIES AT RISK

Wildland fires can put homes at risk. **TAKE RESPONSIBILITY TO PREVENT DISASTER.** If you live in an area that is close to wildlands, get the facts on how to minimize your risk from wildfires.

ACTIONS:

1. Use fire resistant roofing: asphalt shingles, clay tile, and metal.
2. Keep rain gutters free from debris.
3. Cut tree limbs near the structure - Trees should be at least 30 feet from the structure.
4. Clean pine needles and other burnable materials from under stairs and decks.
5. Post house number clearly.
6. Make sure there is enough space for large equipment to navigate.

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