

NATIONAL INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER

FIRE HISTORY AND CULTURE 1

HERE'S A HOT TOPIC ABOUT OUR WILDLANDS AND LIVING WITH THE NATURAL ROLE OF FIRE.

FORESTRY, RANGE MANAGEMENT AND FIRE PREVENTION HAVE BEEN TOGETHER FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS. IN THE WAKE OF DEADLY WILDLAND FIRES THE DAMAGED VAST STRANDS OF TIMBER AND GRASSLANDS, FIREFIGHTING BECAME A PRIORITY. WILDLANDS NEED FIRE, THOUGH TO CYCLE FROM OLD TO NEW. CAREFULLY PLANNED "PRESCRIBED" AND "NATURALLY IGNITED" WILDLAND FIRES ARE NOW USED AS TOOLS TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF OUR ECOSYSTEMS. SMOKEY BEAR IS RIGHT IN PREVENTING HUMAN CAUSED FIRES, BUT TODAY WE KNOW THAT NATURAL FIRE IS RIGHT TOO.

THIS HOT TOPIC IS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE TERESA AND H. JOHN HEINZ III FOUNDATION. LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NATURAL ROLE OF FIRE – HOW TO PROTECT YOUR HOMES – AND OBTAIN LATEST FIRE UPDATES. VISIT THE NATIONAL INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER WEB SITE AT NIF-SEE-DOT-GOV. THAT'S N-I-F-C-DOT-GOV.