

NATIONAL INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER

WILDLAND FIRE MGT. 5

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

WILDLANDS NEED FIRE TO RECYCLE NUTRIENTS AND CREATE NEW LIFE. LIKE MEDICINE, PRESCRIBED FIRES IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF THE LAND. THESE FIRES BURN FUELS AND HELP PREVENT CATASTROPHIC FIRES THAT DAMAGE WATERSHEDS AND THREATEN COMMUNITIES. THEY REDUCE OLD VEGETATION TO STIMULATE PLANTS AND GRASSES AND IMPROVE WILDLIFE HABITAT. PRESCRIBED FIRES ARE STARTED UNDER CAREFULLY PLANNED CONDITIONS TO PRODUCE A BURN THAT BENEFITS NATURE AND KEEPS US SAFE.

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