



Forest Fires

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This pathfinder will be useful in finding information about forest fires and forest fire policy in the United States.

For an introduction to the topic, see:

- *Encyclopedia Americana* "Forest Fire"
- *SmokeyBear.com*
www.smokeybear.com

Key Resources at a Glance:

- *Fire in America: A Cultural History of Wildland and Rural Fire*, by Stephen J. Pyne (1982, reprinted 1997)

Reference Background

- *Natural Hazards* "Fires in Nature" by E. A. Bryant (1991)

Resources

Books

- *Burning Questions*, by David Carle (2002)
- *Jumping Fire*, by Murry A. Taylor (2000)
- *Smokechasing: A New Look at Wildfires*, by Stephen J. Pyne (2003)
- *Year of the Fires: The Story of the Great Fires of 1910*, by Stephen J. Pyne (2001)
- *Yellowstone in the Afterglow: Lessons from the Fires*, by Mary Ann Franke (2000)

Journals

- *Fire Management Today* (formerly *Fire Management Notes*)
- *American Forests*

Search Aids

Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- "Forest fires"
- wildfires

Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- Forest Fires
- Wildfires
- Fire Ecology
- Smokejumpers

Call Number

- 363.3 & 634.9 (Dewey Decimal)
- SD421 (Library of Congress)

Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOhost
- FirstSearch
- Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature
- Treearch
<http://treearch.fs.fed.us>

Library catalogs

- Your local library catalog
- SILO - State-wide catalog
- WorldCat - World-wide Catalog

Magazine Articles

- “Forging a Science-Based National Forest Fire Policy” by Jerry F. Franklin and James K. Agee. *Issues in Science and Technology*, (Fall 2003)
- “Fireproofing the Forests” by J. Madeline Nash. *Time*, (Aug 18, 2003)

Web Pages and Web Portals

- *National Interagency Fire Center*
www.nifc.gov
- *Forest History Society*
www.lib.duke.edu/forest
- *SmokeyBear.com*
www.smokeybear.com
- *Southern Research Station, USDA*
www.srs.fs.usda.gov/ub/index.htm (excellent site for access to USDA documents)
- *Librarians Index to the Internet* (enter “forest fires” in the search field)
www.lii.org
- “The Forest Service and Wildland Firefighting” *Taxpayers for Commonsense*
www.taxpayer.net/forest/fire/
- “Fire Wars” *Nova Online*
www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/fire

Organizations and Special Collections

- Forest History Society
<http://www.lib.duke.edu/forest/>
- U.S. Forest Service
www.fs.fed.us/
- U.S. National Park Service
www.nps.gov/

Multimedia Resources

- *Up in Flames* (Forest History Society, 1984) [vhs]
- *Nova: Fire Wars* (WGBH, 2002) [vhs]

** You can evaluate other resources using criteria at: www.THEpathfinderproject.org/evaluate.html **

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