



## Living in the Wildland Environment

More and more people are making their homes in woodland settings, rural areas or remote mountain sites. There, residents enjoy the beauty of the environment but face the very real danger of wild fire. Wildfires often begin unnoticed. They can be ignited by the careless tossing of a cigarette, an unattended campfire or from natural causes like lightning. They spread quickly igniting brush,

trees and homes. Each year fire burns millions of acres of woodland across the United States. We can better live with the land by learning about the natural areas we inhabit and what we can do to reduce the risk of loss if wildfire occurs. Homes that survive almost always do so because their owners had prepared for the eventuality of fire. In a wildfire, every second counts!



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