

OREGON WILDFIRE MYSTERY

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USE THE MAZE ON THE NEXT PAGE TO FIND THE FIVE MAIN CAUSES OF OREGON WILDFIRES (HINT: THEY ARE IN BOLD TYPE) AND HOW MANY WILDFIRES EACH ONE HAS CAUSED? LIST THEM BELOW AND THEN CIRCLE THE CAUSE OF THE MOST WILDFIRES IN OREGON.

CAUSES OF OREGON WILDFIRES:

HOW MANY FIRES CAUSED FROM 1996-2005?



BONUS QUESTION: What two things do all of these wildfires have in common?

1. They are all caused by _____.
2. They are all _____.

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Answers: 1. Debris Burning (2,114 fires) 2. Equipment Use (1,995 fires) 3. Abandoned Campfires (1,107 fires)
4. Smoking-Related (675 fires) 5. Children playing with matches (467 fires)
Bonus Question: 1. Careless humans 2. preventable

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START

FOLLOW US THROUGH A MAZE OF WILDFIRE FACTS. ANSWER TRUE OR FALSE QUESTIONS TO MAKE YOUR WAY THROUGH THE MAZE.

Wildfires burn forests, destroy homes for animals and put people in danger.

Most wildfires in Oregon are caused by careless humans.

FALSE

These wildfires are preventable if people just followed good fire prevention behaviors.

A wildfire is an unplanned, uncontrolled wildland fire.

FALSE

TRUE

It is ok to leave your campfire burning while you go for a hike.

FALSE

TRUE

When campfires are left unattended or not completely put out, they can start wildfires. Between 1996-2005, **ABANDONED CAMPFIRES** caused 774 wildfires in Oregon.

Children should never play with matches and lighters.

FALSE

TRUE

Between 1996-2005 in Oregon, 270 wildfires were caused by **CHILDREN PLAYING WITH FIRE**.

And so can using a lawnmower or chainsaw that throws out sparks next to a wooded area. **EQUIPMENT USE** started 1,861 fires in Oregon from 1996-2005.

Driving or parking a car or off-road vehicle in dry grass can start a fire.

TRUE

FALSE

It is okay for a smoker to throw a cigarette butt out of their car.

TRUE

FALSE

A cigarette butt can smolder for hours and turn into a wildfire. In fact, between 1996-2005 there were 613 **SMOKING-RELATED FIRES** in Oregon.

You can help prevent wildfires by not playing with fire and helping adults follow good fire prevention behaviors.

FALSE

TRUE

Smokey Bear says "Remember – Only **YOU** can prevent wildfires!"

FINISH!

**YOU MADE IT!
Now you know
THE MAIN CAUSES
OF WILDFIRES
IN OREGON'S
FORESTS.**



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