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#### WHAT TIME OF YEAR DO MOST WILDFIRES OCCUR?

Wildfires are most common in the spring from when the snow melts until foliage fully appears. Fall can also be a time of heightened wildfire concern when foliage begins to drop.

*Fire Fact: Fires can occur anytime the ground is not completely snow-covered!*

#### HOW IS WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER GEAR DIFFERENT FROM STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTER GEAR?

Unlike a structural firefighter, wildland firefighters need to fight fire on the move. To help them do this, their fire resistant clothing is lightweight, which reduces fatigue while working a fire.

*Fire Fact: It costs \$1,000 to fully outfit one wildland firefighter with basic gear!*



#### WHO PAYS FOR PUTTING OUT WILDFIRES?

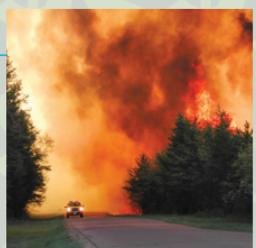
Your tax dollars pay the bulk of the cost to put out wildfires. Anyone found starting a wildfire can be held responsible for all suppression costs and damages.

*Fire Fact: Firefighting aircraft cost up to \$1,500 per hour of use!*

#### WHAT CAUSES WILDFIRES?

The majority of wildfires are caused by people. The most common source is careless burning, followed by equipment-related fires (off-road vehicles, lawn movers, etc.) and arson.

*Fire Fact: Lightning is the only "non-human" cause!*



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