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Campfire Safety

Grangeville, Idaho – Forest Service Employees have reported finding smoldering campfires again this year. Even a small breeze can fan the flames of an unattended campfire. Before you leave the area, drown your fire and stir to make sure the embers are COLD.

Please keep these fire safety tips in mind:

- Build small and contained campfires.
- Never leave fire unattended. Make sure it is DEAD OUT before leaving.
- State law requires having a bucket and shovel handy when lighting a campfire.
- All types of equipment and vehicles are required to have spark arresters. This includes; chainsaws, portable generators, cross-country vehicles, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles and farm equipment.
- Where smoking is permitted, have a 3-foot clearing around the smoker and fully extinguish cigarette or cigars prior to disposal in an appropriate container.

Anyone found negligent of starting a wildfire can be held financially responsible for damages and suppression costs.

For more information, contact the Nez Perce National Forest at (208) 983-1950 or visit our website at www.fs.fed.us/r1/nezperce .

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