

## PREVENT FOREST FIRES





OUR COUNTRY is in greater danger today than ever before in history. So are our forests. One careless match or cigarette—no matter who throws it—will help the Axis by destroying thousands of acres of timber vital to war needs. Every American is in this fight. Be alert, be smart, observe these rules:

- 1. SMOKE ONLY while stopping in safe places, completely cleared of dry or inflammable materials. Observe "No Smoking" rules in those forest areas closed to smoking.
- 2. BREAK YOUR MATCH IN TWO before you throw it away. This makes sure that the match is out.
- 3. BE SURE YOUR CIGARETTE STUB IS OUT before throwing it away. The same goes for pipe tobacco. Never throw them into grass, brush, or leaves.
- 4. BEFORE BUILDING CAMPFIRE, scrape away all inflammable material from a spot 5 feet in diameter. Dig a hole in the center and in it build your fire. Keep it small.
- 5. PUT OUT CAMPFIRE—DEAD OUT—before you leave. Stir the coals while soaking them with water. Turn small sticks and drench both sides. Wet the ground around the fire. Be sure the last spark is dead.
- 6. NEVER BURN BRUSH IN WINDY WEATHER. Be sure you can control it. Take absolutely no chances. Secure permit from forest officer.
- 7. PUT OUT ANY SMALL FIRES YOU CAN.
- 8. REPORT FIRES AT ONCE. Time is most important. Get to the nearest telephone and call the nearest forest ranger or State fire warden.
- REMEMBER: A burning match, a glowing cigarette, a smoldering campfire can be just as disastrous to our forests as an incendiary bomb. Do your part.

