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LESSON 20

NAME _____



To protect our resources from wildfire, you should be familiar with the terms used by the Forest Fire Service. Read the passage below and match the correct definition with each term.



Each year the Forest Fire service protects more than our parks and forests, they protect our entire state. First, they educate the public by visiting groups and providing information. With the help of Smokey Bear, they remind people of safe behaviors and assess, or monitor, the conditions.

Next, they conduct prescribed burns. These are controlled fires, started by the fire service, to burn dry brush and dead vegetation. Dry brush is the low lying grass and bushes that, when dry, provide fuel for a forest fire. A prescribed burn is carefully planned and is dependent upon weather conditions. These burns actually prevent fires and keep the forest healthy.

Of course, many fires are not planned and they perform fire suppression activities, to contain and extinguish the fire. Many of the tools they use are different than the tools used by local firefighters. These tools include shovels, chainsaws, mowers, and tractors.

When they are not actively fighting fires, they are busy conducting maintenance and repairs on equipment. Maintenance is work that is done regularly to keep a machine, building, or piece of equipment in good condition and working order.

Forest Firefighters, also called Wildland Firefighters, serve as crew members during fire break preparation. This involves removing hazards and brush, mowing and trimming.



- _____ assess
 - _____ brush
 - _____ prescribed burn
 - _____ fire suppression
 - _____ maintenance
 - _____ Wildland Firefighter
 - _____ fire break preparation
- A. Forest Firefighter
 - B. to contain or extinguish a fire
 - C. keeping equipment in working order
 - D. removing hazards and brush
 - E. controlled fire to burn dry brush
 - F. to monitor
 - G. low lying grass and bushes