

IT'S WILDFIRE SEASON AT THE NM TECH LIBRARY!

In collaboration with the New Mexico Museum of Natural History, the Library is pleased to present its first hanging exhibit, FIRE!, currently on display on the second floor of the Library through September 16th. This exhibit begins in the reading room with six models of forest regrowth after a catastrophic fire. The exhibit then introduces the themes of Change: the cycle of fire, Destroy: a catastrophic fire and Renew: prescribed fires, through 32 hanging panels of pictures and text

Monthly lectures have been scheduled to highlight this exhibit. The first lecture on 'A Triassic Wildfire' pointed out that through ancient ashes and burnt fossilized bone, an intense and fast-moving wildfires are not new to the land that is now New Mexico. The second lecture in this series, which is scheduled for June 16th, features Dr. Ondrea Hummel of the Army Corps of Engineers, Research Division. She will speak on "Balancing Fire Prevention with Habitat Needs": managing the Bosque situation to prevent fires, to protect people and to preserve habitat systems. The lecture is at 7pm in the Library's Tripp Room and is free to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

The current Library Lobby Exhibit, 'It's Wildfire Season!', will be on display from now through the end of the summer session, August 22nd. The exhibit is composed of fire fighting equipment and articles from the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, as well as materials from the Library Archives and General Collections.

This exhibit also highlights some of the library's collection from government documents on wildfire safety regarding personal issues, home, and thinking ahead about wildfire. A pamphlet that fire fighters use to determine the causes of wildfire is part of the display.

Equipment, such as a drip torch that is used in control burns and fire breaks, a fire axe known as a Pulaski, a fold-out fire tent for personal protection, a mobile radio unit, clothing, a piece of charred wood, and pictures of the Penasco Fire, in 2002 from the Skeen Collection are included in the exhibit.

The Library collection materials may not be checked out for the duration of the exhibit, but may be put on hold for immediate access after August 22rd.

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