



2003 - North Carolina Fire Prevention CD

The North Carolina Division of Forest Resources (DFR) has developed an educational CD-ROM to help schoolteachers and students understand the benefits of prescribed fire and the dangers of wildfire – and to learn how to prevent wildfires and better protect their homes. Funded by the National Fire Plan, the interactive training tool uses:

- video clips
- virtual reality graphics
- interactive exercises and tests
- internet links
- a glossary of wildland fire terms

This CD is an excellent tool for our increasingly urban youth population to learn about wildfire, prescribed fires, and fire prevention. It helps them understand that they are not isolated from their forests and the risks associated with them.



Training begins with a self-contained tutorial on the components of fire and proceeds to an introduction of “good” and “bad” fire. Video clips include a diverse spectrum of DFR personnel and common wildland/urban interface scenarios. The DFR and its partners will use the North Carolina Fire Prevention CD-ROM to:

1. expand on DFR’s wildland/urban interface and fire prevention school programs
2. build on community Firewise workshops
3. provide a innovative training tool for teachers in grades 4 through 6
4. educate children early enough to ensure that they have an accurate concept of the different aspects of fire, fire safety, fire prevention, and value of forest resources

DFR has distributed 10,000 CDs and workbooks, which are correlated to North Carolina’s standard course of curriculum. Two teacher development workshops have been completed to maximize the effectiveness of the fire prevention CD. The CD has also been incorporated at six Educational State Forests in the form of an interactive kiosk.

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