Campfire Safety Common Sense

This is a high-risk time for forest fires, and as we head into the summer, the chance of wildfires in many areas of the country is particularly high due to a lack of rain.

The threat of wildfires has been noted by the [National Interagency Fire Center](#) in a number of states around the country.

"Everyone in the woods can do their part by being careful with their campfires," said Mark Bice, Senior Real Estate and Acquisitions Manager for PotlatchDeltic, who works on company initiatives in the Southeast. "It's important to pay attention to your fire so it doesn't create a problem."

In areas where campfires are permitted, it's important to follow some common-sense steps as you decide where to put your campfire, build it, and monitor it. A [story](#) on the Active.Com website has a list of five things to think about that are worth remembering:

1. Look up and look around as you pick your campfire site, to make sure there are no bushes or low-hanging branches nearby.
2. Safety-proof your fire pit with a 5-foot perimeter of dirt around it.
3. Keep water and a shovel nearby in case you need to react after a wind gust or other unforeseen event causes the fire to spread beyond the pit.
4. Make sure someone is keeping an eye on the fire at all times.
5. Put the fire out before you go to sleep, with no exceptions.

"Many safety rules in the woods are just common sense, and with wildfires a major concern, it's important for people to pay attention to everything they are doing as they camp, hunt or do other activities," said Jim Lemieux, Senior Manager, Idaho Real Estate for PotlatchDeltic.

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