

Benefits of a Working Forest

Worksheet #1, 2006 May Moon Walk, Black Hills National Forest

Bring this completed worksheet with you to the May Moon Walk and show it to a Forest Service employee. Your name will be entered in a drawing for a free t-shirt the night of the Moon Walk.

A hidden message in this puzzle will be revealed after you cross out the words listed below.

Directions:

1. Look for the words in the puzzle.
2. Draw a line through the words when you find them.
3. Now look for the hidden message. Start on the upper left corner of the puzzle and read left to right. Use the letters NOT crossed out to form words.
4. Place these words in the blanks below to reveal the hidden message.

ELK
FUEL REDUCTION
GROUSE
HAND PILES
HARDWOOD RELEASE
HORSE CREEK FIRE
MCVEY FIRE
PRESCRIBED FIRE
SQUIRRELS

F	O	R	E	S	T	M	A	N	A	G	E	R	S	H	P
U	S	E	F	I	R	E	A	N	D	T	H	I	O	N	R
E	S	A	E	L	E	R	D	O	O	W	D	R	A	H	E
F	N	H	I	N	G	T	O	C	R	E	S	A	T	M	S
E	U	W	A	I	L	D	L	I	F	E	E	H	A	C	C
B	E	E	I	N	T	A	T	A	C	N	D	R	E	V	R
D	S	U	L	C	D	E	T	R	H	E	R	I	S	E	I
K	U	L	O	R	F	P	E	W	I	L	D	F	I	Y	B
R	O	E	E	S	E	E	I	S	E	Y	K	Z	U	F	E
T	R	Z	L	R	K	D	H	L	A	E	B	D	N	I	D
U	G	E	Z	F	R	S	U	J	E	F	D	W	H	R	F
P	S	Z	I	O	F	I	T	C	H	S	N	U	R	E	I
W	B	R	R	Y	O	S	U	W	T	D	A	M	E	H	R
A	E	G	M	I	A	D	E	Q	M	I	C	J	N	L	E
Q	L	O	S	Y	U	R	Z	S	S	P	O	O	Z	P	K
F	D	M	R	G	I	D	I	Q	H	W	N	N	L	R	T

What is the hidden message?

On your way to the Moon Walk look for signs of forest management. These include piles of branches and tree trunks (hand piles for fuel reduction), black grasses, shrubs, tree stumps and trunks (signs of old fires or recent prescribed burns), and pine trees recently cut and laying on the ground (hardwood release). You will drive through the 1939 McVey Fire and 1991 Horse Creek Fire. Recently, forest crews have used prescribed fire and thinning projects to create diverse grouse, elk and squirrel habitats.