

The Real Smokey Bear

Did you know that Smokey Bear was a real bear? In 1950, a cub was rescued during a wildfire in the Lincoln National Forest. He became a symbol for preventing unwanted wildfires. **DIRECTIONS:** Draw a line to connect each quote to the correct image.



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“There were many fire crews who worked on the Los Tablos and Capitan Gap Fires where Smokey Bear was found, including Tribal and Pueblo wildland fire crews and an Army Reserve crew.”

- Smokey Bear Historical Park Manager



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“Seeing my son buy his first firefighting boots was a milestone, because I know the importance of having a good pair of boots and because there are four generations of firefighting in our family.”

- Erica Enjady, Mescalero Apache Tribe



“My father, Jimmie, carved Smokey Bear figures using different stones and metals, including turquoise for the eyes and silver for the shovel. I started carving Smokey Bear figures as a tribute to my father.”

- Carlton Etsate, former Zuni carver