

# Naturally FireSmart

You never know when a fire can strike. But, if you're FireSmart, you have a better chance of saving your home, yard, outbuildings – even your family and yourself.

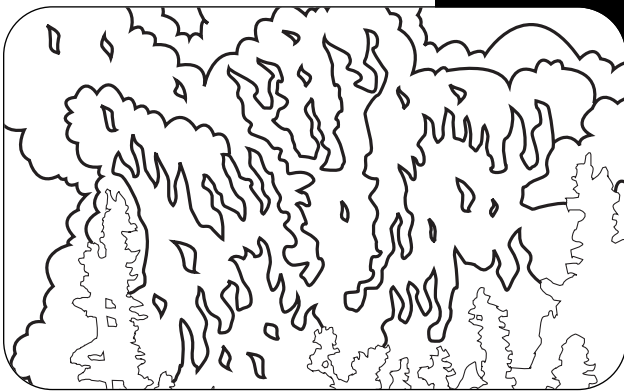
With awareness and responsible practices, we as individuals can make a difference by preventing fires from starting and protecting ourselves against fires. We can help to preserve and protect both our natural resources and our property.

Saskatchewan Environment has prepared this and other fact sheets as companion pieces to the FireSmart video series, which provides information on fire safety and helps you reduce the risks of wildfire to your property.

Fire can play a beneficial role or be a powerful enemy – treat it with respect.

## 1.

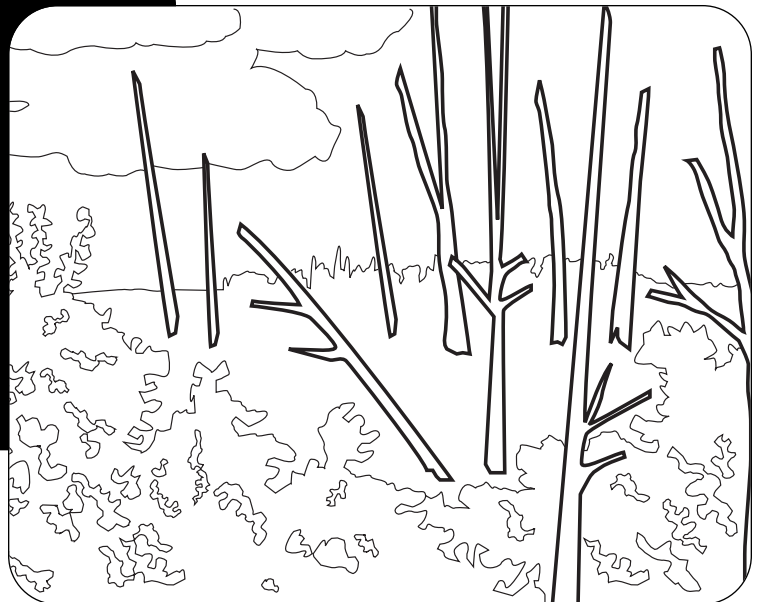
### Fire has an important role to play in the life-cycle of forests



- in boreal forests like Saskatchewan's, fire is the main shaper of the land
- fires occur every 50 to 100 years naturally

## 2. Natural fire has many benefits for the forest

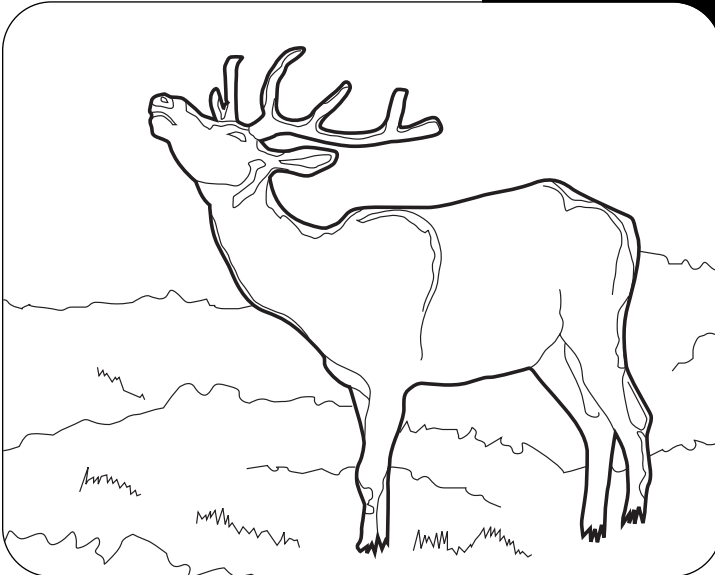
- removes diseased trees
- eliminates dangerous buildup of forest vegetation
- removes forest canopy so new growth is encouraged



### 3.

#### New forests attract an abundance of wildlife ... and people

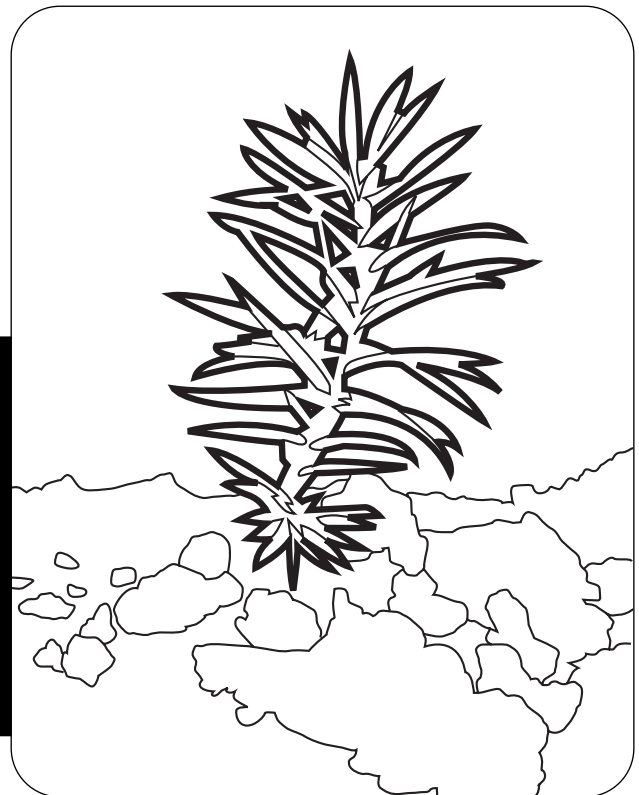
- lush new growth provides food and shelter for an abundance of wildlife
- you can enjoy viewing these animals and birds



### 4.

#### Sometimes being FireSmart means letting nature take its course

- fires play an important part in renewing forests



Remember, if your fire goes wild, you may be held liable to pay for damages. For tips on fire safety or reducing wildfire risks, visit [www.se.gov.sk.ca](http://www.se.gov.sk.ca) or contact your local Saskatchewan Environment office.

To report a wildfire, call Firewatch, toll-free at 1-800-667-9660.



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**Be prepared... don't let your fire go wild.**