FIRE IN THE FOREST

Fire in the forest can be bad...but sometimes it can be good.

Bad Fire

Wildfires - Fire in the forest that is out of control can harm people, homes, animals, and the forest.

Good Fire

Prescribed Fires - Fire in the forest that is in control by professionals can help the forest to stay healthy.

The main causes of **WILDFIRE** in Georgia's forests are:

- Careless Debris Burning - Wildfires can be started accidentally by people burning leaves, sticks, and other yard debris.
- Woods Arson - Wildfires can be started on purpose by people who want to destroy or damage property or buildings.

PRESCRIBED FIRE can:

- Help many plants reproduce and increase food for wild animals.
- Lessen the possibility of a wildfire by removing built up layers of dead leaves and forest material that could easily catch on fire.

Circle the scenes below that describe where a prescribed fire (good fire) has taken place:

A man sets a fire in the woods and then runs away.

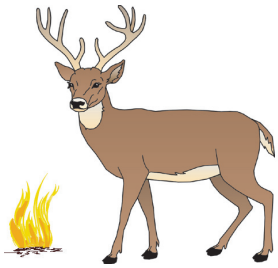
New plants and trees are reproducing.

A bunny finds his favorite food growing in the woods.

Animals flee to escape a huge raging fire blazing quickly through the forest.

A forester sets a fire in the woods and manages it closely.

Lightning strikes and a small fire burns itself out.



A deer sees a small, low burning fire and has time to easily leave the area for a few hours.

Lightning strikes and a large fire sweeps through the forest destroying everything in its path.

A woman burns a pile of dead leaves in her yard and a big wind makes the fire grow and become unmanageable.

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Answers: New plants and trees are reproducing, a bunny finds his favorite food growing in the woods, a forester sets a fire in the woods and manages it closely, lightning strikes and a small fire burns itself out, and a deer sees a small, low burning fire and has time to easily leave the area for a few hours.