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Compare Texts

Read about wildfire rescues.



To the Rescue

Wildfires are big fires that happen in open areas like forests. One **property** of a wildfire is that people have a hard time stopping them because they spread quickly. They can be caused by weather events like lightning or **droughts**, times when there isn't much rain. Hot, dry winds push the fires around.

Wildfires make many changes to the **Earth**. Some changes you see right away. Trees, crops, and other plants are burned. Other changes you see later on. Different plants might grow back.

People Rescues

Sometimes it is not safe for people to stay in their homes when a wildfire is nearby. Firefighters warn people about the fires.



If a fire gets too close, firefighters tell people that they need to leave their homes. Sometimes a fire can prevent people from driving away. Then firefighters might use a helicopter to fly people to safety.

Animal Rescues

Most animals know how to get away from fire by running, flying, or burrowing into the ground. Animals that are too young or injured might not escape. Rescuers help those animals get away. They might bring them to a wildlife **shelter**. People there treat animals that were hurt by the fire or smoke. Working together, people help others and animals stay safe from wildfires.



A rescuer named David Tree saved this koala named Sam.



Make Connections

How does the Earth change after a wildfire? **ESSENTIAL QUESTION**

How are the changes to the Earth caused by volcanoes and wildfires alike and different? **TEXT TO TEXT**

