

Fact: Fire does not destroy the land; Oklahoma's native plant communities are adapted to fire and require frequent fires to regenerate, control plant diseases, and reduce pest problems.

Fact: Because of the lack of prescribed fire, many important wildlife species are declining, such as Lesser Prairie-Chicken, Black-capped Vireo, Bobwhite Quail, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, and most of the prairie songbirds.

Fact: Oklahoma's vital livestock and forest products industry and the health of Oklahoma's ecosystems are compromised by fire suppression as the result of the infamous "Smokey Bear" advertising campaign.



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