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WELCOME

The 2020 wildfire season is over, but wildfires continue to burn across the world. Due to climate change, forest management, and human impact, wildfire seasons are increasingly becoming longer and more severe. We must collectively work to improve our forest management practices, address climate change, adapt our communities to fire, and prevent accidental wildfires.

We know that wildfires are not inherently bad. In fact, many landscapes are uniquely adapted to wildfires and require frequent fire activity for ecosystem health. However, we have seen the damage from megafires, notably in California, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, and Australia. To prevent such devastation and harm to our health and safety, we all need to take wildfire seriously. YOU can prevent the next megafire by properly burning your debris piles, drowning your campfire, and operating equipment.

Keep Montana Green is honored and grateful to announce new sponsors and funding partners in 2021. We are happy have received a \$6,320 award from the FM Global fire prevention grant program, as well as support by our new sustaining members, Weyerhaeuser Company and NorthWestern Energy. These contributions will help us design and distribute wildfire prevention education and outreach materials across the state. Lookout for future signs, posters, advertisements, and public service announcements!

Such support is crucial to spreading the wildfire prevention message across Montana. We need your help too! You can donate on our website, or help by shopping for the holidays on our merchandise store or by using AmazonSmile.

Last but not least, don't forget that the 60th Annual Wildfire Prevention Art Contest is live! Students can submit a piece of art to your regional DNRC land office by the deadline, February 26, 2021. To celebrate our 75th anniversary, we have doubled prize money for statewide winners, created 2nd and 3rd place overall positions, and created a NEW division! Check our website for additional rules and guidance.

From KMG, have a happy and safe holiday season!

MISSION

To promote public awareness of the danger of human caused wildfires on Montana's ecosystems, communities, and natural resources; and to enlist active support in fire prevention and protection efforts.



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FREE GIVEAWAY



To recruit more followers, we are conducting a free giveaway of Keep Montana Green merchandise! You could win a 75th anniversary hat, a KMG Nalgene water bottle, a 2021 Art Contest Calendar,

and two KMG stickers! All you have to do is follow us on our Instagram page @KeepMTGreenAssociation (if you don't already) and tag a friend in the comments of any of our posts. When we reach 100 followers, we will draw a winner at random and contact them via direct message. Tip: each friend tagged is another "raffle ticket," and there is no limit to how many friends you can tag!



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SHOP FOR THE HOLIDAYS AT OUR STORE

Shirts, sweatshirts, mugs, tote bags, hats, and more! You can find all kinds of KMG merchandise at our new store. Visit keepmontanagreen.logosoftwear.com to see what is currently available for purchase. And the best part? A portion of your purchases directly funds Keep Montana Green! Get yourself and your family some KMG swag today and wear it proudly!

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