



PREVENTION MESSAGE

For quad riders

The number of quad riders continues to rise. The Société de protection des forêts contre le feu (SOPFEU) therefore aims to make this clientele aware of forest fire risks.



A cigarette may leave an unpleasant surprise behind

a muffler also!

You want to smoke?

- ✓ Stop at a cleared area.
- ✓ Completely extinguish your cigarette before resuming your activities.

Section 138 of the Forest Act states:

"No person may smoke in or near the forest from 1 April to 15 November while working or travelling, except in a building or a closed vehicle."

Make sure your ATV's muffler is in good condition. Clean it regularly since a build-up of woody material can sometimes cause overheating and be the source of a fire.

Quad riders who are

well-informed...

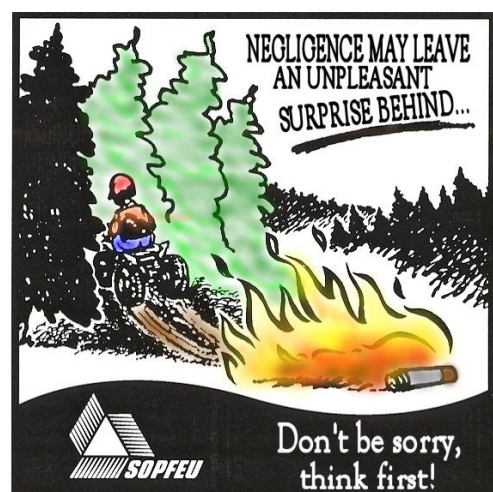
- ✓ Turn off the engine when stopping for extended periods of time;
- ✓ Make sure they have a fire extinguisher on hand (1 kg - Class ABC);
- ✓ Ask about the fire danger rating and, when this rating is high, travel on established trails (on mineral soil);
- ✓ Make campfires:
 - in a cleared area;
 - that are small;
 - that are watched over constantly, and completely extinguished before they leave the premises.

In the spring, it is important to be

very careful!

In the spring, before the new vegetation appears, a few hours of sun is enough to dry out grass or any other surface fuel. This also causes the surrounding forest to become extremely vulnerable to fire.

Don't be fooled by appearances! Cool temperatures and the presence of snow in certain areas are by no means a protection against carelessness!



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