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Forest fires! Everyone feels depressed when forests are burning. The weather causes of forest fires are dry, warm, windy days which dry out the forest floor permitting the igniting agency greater success. These fires occur mostly on warm days with temperatures above 50 degrees and relative humidities of less than 50 per cent. The time of greatest hazard is in the spring when the sun, due to lack of foliage, readily dries out the dead grass. Fires are often started by smokers. In fact, almost 30 per cent of the fires in New England during one five-year period were traceable to this cause.

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