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Fires and rain! As long ago as Aug. 1, 1638, an English sheriff forbade the burning of brush. He wanted good weather as the king was to pass that way, and the common belief at that time was that large fires started rain. Rain from such a cause is not without precedent and scientific support. If the air is moist enough and the fire big enough, this air will ascend and form clouds, and rain may fall. Clouds have been observed over forest fires, and rain fell, putting out the fire that started it.

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