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## Photographic evidence of impact of BBQ's and Campfires on the New Forest Crown Lands

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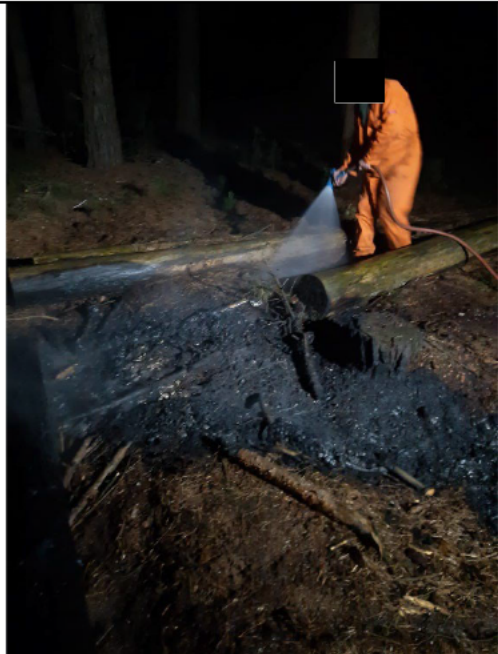
	Location	Date	Comments
	Bolderwood	July 2022	Campfire reported by public and attended and extinguished by FE staff. This is a very common occurrence whether a disposable BBQ or a small campfire for cooking or camping.
	Deerleap Inclosure	August 2022	Abandoned campfire that had spread into woodland litter layer. Attended by HFRS and FE staff. A further two fires of this nature were dealt with in this location during August 2022, both of which had spread further and been checked by woodland rides. Both required HFRS tenders and FE tractors to fully extinguish. All these fires were as a result of abandoned campfires that had burnt into the litter layer and spread into woodland.

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		Dibden Inclosure	August 2022	This picture show an abandoned campfire that had spread into the litter layer and burnt into the ground. This required attendance with a FE bowser to fully dig out and extinguish.
		Fawley Inclosure	August 2022	This picture shows some of the extent of a wildfire caused by an abandoned campfire in Fawley Inclosure. This had burnt into the ground and re-ignited causing a wildfire. The wildfire was attended by HFRS and FE and considerable resources were employed in fully extinguishing due to its deep seated nature.
		Fawley Inclosure	August 2022	This picture shows the aftermath of a Wildfire this time the cause was thought to be deliberate/ arson. This fire took significant resources from both HFRS and FE to bring under control and to damp

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			<p>down fully. Any BBQ or campfire used in the vegetation types we have in the New Forest during spring or summer and increasingly Autumn could lead to this outcome.</p>	
		<p>Fawley Inclosure</p>	<p>July 2022</p>	<p>This picture shows FE Response Officer dealing with an unattended campfire that had burnt into the ground.</p>




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	<p>Kings Hat/ Ipley Crossroads - Open Forest</p>	<p>Aug 2022</p>	<p>This picture shows FE Staff and HFRS extinguishing a wildfire on the open forest caused by a discarded campfire. This was fortunately spotted by an FE member of staff and called in before the wildfire developed. In the background the contiguous heathland vegetation and conifer plantation and the wind direction shows this incident could have been very significant had it not been spotted and tackled quickly. 100yds behind the fire appliance is a dwelling.</p>
	<p>Martins Road, Brockenhurst</p>	<p>July 2022</p>	<p>This picture shows that even those who think they are being responsible when lighting a campfire can cause damage to the SAC/SSSI by removing acid grassland turf.</p>

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	<p>Oakley CP, Burley</p>	<p>August 2022</p>	<p>This picture shows a smouldering fire that was as a result of a campfire and BBQ. This was extinguished by an FE Ranger.</p>
	<p>Markash Wood, Bolderwood Drive</p>	<p>April 2018</p>	<p>This shows a badly burnt ancient Beech tree in the ancient and ornamental pasture woodland. Even in locations where vegetation is deemed not to be a high risk of fire significant damage can occur. Notwithstanding the ecological impact this ancient tree is now a hazard to those members of the public using the track and needed action to make safe.</p>

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	<p>Dibden Inclosure</p>	<p>July 2020</p>	<p>Picture from FE Rangers dashcam showing Youths with a fire lit in high fire risk conditions near to flammable vegetation. This fire was dealt with by FE Ranger and extinguished.</p>
	<p>Denny Lodge Inclosure</p>	<p>August 2022</p>	<p>This is a fire found by the FE Ranger whilst on their way to another fire in Fawley. The smoke was spotted from Matley Ridge. On finding and investigating the fire was as a result of an abandoned camp with a disposable BBQ the ignition point. It had obviously burned into the litter layer then ignited the deep litter in a drainage ditch. This fire was extinguished by FE staff with 2 x Tractors and Bowsers and 4 staff. It took 5 hours. This was in predominately broadleaved</p>
			

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			<p>plantation but the fire was spreading to much more flammable coniferous trees and scrub which could have resulted in a much more significant fire.</p>
	Alum Green	August 2022	<p>This was an abandoned campfire started by a group of mid 20's males. It had burnt into the ground and was extinguished and broken bottles and litter removed by the FE Duty Officer.</p>