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*******MEDIA ADVISORY*******

We are all responsible for preventing wildfires. Drivers should take a few extra precautions to prevent roadside fires from igniting,” “It can be as simple as ensuring you’re not parking around or on top of dry vegetation. Low humidity, high winds and hot temperatures are a dangerous combination that can lead to the rapid spread of wildfires. More than 50 percent of wildfires in Nevada are caused by humans.

Here is a few vehicle safety tips:

- Don’t drive your vehicle onto dry grass or brush. Hot exhaust pipes and mufflers can start fires that you won’t even see-until it’s too late.
- Never throw a lighted cigarette out of a vehicle.
- When pulling a trailer, attach safety chains securely; loose chains can drag on the pavement and cause sparks, igniting roadside fires.
- Look behind you before driving away from fire-sensitive locations such as areas with tall grass or campsites to check for signs of a developing fire
- Observe “Red Flag” fire weather warnings. These warnings are issued when weather conditions are conducive to the easy start and rapid spread of wildfires.
- Carry a fire extinguisher in your vehicle and learn how to use it.
- Maintain proper tire pressure. Driving on exposed wheel rims will throw sparks.
- Properly maintain your vehicle’s brakes. Brakes worn too thin may cause metal to metal contact, which can cause a spark

The **Nevada Division of Forestry** is a division within the **Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**. The Division coordinates and manages all forestry, nursery, endangered plant species and watershed resource activities on certain public and private lands. The Division provides protection of life, property and natural resources through fire suppression, prevention programs and provides other emergency services as required.

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