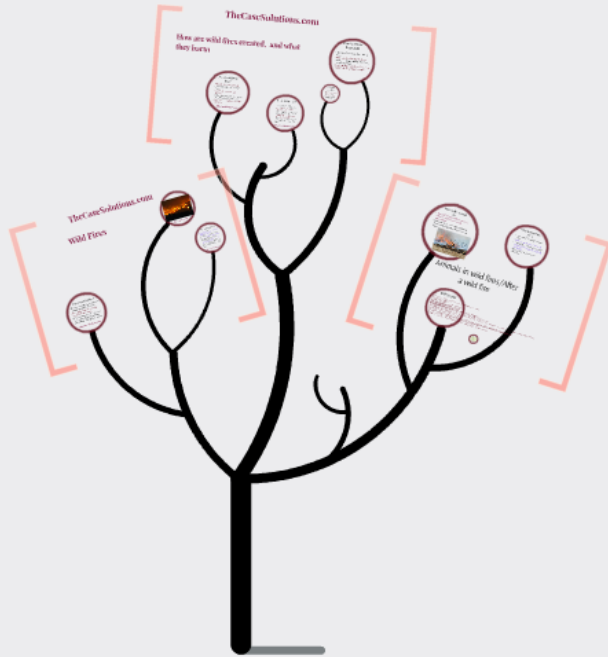


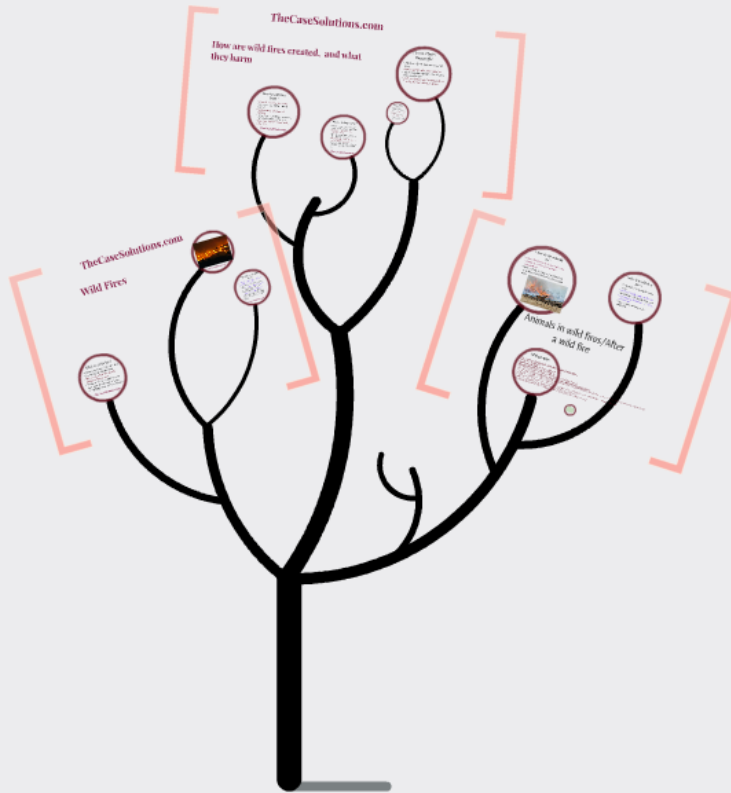
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- They can be either be naturally caused or human made.
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How serious are wild fires?

- Wild fires can move up to speeds of 25 kilometers per hour.
- 3 conditions are needed for a fire to burn: fuel, oxygen and a heat source.
- Fuel is any flammable material surrounding a fire, air supplies the oxygen the fire needs, and heat sources help spark the fire and bring fuel to temperatures hot enough to ignite.

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How are wild fires created, and what they harm

How do wild fires begin?

- Most wild fires are human made
- Some fires could still be naturally caused
- Natural causes: volcanoes and lightning
- Human causes: unattended campfires, discarded cigarettes, and arsons
- Arsons are people who intentionally cause fires

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Where do they occur?

- Wild fires can occur anywhere, but most common in the U.S and Canada
- About 8000 wild fires occur in Canada each year
- British Columbia, Quebec, Yukon and the Northwest Territories
- Wild fires burn more than 4-5 million acres of the U.S each year
- Montana, Washington, Colorado and California experience the most wild fires

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How it affects the people

- Wild fires affect human lives in several ways
- Adults lose their jobs, due to wild fires
- Adults or children could lose their family, friends and homes
- Health problems from the smoke and ash from the fire have effects on people

How it affects the environment?

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