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Dear Educator:

I would like to introduce you to our new and exciting online interactive wildfire prevention program. The web address for this site is www.virginiawildfireprevention.com. This program is designed for 4th through 6th grades to educate students on the good and bad effects of fire in Virginia's forests. This educational program has several interactive games and videos that allow students to have fun while they learn about fire in Virginia's forests. The program is very informative, easy to use and, is correlated to Virginia's State Standards.

A downloadable teacher's guide that follows along with each activity is available under the teacher resource section. The program can be completed at one time or in sections and students can log back in at a later date to finish portions of the program. The teacher login screen allows teachers to see how their students rated on the pre and post test and which stages of the program their students have completed. This program can also be a good educational tool for last minute substitute teachers or for filling small gaps of time before or after tests.

Please take a moment to review the outline of the program materials located in the teacher's packet. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact your local Forestry Office or our Wildfire Prevention and Education coordinator Fred Turck at fred.turck@dof.virginia.gov.

We hope you and your students enjoy the program as much as we did putting it together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carl E. Garrison III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a stylized "III" at the end.

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Mission: We Protect and Develop Healthy, Sustainable Forest Resources for Virginians.