

# **Fire Quiz in Colorado**

Do you think you know about Colorado's fire history? Are you interested in learning a few facts about Colorado's history and reasons behind the major fires that have happened in Colorado? Try answering these short 5 questions and see if you really know about Colorado's past. The answers will be *italicized on the second page*.

1) What did mega-fires become a real threat in Colorado?

- a) 1900- once fires started to be contained.
- b) The creation of Earth
- c) 2012 when large fires struck Colorado across the state.
- d) 2002 when large fires occurred due to prolonged drought.

2) What are the reasons for mega-fires in Colorado?

- a) The creation of forest service who put out all fires as soon as possible and wouldn't allow them to grow.
- b) Continued warming temperatures including drought and increased average temperature.
- c) Population moving into areas which had high fire regimes.
- d) Pine Beetles drying out all of the trees.
- e) a, b, and c.
- f) All of the above.

3) What year was the Hayman Fire, the largest fire in Colorado and how large was it?

- a) 2002, 137,760 acres.
- b) 2012, 154,489 acres
- c) 1932, 200,203 acres
- d) 2002, 127,690 acres

4) This question will be a short answer question. What were the 5 largest fires in Colorado history?

### *Answers*

1) *D*

2) *E*

3) *A*

4) *The Hayman fire in Pine county was the largest. (2002) The second largest was the High Park Fire near Fort Collins (2012). This Missionary Ridge fire near Durango was the third largest (2002). The Last Chance Grassland fire in Eastern Colorado was the 4th largest (2012). The Trinidad Complex fire was the fifth largest (2002).*