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Who or What Am I Answer Key

1. I burn in forests, on prairies, or over large natural areas. I have both advantages and disadvantages. I am usually started by lightning or human carelessness. What am I?

■ Wildfires

2. I am a little bird that lives only in coastal sage scrub areas. In coastal southern California, my friends and I have lost 80 percent of our habitat due to new homes and commerce. Who am I?

■ California gnatcatcher

3. I'm a character drawn on posters asking people to help prevent forest fires. I dress in a Ranger's hat and blue jeans. In 1950, people gave my name to the tiny and burned bear cub which survived the terrible fire on the Lincoln National Forest in New Mexico. Who am I?

■ Smokey (Bear)

4. We mostly live in the central and southern pacific coastline of California. While we have adapted to hot temperature over 90° F during the dry summer, we are not tolerant to frost. Our heights are usually less than 2 meters. What are we?

■ Coastal Sage Scrub

5. Here are True/False questions about fire safety tips. Well... is it true or is it not?

- You should call the fire department before you have left the house. ■ False. You should call the fire department AFTER you have left the house.

- If your clothing catches on fire, you should run. ■ False. Instead of running, we should stop, drop, and roll. Additionally, make sure you call for help!