88.15 CAMPFIRES.

Subdivision 1. **Extinguishment.** Any forest officer, conservation officer, or other peace officer who finds that any person has left a campfire burning shall take measures to extinguish the fire and take action against the person or persons responsible for leaving the campfire burning.

Subd. 2. **Not to be left burning.** (a) Every person who starts or maintains a campfire shall:

(1) exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the campfire from spreading;

(2) before lighting the campfire, clear the ground of all combustible material five feet from the base of the campfire;

(3) remain with the campfire at all times; and

(4) before leaving the site, completely extinguish the campfire.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "maintains" means tending or adding substantial fuel to a campfire with the effect of extending the life of the campfire.

History: *(4031-20, 4031-21) 1925 c 407 s 20,21; 1929 c 261 s 1; 1981 c 37 s 2; 1986 c 444; 1993 c 328 s 23; 2008 c 357 s 20*