

Episode 57DHXXHb September 11 2025 8 Cartoons about US Wildfire Fighters to mask up after decades long ban **Cartoon 1 of 8** US Wildfire Fighters to mask up after decades long ban Cell 1 The Forest Service posted new guidance on Monday acknowledging for the first time Cell 2 that masks can protect firefighters against harmful particles in wildfire smoke Cell 3 reversing a decades-long ban Cell 4 that exposed workers to toxins known to cause cancer and other serious diseases

Cartoon 2 of 8 US Wildfire Fighters to mask up after decades long ban Cell 1 The move is part of a flurry of safety improvements in recent weeks Cell 2 as the government faces increasing pressure to aid firefighters Cell 3 For years, the Forest Service had barred workers from wearing masks Cell 4 arguing that they were too cumbersome for the job.

Cartoon 3 of 8 US Wildfire Fighters to mask up after decades long ban Cell 1 But current and former officials have said the agency did not want to deal with the potentially costly consequences Cell 2 of admitting the long-term dangers of smoke exposure. Cell 3 In an about-face, the agency now says it has stockpiled some 80,000 N95 masks Cell 4 and will include them in the standard set of equipment for all large fires.

Cartoon 4 of 8 US Wildfire Fighters to mask up after decades long ban Cell 1 The Forest Service is encouraging firefighters to mask up Cell 2 and even suggesting that they shave their facial hair for a better fit. Cell 3 Previously, the firefighters were only allowed to wear bandannas, Cell 4 which offer no protection against toxins.

Cartoon 5 of 8 US Wildfire Fighters to mask up after decades long ban Cell 1 This is going to make a huge difference in protecting the health of people, Cell 2 said the director of a nonprofit group of firefighters united Cell 3 As climate change makes fire season longer and more intense, Cell 4 firefighters are spending more time in smoke.

Cartoon 6 of 8 US Wildfire Fighters to mask up after decades long ban Cell 1 Many US Wildfire fighters are developing cancer or lung disease at young ages Cell 2 and some are dying. Cell 3 The Forest Service, which employs the largest share of the country's 40,000 wildland firefighters, Cell 4 has come under intense scrutiny by Congress

Cartoon 7 of 8 US Wildfire Fighters to mask up after decades long ban Cell 1 Lawmakers have begun crafting safety legislation Cell 2 and sent the agency multiple rebuking letters Cell 3 One letter asked why the agency had continued to ignore calls to give workers masks, Cell 4 a recommendation that researchers have been making to Forest Service since at least 1997.

Cartoon 8 of 8 US Wildfire Fighters to mask up after decades long ban Cell 1 The Forest Service chief was summoned to a House oversight hearing on Tuesday. Cell 2 Members of the Federal Lands subcommittee Cell 3 grilled him about what he was doing to protect firefighters. Cell 4 One representative pressed the Forest Service Chief to inform workers that smoke can cause long-term illness.