

THE QUALITY OF LIFE

Dramaturgy

WHAT IS DRAMATURGY?

Dramaturgy is the practice of asking and answering questions about the script to find connections to the world we live in. A dramaturg on a creative team works to help enrich the development of a production by providing context to the artists regarding history, politics, culture, current events, literature, and other media.

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WHY STATEMENT

This show was chosen as a part of our 85th Season, but unfortunately did not make it to the stage due to the Covid closure. When considering shows to reopen the theater with, we were called to other stories that spoke more directly to what we were experiencing at the time OR that we simply knew would make us laugh. We knew that we needed to be thoughtful about when we could bring this show back to the stage. While we were not able to bring back the entire cast and crew to the production after 3 years, we are happy to say that the directing team of Scott Hernandez and Alex Frankel, as well as several of the actors will be returning to the production to help us tell this story that reminds us that there is no “right way” to experience grief and launches a beautiful discussion from contrasting perspectives about how to cope with life’s most challenging questions."

JANE ANDERSON

- College Dropout
- New York Actress
- Writer for Film, TV, and Theatre
- Quality of Life
 - Geffen Playhouse 2007

CHRISTIANITY AND RELIGION

- Tenets of Christianity:
 - Use of intoxicants (Proverbs 31:4-7)
 - Spreading the Gospel (Matthew 28:19-20)
 - Ten Commandments (Exodus 20)
 - Using the Lord's name in vain
 - God gives us challenges (Job 40)
 - Value of Life (Deuteronomy 30:19)
 - Saved by faith/works
- Pentecostal Denomination
- Agnosticism

FOREST FIRE ECOLOGY

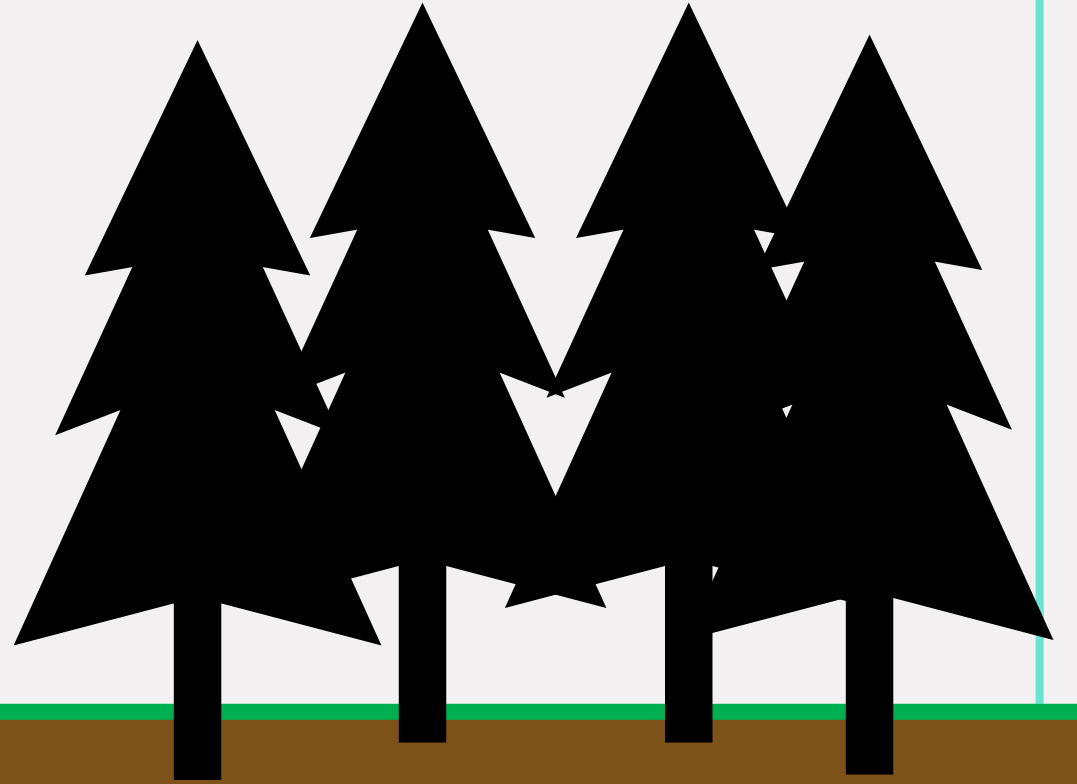


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How does a fire spread?

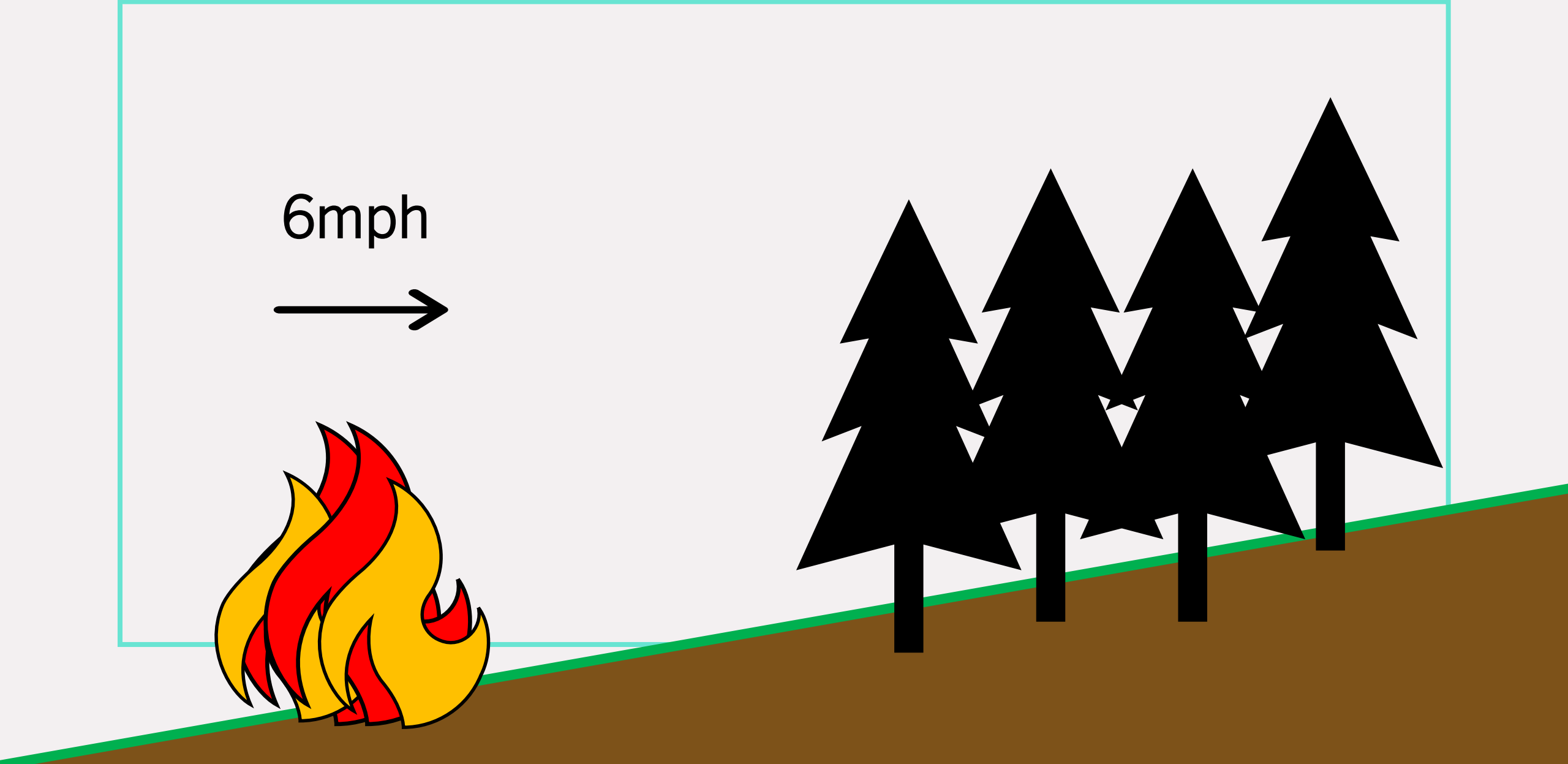
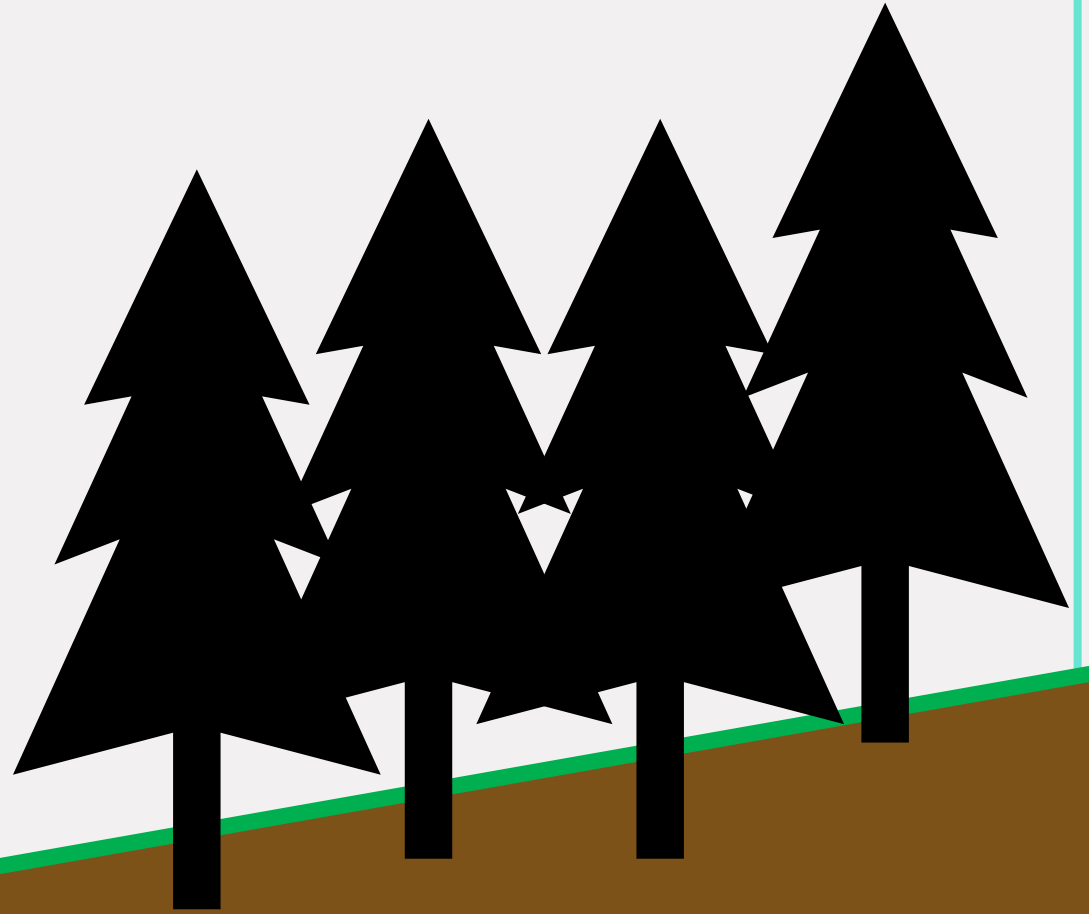
0° slope gradient

3mph



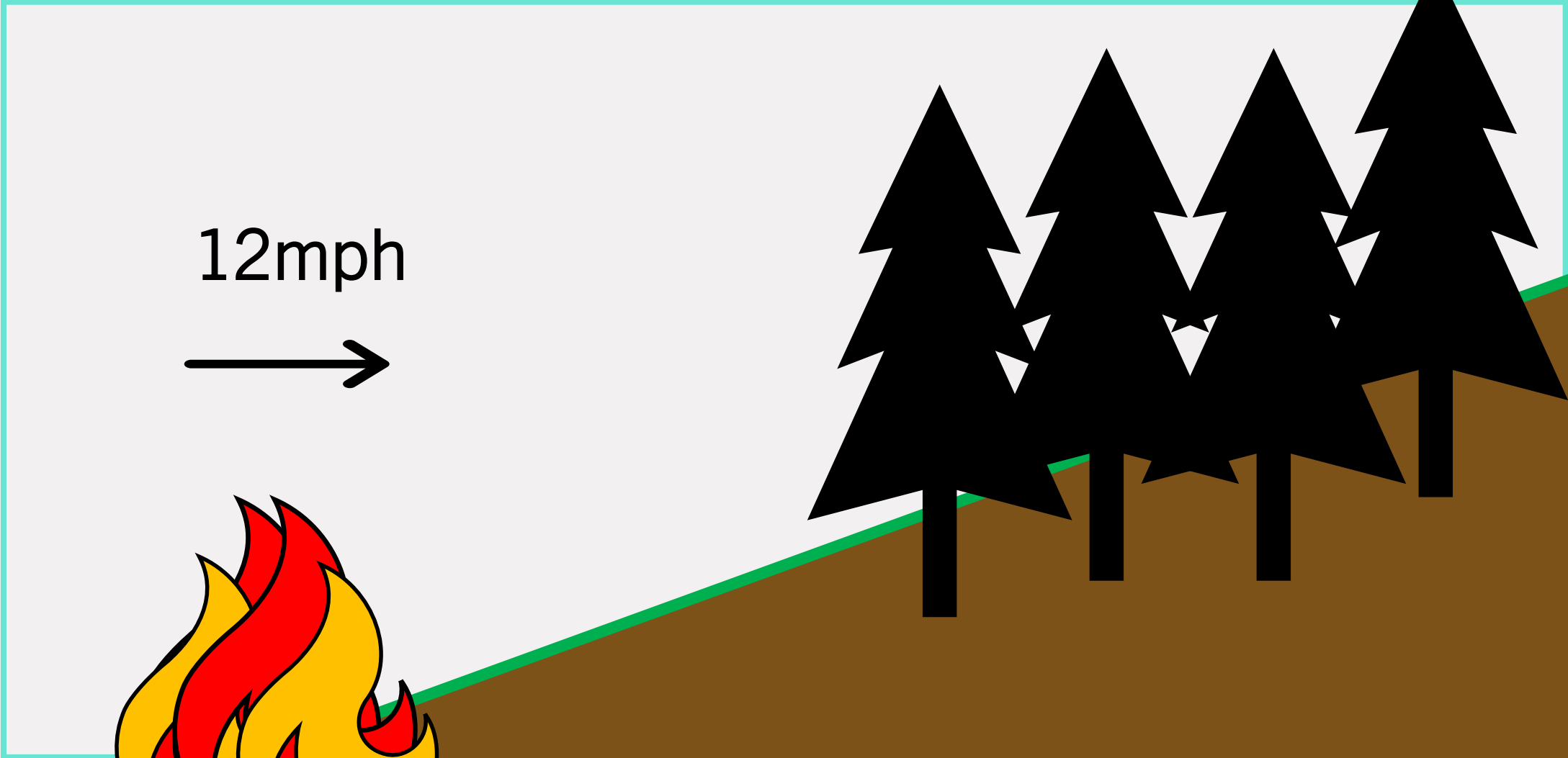
10° slope gradient

6mph



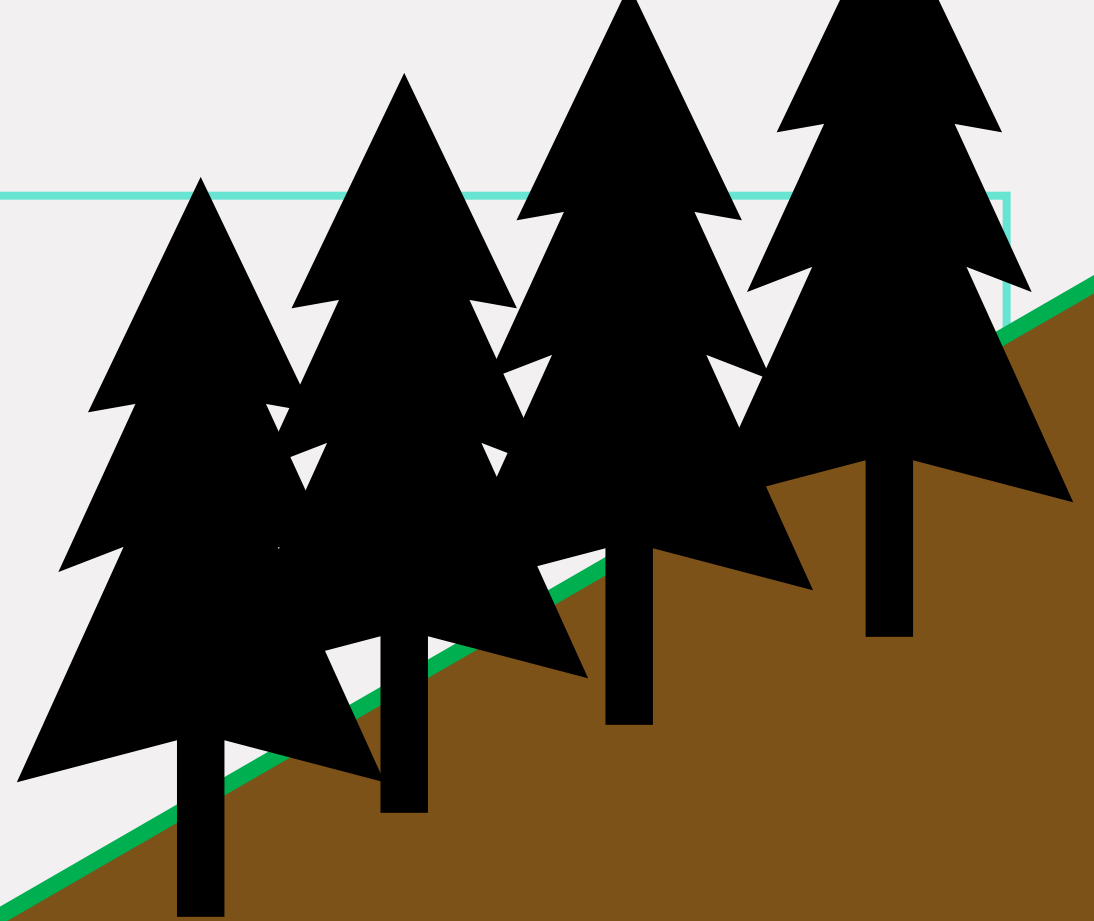
20° slope gradient

12mph



30° slope gradient

24mph



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EFFECTS OF WILDFIRE DESTRUCTION

- 17 million acres destroyed in the United States 2020 and 2021.
- California is the state with the most wildfire damage in the country.
 - 2018-2022, 83 wildfires that resulted in death, serious injury, and/or property damage
 - 8.7 million acres burned (Reno, for comparison, has an area of 71,000 acres)
 - [Current fire reports](#)



RETURN TO MAUI



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YURT PICS







EFFECTS OF MARIJUANA

- Heightened sensory perception
- Altered sense of time
- Impaired body movement
- Changes in mood
- Impaired memory
- Impaired thinking and problem-solving
- Hallucination and delusions (in high doses)

EFFECTS OF MARIJUANA

- Marijuana vaporizers
 - THC reaches bloodstream more quickly
 - Peaks at 30 minutes
 - Effects wear off in 1-3 hours

SIDE EFFECTS OF CHEMOTHERAPY

- Fatigue
- Nausea and vomiting
- Constipation or diarrhea
- Hair loss
- Mouth sores
- Changes to the blood
- Numbness in hands or feet
- Changes in hearing
- Changes in sexuality and fertility
- Memory changes

EUTHANASIA

- Euthanasia is the practice of ending the life of a patient to limit the patient's suffering.
- Different practices of Euthanasia:
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- 17 to 45% of terminally ill patients expressed desire for hastened death
- Psychological and social factors > physical factors
 - comorbid depression, hopelessness, loss of dignity, and the impact of spiritual beliefs
 - functional status and the level of pain/ pain control

EUTHANASIA – DEATH WITH DIGNITY

Ann Duncan Keller and Laura Johannes

LOSING A CHILD

- Intense response due to:
 - Love for the unique child who has died
 - Special intimacy and strength of parent-child bond
 - Social stigma associated with child death
 - Isolation and loss of social support that follows such deaths
 - Challenge to parental identity as competent protector, provider, and nurturer
 - Existential crisis of finding meaning in life without parenting a child
- Leslie's Story