Forest composition as predictive variable of forest fires

Abstract

In this study, the The effect of dryness and fire onat the composition of forests was considered.considered, in this study. Forest sampling was carried out in central California, which over the last few years has seenseen, a great number quantity of wildfires. Areas with and without awithout history of forest fires were selected, and their composition was carefully studied studied carefully. The results showedshowed, that forest heterogeneity differed greatly between forestsforest that were and were not impacted by fires. Fire intensity significantly affected variables such as tree density, species diversity, diversity and the spread of unburned patches. <u>AlthoughWhile</u> fire intensity had a huge impact on the severity of each of these, even relatively small fires showed that there were dramatic effects on heterogenity. Future research should investigate the predictive character of different composition characteristics. Studies have found that forest fires have a cyclical character, meaning that if a forest has a history of fires, it is more likely to become flammable again. They can be used used forest composition characteristics to assess the history and also the susceptibility to the fire fire susceptibility of forests. California is a classic example area and oneone that is worth studying.to study.

Background

Forest fires are a very serious problem around the world, leading to thousandsconcern worldwide, lead thousand of <u>deaths.people to death</u>. Many governments have brushed off the severity of forest fires over the years, but adequate precautions can be used <u>to</u> <u>preventfor the prevention of</u> them. Successive <u>Five-YearFive Year</u> Plans have provided funds for forest fighting. During the British period, fire was prevented in the summer <u>by</u> <u>removingthrough removal of</u> forest <u>litterlitter all</u> along the forest boundary. <u>ThisThis,</u> was <u>called thecalled</u> "Forest Fire Line". <u>TheseThis lines arelines</u> used <u>to prevent fires</u> from enteringfor the prevention of fire breaking into the forest from one compartment to another. The collected litter was burnt <u>inat</u> isolation. Generally, the fire <u>spreadsspread</u> only if there <u>is a continuousis</u> supply of fuel that is continuous (Dry vegetation) along <u>thethe paths of the</u> fire <u>spread paths.spread</u>. This phenomenon has been widely exploited by scientists. The best way to control a <u>forestforrest</u> fire <u>isis</u>, therdefore, to prevent it from spreading, which can be done by creating <u>firebreaksfirebreak</u> in the shape of small clearings of ditches in the forests. This is now knowledge that is not widely known, which is worth to point out in this paper.