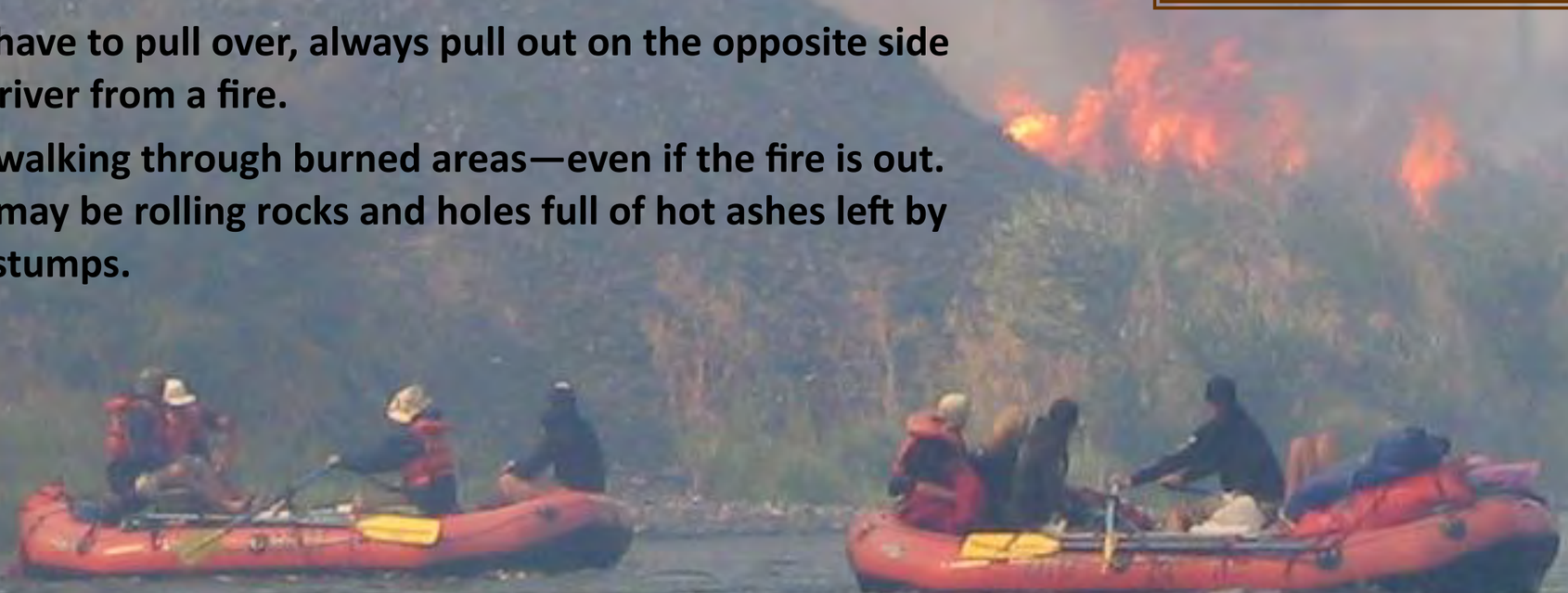
Wildfire on the Lower Deschutes River

- Call **9-1-1** when you have cell phone coverage.
- Don't fight a fire yourself.
- Follow all directions of emergency personnel.
- River Rangers may shut down the river—observe firefighters from a distance and stay away from helicopters dipping buckets in the river.
- Watch out for other boats busy watching the fire and not you.
- If you have to pull over, always pull out on the opposite side of the river from a fire.
- Avoid walking through burned areas—even if the fire is out. There may be rolling rocks and holes full of hot ashes left by burnt stumps.

Did you know?

Helicopters can use buckets to drop water on a wildfire. Depending on their size and the capacity of the helicopter, buckets can carry between 70—2500 gallons of water. If you're in the path of the drop you can be hit by 575—16,000 pounds of water!!! The smallest bucket can cause serious injury...a hit from the largest can easily be fatal. Please stay away from firefighting operations and take your photos from a distance!



Our number 1 goal is promoting safety – for all of our visitors and our recreation and firefighting staff. The river canyons have limited access, very light, grassy fuels, and steep slopes that allow wildfires to spread quickly. Please help us keep you and the river safe—follow all fire restrictions!