

## ILLEGAL BURNING CAUSES CONCERN

PLUMMER – The Coeur d’Alene Tribal Police Department is asking for help in solving a series of illegal burns on the Trail of the Coeur d’Alenes.

“Illegal fires are becoming more common on the trail,” said Coeur d’Alene Tribal Police Chief Keith Hutcheson. “We’re concerned that these fires will spread to the homes nearby and cause serious damage.”

Evidence of the most recent fire was discovered Tuesday morning around 9 a.m. near milepost 12 of the trail. Police found several beer cans and garbage around the burn site.

The fire damaged a newly paved portion of the trail, which is near Coeur d’Alene Lake. The repair costs to the trail are estimated at \$2,000.

Police said there have been at least five fires on the trail this year and Hutcheson said they have no suspects.

“We need the public’s help in solving these cases,” Hutcheson said. “The damage to the trail hurts bikers, walkers, and runners because the fires are being set right in the middle of the trail.”

The Trail of the Coeur d’Alenes is a 72-mile trail following the Union Pacific Railway line from Plummer to Mullan, near the Montana border.

If anyone information about these fires please contact tribal police at 686-2050.