



Smokey Bear, Bing Crosby

1950, Radio, English

Sons of Pioneers: [Singing]
Smokey the Bear, Smokey the Bear.

Smokey: Hello there folks. This is Smokey, the forest fire preventin' bear. Those singing friends of mine, The Sons of the Pioneers, have a song for ya. But first, how about joining us in a little visit to a big star. Today, it's Bing Crosby. Gee Bing, this is a swell hunting lodge you have here in Elko, Nevada; but after all, you are one of America's best known sportsman and a wonderful entertainer.

Bing: All right Smokey, you can stop pullin' my leg. I'll talk about forest fire prevention and I'll do it willingly too. You know, I like to hunt and fish and so do millions of my fellow Americans. And I think that those of us who use rod and gun, we get so much physical and spiritual enjoyment from the forest that we have a special reason, a special responsibility to keep them free from wildfire. Fires don't burn just trees, you know, they destroy the nests of birds, they kill wildlife, they burn up good hunting areas, and they ruin fishin' streams for years and years to come. So, let's watch our matches and smokes and our campfires. Let's be careful with fire in our forests. Well, there's my message Smokey. I want to tell you somthin' too; it's right from the heart.

Smokey: Thank you Mr. Bing Crosby. And if folks will just take it to their hearts, we'll have less carelessness and less forest fires. It'll be like old times maybe when great herds of buffalo roam Nevada country.

Sons of Pioneers: [Singing]
Buffalo Buffalo
Buffalo Buffalo
They're gone from the plains of Montana (Buffalo Buffalo)
There's none left in old Idaho (Buffalo Buffalo)
No longer their thunder
Just bleached bones lie under the snow (Buffalo Buffalo)
The Buffalo (Buffalo Buffalo)

The great shaggy herds fed the Indians (Buffalo Buffalo)
From the Sioux down to Old Mexico (Buffalo Buffalo)
Now prairie winds sighin'
Tell of the diein', they know (Buffalo Buffalo)
The Buffalo (Buffalo Buffalo)

Many a humpback bull felt the arrows sting
Winchesters blazed away to down the prairie king
Where is the thrill of the rumbling? (Buffalo Buffalo)
Of ten million hooves pounding low (Buffalo Buffalo)
A few lines of history



Smokey Bear, Bing Crosby

1950, Radio, English

Will tell of the mystery, They're gone (Buffalo Buffalo)
The Buffalo (Buffalo Buffalo)
Buffalo Buffalo
Buffalo Buffalo

Smokey:

Well, that's it for now folks. Thanks a lot for spending this time with us. You know, it's your own State Forestry Department, along with the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and this station you're listening to that make these get-togethers possible. Until we say hello there again, and pay another little visit to another big star, this is Smokey and his pals, The Sons of the Pioneers asking you to always remember; only you can prevent forest and woods fires.

Sons of Pioneers:

[Singing]
Smokey the Bear, Smokey the Bear,
Prowlin' and a growlin' and a sniffin' the air.
He can find a fire before it starts to flame.
That's why they call him Smokey,
That was how he his name.

[Music playing]

[End of Audio]

Duration: 5 minutes