

Rehab work under way as emphasis shifts after Biscuit Fire

By SHERRI HOPPER

The trailhead at Babyfoot Lake is quiet, but tells a dramatic story about the effects of the massive Biscuit Fire that roared through the area more than a month ago.

All that remains of the outhouse is a concrete pad littered with bits of metal and nails.

Browned-out trees that were unburned, but whose foliage was blown back and baked into place, testify to the force of the blaze as it made its run. Trees that felt the full effect of the fire look like giant matchsticks stuck in the ash-covered ground.

Trees have fallen here and there, some across the trail. Also there are the signs of natural recovery. At the base of blackened manzanita, new growth already has started. The same with the oaks, as well as patches of bear grass, ferns, and other plant species.

All of these aspects have been considered by the Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) team during the past weeks. Even before the Friday, Sept. 6 date of full containment, rehabilitation efforts had begun in two separate disciplines.

The suppression rehabilitation efforts to address the 405 miles of containment lines established during the fire began weeks ago. That number includes secondary lines, as well as line that was constructed and then overwhelmed during the initial phases of the fire fight.

Suppression rehabilitation also includes rehabilitation of safety areas established to provide firefighters with a haven during the fire-fighting effort, as well as rehabilitation of the fire camp areas.

The fire containment lines cover a perimeter of more than 300 miles, with approximately 130 miles in Zone 1, the zone closest to Illinois Valley.

At one point during the Biscuit Fire, the entire valley of some 15,000 persons was on a 30-minute evacuation notice. The order was not given, but many left voluntarily because of health and personal reasons.

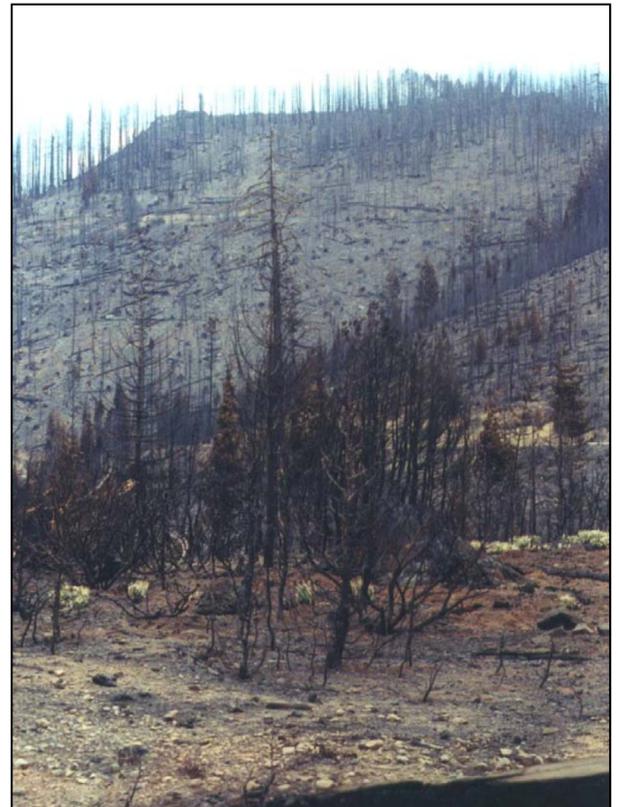
The Biscuit Fire cost approximately \$142 million to contain, and 2,000 fire personnel are still working on various efforts. The wildfire of 500,000 acres was the largest in the nation, and was recognized as the fire demanding the most resources of any other. It was one of the largest conflagrations in the recorded history of Oregon.

When the race to build containment lines was in full tilt, miles of line were established using hand crews, bulldozers and even explosives. And while the use of explosives sounds as though it would have the most effect on the land, the lines made with explosives size up with lines done with hand tools.

Still there is a lot of work to be done, such as piling the slash made as dozers pushed through to create a defensible space between the fire and the valley.



(Clockwise, from top left) BAER team leader Jon Brazier (at right) points out new shoots in the Biscuit Fire interior to an AP reporter; close-up view of a fiddlehead fern growing in the burned area, a month after the fire raged; a view of the more-intensely burned area in the Eight Dollar Road area; Type II crews, from Kentucky and Georgia, doing rehabilitation work on containment lines near Spalding Pond. (Photos by Sherri Hopper)



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Morning Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
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