

# Teams assess forest damage in wake of fire

## After Grizzly Bear fire, silting danger slight, little concern about wildlife survival, scientists say

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Wallowa County Chieftain

The Grizzly Bear fire continues to crackle over 82,569 acres in the Wenaha-Toucanon Wilderness area, but hydrologists, soil scientists and wildlife biologists are already on the ground assessing the damage.

A group of scientists from varying backgrounds is assembled to create a Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) team, said Joani Bosworth, public affairs officer for the Umatilla National Forest.

No timber salvage of any kind is done in wilderness ar-

reas, but the BAER team does analyze the impacts to the land and looks for areas vulnerable to washout that may silt streams and rivers and endanger fish.

So far, the silting danger is slight, said Jim Archuleta, forest soil scientist for the Umatilla Forest and BAER coordinator.

"We did an erosion analysis and came up with some low numbers based on the topography of the area - the areas that are really steep already don't have soil on them," he said.

Joy Archuleta, forest hydrologist and team leader for the BAER program on the

Grizzly Bear Fire said the trail system within the Wilderness area would be protected.

"We're doing a lot of storm proofing to prevent damage to the trail system and took out a bridge that got burned over and are looking for money to rebuild that," she said. "We're also putting up notices warning people to be careful in burned areas."

There is little concern about the survival of wildlife at this point, according to USFS wildlife biologist Lizzy Berkley.

"In general, because the fire burned in a mosaic pattern across the landscape, that's usually really good for most wildlife species," she said. "Sometimes these fires are pretty good (for wildlife) if they do an under burn or even high-intensity burn; they can be good for forage the following year."

Even in areas where timber was reduced to snags, some wildlife will benefit.

"Snags are actually very, very good for species like woodpeckers," Berkley said.



Courtesy photo

A firefighter watches as the Grizzly Bear fire moves past him in September.



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This snapshot of an area near Grouse Flats demonstrates the mosaic pattern of the fire, with some trees fully burned to ash, some snags and some still green. The rock cliff in the background illustrates the rugged nature of the landscape and how some steep areas were already devoid of dirt and therefore not mudslide dangers.

The spread of noxious or invasive weeds is always a concern after a fire, but for now the Forest Service has decided herbicide treatments to control those weeds is all they will do. There will be no reseeding this fall and no over sowing with wheat grass is done on wilderness land.

"Any seeding that we would do in the wilderness would be native seeding," said Bosworth.

There may be opportunities for timber salvage in burned areas outside the wilderness area, Bosworth said.

"We are currently looking at our opportunities for salvage on areas outside the Wilderness and taking public

comment on dangerous-tree removal along roads," she said. "We have several peo-

ple timber cruising to see what other areas we might harvest."



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  19. Degree
  20. Norwegian poet
  22. Local school organization
  23. Consumer
  25. Brews
  26. Hero
  28. To clear or tidy
  29. 9th month
  30. Hit lightly
  31. Pinna
  33. DoD computer language
  34. One Direction won at 2014 awards
  36. No. Am. peat bog
  38. Clear wrap
  40. Napped leather
  41. In a way, takes
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  51. Epic poem
  53. Capuchin genus
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  56. Weight unit
  58. Foot (Latin)
  59. Egg-shaped nut palm
  60. A radioactive element
  61. Roosevelt V.P.
  64. Railroad track
  65. More dense, less liquid
  67. Block, Fire & Reunion
  69. A set that is part of another set
  70. Hair product

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  2. 39th state
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  4. In a moment
  5. Japanese Prime Minister Hirobumi
  6. Tyrant
  7. A cruelly rapacious person
  8. Point midway between NE and E
  9. Abnormal breathing
  10. Essential oil or perfume obtained from flowers
  11. Italian river
  12. Fixed firmly into
  13. Opera songs
  15. Cloth measurement
  18. 7th Greek letter
  21. Extractor
  24. For boiling water to make tea
  26. Possesses
  27. Edible tuberous root
  30. Glass window sheets
  32. Tactics
  35. More (Spanish)
  37. Our star
  38. Makes a choice
  39. Great Plains indians
  42. Baglike structure in a plant or animal
  43. Female sibling
  46. Diverge
  47. Adherent of Islam
  49. Defer
  50. Semitic gods
  52. Indian term of respect
  54. 10 decibels
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The move is only a few blocks, but a big leap forward for owners Ray, Patty and Nick Cameron. The newly remodeled building is the former Bronson Lumber building, 6,000 square feet compared to 4,800 square feet in the old building. It's a beautiful addition to the main drive through Enterprise, with rockwork accents in keeping with our local theme and a nice barn-red exterior.

• Another long-term business in Enterprise is sporting a fresh application of cheerful yellow/gold stucco. JB Bane and Company at 208 S. River Street in downtown Enterprise has a new, sunny façade. The business was started in the 1950s and is operated by second-generation Banes, Jane and Bret. Jane says we can expect to see more beautification in the next month with a new awning and signage. Additional freshening will continue in the spring.

• And finally a closure of a long, long-term business. After 25 years in business, Savoie's Specialties, Wallowa County's only craft store, has closed. The store, located at 105 SW 1st Street in Enterprise, was Hannah Beaudoin's expression of love.

"I always said it was the Lord's store," Hannah said. "And the Lord blessed it with expansion and it was a good ride and I enjoyed it. The customers became my friends."

She could do every craft that was represented in the store, from beading to quilting to crochet to painting. Now, she said, it's time for her to get back to some personal beading and painting projects. Two family tragedies, following one after the other, took the wind out of her earlier this year, she said.

"I lost a daughter-in-law, Rhonda Beaudoin, in January of this year, and my daughter, Favona Holmes, in May, and I said, 'Okay, Lord, I'm done,'" she said. "I'd been thinking about retiring for about three years."

She finished emptying the store Oct. 30 and joked that she only had a narrow path through her house at that point. Retirement (such as it is) has its benefits, however, as her children have been on hand to help her organize. What she'll do with the leftover products, however, is still to be figured out.

In the meantime, at age 7, she's enjoying another expansion the Lord has given her - a new great-grandson arrived Oct. 28.

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