

### **Rapidly mapping fire effects on biodiversity at a large-scale using citizen science**

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The unprecedented scale of the 2019-2020 eastern Australian bushfires exemplifies the challenges that scientists and conservation biologists face monitoring the effects on biodiversity in the aftermath of large-scale environmental disturbances. After a large-scale disturbance, conservation policy and management actions need to be...

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### **What is wrong with post-fire soil erosion modelling? A meta-analysis on current approaches, research gaps, and future directions**

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In the near future, a higher occurrence of wildfires is expected due to climate change, carrying social, environmental, and economic implications. Such impacts are often associated with an increase of post-fire hydrological and erosive responses, which are difficult to predict. Soil erosion models have been proven to be a valuable...

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### **Corrigendum to: Interdependencies between flame length and fireline intensity in predicting crown fire initiation and crown scorch height**

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A typographical error in the original version of Table S1 as posted in 2012 has been brought to our attention. The coefficient in the Thomas (1963) equation (0.02665) is correct but the exponent should have read 0.667 and not 0.46. Any calculations using the equation on our part relied upon the correct exponent. We acknowledge...

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### **Compaction and cover effects on runoff and erosion in post-fire salvage logged areas in the Valley Fire, California**

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Runoff and erosion processes can increase after wildfire and post-fire salvage logging, but little is known about the specific effects of soil compaction and surface cover after post-fire salvage logging activities on these processes. We carried out rainfall simulations after a high-severity wildfire and post-fire salvage...

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### **High-Resolution Estimates of Fire Severity—An Evaluation of UAS Image and LiDAR Mapping Approaches on a Sedgeland Forest Boundary in Tasmania, Australia**

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With an increase in the frequency and severity of wildfires across the globe and resultant changes to long-established fire regimes, the mapping of fire severity is a vital part of monitoring ecosystem resilience and recovery. The emergence of unoccupied aircraft systems (UAS) and compact sensors (RGB and LiDAR) provide new...

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### **Disentangling the effects of multiple fires on spatially interspersed sagebrush (*Artemisia* spp.) communities**

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Questions: Relative to a landscape with a mosaic of two sagebrush community types and increasing fire frequency, we asked: 1) Do vegetation characteristics vary significantly with number of times burned for each sagebrush community? 2) How do vegetation responses to different fire frequencies compare between the two sagebrush...

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### **The propagule doesn't fall far from the tree, especially after short?interval, high?severity fire**

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Subalpine forests that historically burned every 100–300 yr are expected to burn more frequently as climate warms, perhaps before trees reach reproductive maturity or produce a serotinous seedbank. Tree regeneration after short?interval (<30?yr) high?severity fire will increasingly rely on seed dispersal from unburned...

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### **Spatial scale in prescribed fire regimes: an understudied aspect in conservation with examples from the southeastern United States**

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The idea that not all fire regimes are created equal is a central theme in fire research and conservation. Fire frequency (i.e., temporal scale) is likely the most studied fire regime attribute as it relates to conservation of fireadapted ecosystems. Generally, research converges on fire frequency as the primary filter in plant...

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### **Post-fire tree regeneration (or lack thereof) can change ecosystems**

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This review is focused on tree seedling regeneration for several reasons. First, a high mortality event, like a high- severity wildfire, kills the mature trees needed to maintain forest cover. When fire-caused mortality is minimal, we are less concerned about tree regeneration, but a high severity fire creates the need for tree...

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### **Warmer and drier fire seasons contribute to increases in area burned at high severity in western US forests from 1985 to 2017**

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Increases in burned area across the western US since the mid-1980's have been widely documented and linked partially to climate factors, yet evaluations of trends in fire severity are lacking. Here, we evaluate fire severity trends and their interannual relationships to climate for western US forests from 1985-2017....

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### **Soil Resistance to Burn Severity in Different Forest Ecosystems in the Framework of a Wildfire**

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Recent changes in fire regimes, with more frequent, extensive, and severe fires, are modifying soil characteristics. The aim of this study was to evaluate the effect of burn severity on the resistance of some physical, chemical, and biochemical soil properties in three different forest ecosystems affected by a wildfire in the...

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### **Fire and biodiversity in the Anthropocene**

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BACKGROUND: Fire has shaped the diversity of life on Earth for millions of years. Variation in fire regimes continues to be a source of biodiversity across the globe, and many plants, animals, and ecosystems depend on particular temporal and spatial patterns of fire. Although people have been using fire to modify environments for...

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### **Influence of topography and fuels on fire refugia probability under varying fire weather conditions in forests of the Pacific Northwest, USA**

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Fire refugia—locations that burn less severely or less frequently than surrounding areas—support late-successional and old-growth forest structure and function. This study investigates the influence of topography and fuels on the probability of forest fire refugia under varying fire weather conditions. We focused on recent large...

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### **Unitemporal approach to fire severity mapping using multispectral synthetic databases and Random Forests**

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Fire severity assessment is crucial for predicting ecosystem response and prioritizing post-fire forest management strategies. Although a variety of remote sensing approaches have been developed, more research is still needed to improve the accuracy and effectiveness of fire severity mapping. This study proposes a unitemporal...

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### **The influence of pre-fire growth patterns on post-fire tree mortality for common conifers in western US parks**

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Fire severity in forests is often defined in terms of post-fire tree mortality, yet the influences on tree mortality following fire are not fully understood. Pre-fire growth may serve as an index of vigour, indicating resource availability and the capacity to recover from injury and defend against pests. For trees that are not...

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### **A method for creating a burn severity atlas: an example from Alberta, Canada**

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Wildland fires are globally widespread, constituting the primary forest disturbance in many ecosystems. Burn severity (fire-induced change to vegetation and soils) has short-term impacts on erosion and post-fire environments, and persistent effects on forest regeneration, making burn severity data important for managers and...

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### **Classification of Post-Fire Responses of Woody Plants to include Pyrophobic Communities**

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Developing standardised classification of post-fire responses is essential for globally consistent comparisons of woody vegetation communities. Existing classification systems are based on responses of species growing in fire-prone environments. To accommodate species that occur in rarely burnt environments, we have suggested some...

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### **Warmer and drier fire seasons contribute to increases in area burned at high severity in western US forests from 1985?2017**

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Increases in burned area across the western US since the mid-1980's have been widely documented and linked partially to climate factors, yet evaluations of trends in fire severity are lacking. Here, we evaluate fire severity trends and their interannual relationships to climate for western US forests from 1985-2017....

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### **Anthropogenic and lightning-started fires are becoming larger and more frequent over a longer season length in the U.S.A.**

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Aim: Over the past several decades, wildfires have become larger, more frequent, and/or more severe in many areas. Simultaneously, anthropogenic ignitions are steadily growing. We have little understanding of how increasing anthropogenic ignitions are changing modern fire regimes. Location: Conterminous United States. Time period...

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### **Strong Legacy Effects of Prior Burn Severity on Forest Resilience to a High-Severity Fire**

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Legacy effects from one disturbance may influence successional pathways by amplifying or buffering forest regeneration after the next disturbance. We assessed vegetation and tree regeneration in non-serotinous Sierra lodgepole pine (*Pinus contorta* var. *murrayana*) stands after a 1984 wildfire which burned with variable severity and...

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### **Fire legacies, heterogeneity, and the importance of mixed-severity fire in ponderosa pine savannas**

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Globally, savanna ecosystems are shifting outside of "safe operating spaces" due to removal of their primary self-reinforcing feedback—fire—and subsequent erosion of disturbance legacies. Restoring savannas will require reinstating fire feedbacks. But knowledge gaps in the nature of historic fire regimes and how mechanisms...

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### **Development of a Severe Fire Potential map for the contiguous United States**

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Burn severity is the ecological change resulting from wildland fires. It is often mapped by using prefire and postfire satellite imagery and classified as low, moderate, or high. Areas burned with high severity are of particular concern to land managers and others because postfire vegetation, soil, and other

important ecosystem...

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### **Decomposing the Interactions between Fire Severity and Canopy Fuel Structure Using Multi-Temporal, Active, and Passive Remote Sensing Approaches**

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Within the realms of both wildland and prescribed fire, an understanding of how fire severity and forest structure interact is critical for improving fuels treatment effectiveness, quantifying the ramifications of wildfires, and improving fire behavior modeling. We integrated high resolution estimates of fire severity with multi...

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### **Increased fire severity triggers positive feedbacks of greater vegetation flammability and favors plant community?type conversions**

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Questions: Increased wildfire activity is resulting in plant community?type conversions worldwide. In some regions, fire?sensitive forests are being replaced by flammable fire?resilient communities, increasing the likelihood of reburning due to positive fire feedbacks. Here we evaluated whether fire severity affects postfire...

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### **Still standing: recent patterns of post-fire conifer refugia in ponderosa pine-dominated forests of the Colorado Front Range**

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Forested fire refugia (trees that survive fires) are important disturbance legacies that provide seed sources for post-fire regeneration. Conifer regeneration has been limited following some recent western fires, particularly in ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*) forests. However, the extent, characteristics, and predictability of...

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### **Vegetative and edaphic responses in a northern mixed conifer forest three decades after harvest and fire: Implications for regeneration and carbon and nitrogen pools**

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Research Highlights: This experiment compares a range of combinations of harvest, prescribed fire, and wildfire. Leveraging a 30-year-old forest management-driven experiment, we explored the recovery of woody species composition, regeneration of the charismatic forest tree species *Larix occidentalis* Nutt., and vegetation and soil...

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### **Persistent effects of fire severity on ponderosa pine regeneration niches and seedling growth**

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Several recent studies have documented how fire severity affects the density and spatial patterns of tree regeneration in western North American ponderosa pine forests. However, less is known about the effects of fire severity on fine-scale tree regeneration niche attributes such as understory plant composition and cover, surface...

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### **Fuel treatment effectiveness in the context of landform, vegetation, and large, wind-driven wildfires**

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Large wildfires (>50,000 ha) are becoming increasingly common in semi-arid landscapes of the western United States. Although fuel reduction treatments are used to mitigate potential wildfire effects, they can be overwhelmed in wind-driven wildfire events with extreme fire behavior. We evaluated drivers of fire severity and...

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### **Warmer and drier fire seasons contribute to increases in area burned at high severity in western US forests from 1985-2017**

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Increases in burned area across the western US since the mid-1980's have been widely documented and linked partially to climate factors, yet evaluations of trends in fire severity are lacking. Here, we evaluate fire severity trends and their interannual relationships to climate for western US forests from 1985-2017....

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### **Disturbance refugia within mosaics of forest fire, drought, and insect outbreaks**

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Disturbance refugia – locations that experience less severe or frequent disturbances than the surrounding landscape – provide a framework to highlight not only where and why these biological legacies persist as adjacent areas change but also the value of those legacies in sustaining biodiversity. Recent studies of disturbance...

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### **Tamm review: The effects of prescribed fire on wildfire regimes and impacts: A framework for comparison**

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Prescribed fire can result in significant benefits to ecosystems and society. Examples include improved wildlife habitat, enhanced biodiversity, reduced threat of destructive wildfire, and enhanced ecosystem resilience. Prescribed fire can also come with costs, such as reduced air quality and impacts to fire sensitive species. To...

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### **Changes to the Monitoring Trends in Burn Severity program mapping production procedures and data products**

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Background: The Monitoring Trends in Burn Severity (MTBS) program has been providing the fire science community with large fire perimeter and burn severity data for the past 14 years. As of October 2019, 22 969 fires have been mapped by the MTBS program and are available on the MTBS website (<https://www.mtbs.gov>(link is external))....

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### **FIREd (Fire Events Delineation): an open, flexible algorithm and database of US fire events derived from the MODIS Burned Area Product (2001-2019)**

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Harnessing the fire data revolution, i.e., the abundance of information from satellites, government records, social media, and human health sources, now requires complex and challenging data integration approaches. Defining fire events is key to that effort. In order to understand the spatial and temporal characteristics of fire, or...

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### **The effect of scale in quantifying fire impacts on species habitats**

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Background: Fire size and severity have increased in the western United States in recent decades, and are expected to continue to increase with warming climate. Habitats for many species are threatened by large and high-severity fires, but the effect of spatial scale on the relationship between fires and habitat modifications is...

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### **Forests and water yield: a synthesis of disturbance effects on streamflow and snowpack in western coniferous forests**

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In coniferous western forests, recent widespread tree mortality provided opportunities to test the long-held theory that forest cover loss increases water yield. We reviewed 78 studies of hydrologic response to standing-replacing (severe wildfire, harvest) or nonstand-replacing (drought, insects, low-severity wildfire) disturbances...

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### **Structural diversity and development in active fire regime mixed-conifer forests**

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Nearly a century of fire suppression in most forested land of the United States has limited researchers' ability to construct and rigorously test conceptual models of forest structural development in mixed-conifer ecosystems. As a result, land managers must rely on conceptual models of forest development that may overemphasize...

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### **An evaluation of remotely sensed indices for quantifying burn severity in arid ecoregions**

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It is sometimes assumed the sparse and low statured vegetation in arid systems would limit the effectiveness of two remote-sensing derived indices of burn severity: the difference Normalised Burn Ratio (dNBR) and relativised difference Normalised Burn Ratio (RdNBR). We compared the relationship that dNBR, RdNBR and a ground-based...

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### **Wildfire severity and postfire salvage harvest effects on long-term forest regeneration**

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Following a wildfire, regeneration to forest can take decades to centuries and is no longer assured in many western U.S. environments given escalating wildfire severity and warming trends. After large fire years, managers prioritize where to allocate scarce planting resources, often with limited information on the factors that drive...

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### **Global fire season severity analysis and forecasting**

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Fire activity has a huge impact on human lives. Different models have been proposed to predict fire activity, which can be classified into global and regional ones. Global fire models focus on longer

timescale simulations and can be very complex. Regional fire models concentrate on seasonal forecasting but usually require inputs...

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### **Giving ecological meaning to satellite-derived fire severity metrics across North American forests**

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Satellite-derived spectral indices such as the relativized burn ratio (RBR) allow fire severity maps to be produced in a relatively straightforward manner across multiple fires and broad spatial extents. These indices often have strong relationships with field-based measurements of fire severity, thereby justifying their widespread...

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### **Incorporating biophysical gradients and uncertainty into burn severity maps in a temperate fire-prone forested region**

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As forest fire activity increases worldwide, it is important to track changing patterns of burn severity (i.e., degree of fire-caused ecological change). Satellite data provide critical information across space and time, yet how satellite indices relate to individual measures of burn severity on the ground (e.g., tree mortality or...

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### **Fire severity and changing composition of forest understory plant communities**

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Questions: Gradients of fire severity in dry conifer forests can be associated with variation in understory floristic composition. Recent work in California, USA, dry conifer forests has suggested that more severely burned stands contain more thermophilic taxa (those associated with warmer and drier conditions), and that forest...

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### **Wildfires and climate change push low-elevation forests across a critical climate threshold for tree regeneration**

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Climate change is increasing fire activity in the western United States, which has the potential to accelerate climate-induced shifts in vegetation communities. Wildfire can catalyze vegetation change by

killing adult trees that could otherwise persist in climate conditions no longer suitable for seedling establishment and survival...

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### **Sources of inherent infiltration variability in post-wildfire soils**

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An automated disk infiltrometer was developed to improve the measurements of soil hydraulic properties (saturated hydraulic conductivity and sorptivity) of soils affected by wildfire. Guidelines are given for interpreting curves showing cumulative infiltration as a function of time measured by the autodisk. The autodisk was used to...

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### **The survival of *Pinus ponderosa* saplings subjected to increasing levels of fire behavior and impacts on post-fire growth**

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Improved predictions of tree species mortality and growth metrics following fires are important to assess fire impacts on forest succession, and ultimately forest growth and yield. Recent studies have shown that North American conifers exhibit a 'toxicological dose-response' relationship between fire behavior and the resultant...

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### **Characterizing fire effects on conifers at tree level from airborne laser scanning and high-resolution, multispectral satellite data**

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Post-fire assessment is made after a wildfire incident to provide details about damage level and its distribution over burned areas. Such assessments inform restoration plans and future monitoring of ecosystem recovery. Due to the high cost and time to conduct fieldwork, remote sensing is an appealing alternative to assess post-fire...

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### **Integrated fire severity–land cover mapping using very-high-spatial-resolution aerial imagery and point clouds**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20369](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20369)

Wildfires cause substantial environmental and socioeconomic impacts and threaten many Spanish forested landscapes. We describe how LiDAR-derived canopy fuel characteristics and spatial fire

simulation can be integrated with stand metrics to derive models describing fire behaviour. We assessed the potential use of very-low-density...

Author(s): Jeremy Arkin, Nicholas C. Coops, Txomin Hermosilla, Lori D. Daniels, Andrew Plowright  
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### **Got shrubs? Precipitation mediates long-term shrub and introduced grass dynamics in chaparral communities after fire**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19435](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19435)

Background: Short-term post-fire field studies have shown that native shrub cover in chaparral ecosystems negatively affects introduced cover, which is influenced by burn severity, elevation, aspect, and climate. Using the southern California 2003 Old and Simi fires and the 2008 Sesnon Fire, we investigated the role of native shrubs...

Author(s): April G. Smith, Beth A. Newingham, Andrew T. Hudak, Benjamin C. Bright

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### **Contributions of fire refugia to resilient ponderosa pine and dry mixed-conifer forest landscapes**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20352](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20352)

Altered fire regimes can drive major and enduring compositional shifts or losses of forest ecosystems. In western North America, ponderosa pine and dry mixed-conifer forest types appear increasingly vulnerable to uncharacteristically extensive, high-severity wildfire. However, unburned or only lightly impacted forest stands that...

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### **Burning increases post-fire carbon emissions in a heathland and a raised bog, but experimental manipulation of fire severity has no effect**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19357](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19357)

Large amounts of carbon are stored in northern peatlands. There is concern that greater wildfire severity following projected increases in summer drought will lead to higher post-fire carbon losses. We measured soil carbon dynamics in a Calluna heathland and a raised peat bog after experimentally manipulating fire severity. A...

Author(s): Roger Grau-Andrés, Alan Gray, G. Matt Davies, E. Marian Scott, Susan Waldron

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### **The effects of previous wildfires on subsequent wildfire behavior and post-wildfire recovery**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12650](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12650)

Over the past several decades, size and extent of wildfires have been increasing in the western United States (Westerling et al. 2006; Littell et al. 2009). As the number and size of recent wildfires increases across landscapes, fire managers are questioning how past wildfires may influence the spread and effects of subsequent...

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### **Impacts of successive wildfire on soil hydraulic properties: implications for debris flow hazards and system resilience**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20177](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20177)

Climate and land use changes have led to recent increases in fire size, severity, and/or frequency in many different geographic regions and ecozones. Most post-wildfire geomorphology studies focus on the impact of a single wildfire but changing wildfire regimes underscore the need to quantify the effects of repeated disturbance by...

Author(s): Luke A. McGuire, Ann M. Youberg

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### **Season of fire influences seed dispersal by wind in a serotinous obligate seeding tree**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19343](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19343)

In temperate ecosystems, fire management involving prescribed burning and wildfire suppression often causes a shift in fire season from hot and dry summer conditions to cooler, moister conditions in spring or autumn. The effects of this change on seed dispersal by wind after fire are unknown. However, calmer wind conditions and...

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### **Wildfires alter forest watersheds and threaten drinking water quality**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20045](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20045)

Wildfires are a natural part of most forest ecosystems, but due to changing climatic and environmental conditions, they have become larger, more severe, and potentially more damaging. Forested watersheds vulnerable to wildfire serve as drinking water supplies for many urban and rural communities. The highly variable nature of...

Author(s): Amanda K. Hohner, Charles C. Rhoades, Paul Wilkerson, Fernando L. Rosario-Ortiz

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### **Belowground community responses to fire: meta-analysis reveals contrasting responses of soil microorganisms and mesofauna**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19216](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19216)

Global fire regimes are shifting due to climate and land use changes. Understanding the responses of belowground communities to fire is key to predicting changes in the ecosystem processes they regulate. We conducted a comprehensive meta-analysis of 1634 observations from 131 empirical studies to investigate the effect of fire on...

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**Climate will increasingly determine post-fire tree regeneration success in low-elevation forests,**

### **Northern Rockies, USA.**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19947](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19947)

Climate change is expected to cause widespread shifts in the distribution and abundance of plant species through direct impacts on mortality, regeneration, and survival. At landscape scales, climate impacts will be strongly mediated by disturbances, such as wildfire, which catalyze shifts in species distributions through widespread...

Author(s): Kerry Kemp, Philip E. Higuera, Penelope Morgan, John T. Abatzoglou

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### **Incorporating biophysical gradients and uncertainty into burn severity maps in a temperate fire-prone forested region**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19096](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19096)

As forest fire activity increases worldwide, it is important to track changing patterns of burn severity (i.e., degree of fire-caused ecological change). Satellite data provide critical information across space and time, yet how satellite indices relate to individual measures of burn severity on the ground (e.g., tree mortality or...

Author(s): Brian J. Harvey, Robert A. Andrus, Sean C. Anderson

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### **Wildfire severity and its environmental effects revealed by soil magnetic properties**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20587](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20587)

Strong wildfires pose significant damage to all soil compartments and lead to land degradation. The complex nature and properties of fire-derived materials require multidisciplinary efforts for their reliable characterization. The main objective of our study was to evaluate the suitability of magnetic properties of fire-affected...

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### **Effects of fire severity on the composition and functional traits of litter-dwelling macroinvertebrates in a temperate forest**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19034](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19034)

High severity fires are likely to become more prevalent with global climate change, so it is critical that we understand their effects on forest ecosystems. Leaf litter dependent fauna are likely to be particularly vulnerable to habitat loss resulting from fire, which often destroys their leaf litter habitat. We hypothesised that,...

Author(s): Sebastian Buckingham, Nick P. Murphy, Heloise Gibb

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### **Event-based integrated assessment of environmental variables and wildfire severity through Sentinel-2 data**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20478](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20478)

To optimize suppression, restoration, and prevention plans against wildfire, postfire assessment is a key input. Since little research has been carried out on applying Sentinel-2 imagery through an

integrated approach to evaluate how environmental parameters affect fire severity, this work aims to fill this gap. A set of large...

Author(s): Juan Picos, Laura Alonso, Guillermo Bastos, Julia Armesto

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### **The survival of *Pinus ponderosa* saplings subjected to increasing levels of fire behavior and impacts on post-fire growth**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19852](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19852)

Improved predictions of tree species mortality and growth metrics following fires are important to assess fire impacts on forest succession, and ultimately forest growth and yield. Recent studies have shown that North American conifers exhibit a 'toxicological dose-response' relationship between fire behavior and the resultant...

Author(s): Wade D. Steady, Raquel Partelli Feltrin, Daniel M. Johnson, Aaron M. Sparks, Crystal A. Kolden, Alan F. Talhelm, James A. Lutz, Luigi Boschetti, Andrew T. Hudak, Andrew S. Nelson, Alistair M. S. Smith

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### **Wildfire impacts on freshwater detrital food webs depend on runoff load, exposure time and burnt forest type**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20427](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20427)

In the last decades, land-use changes have made Mediterranean forests highly susceptible to wildfires, which can cause several impacts not only on burnt areas, but also on adjacent aquatic ecosystems. Post-fire runoff from burnt areas may transport toxic substances to streams by surface runoff, including polycyclic aromatic...

Author(s): Francisco Carvalho, Arunava Pradhan, Nelson Abrantes, Isabel Campos, Jan J. Keizer, Fernanda Cássio, Cláudia Pascoal

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### **Fire regime and ecosystem responses: adaptive forest management in a changing world (Part 1)**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19617](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19617)

Although fire is an intrinsic factor in most terrestrial biomes, it is often perceived as a negative disturbance that must be suppressed. The application of successful fire prevention policies can lead to unsustainable fire events for ecosystems adapted to a specific fire regime. In addition, new climate and land use scenarios are...

Author(s): Daniel Moya, Giacomo Certini, Peter Z. Fule

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### **Drivers of lodgepole pine recruitment across a gradient of bark beetle outbreak and wildfire in British Columbia**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20390](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20390)

Seedbanks are essential for forest resilience, and disturbance interactions could potentially modify seedbank availability, subsequent forest regeneration patterns, and successional trajectories. Regional mountain pine beetle outbreaks have altered forest structure and seedbanks in fire prone-landscapes

across western North America...

Author(s): Anna C. Talucci, Kenneth P. Lertzman, Meg A. Krawchuk

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### **Examining post-fire vegetation recovery with Landsat time series analysis in three western North American forest types**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19436](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19436)

Background: Few studies have examined post-fire vegetation recovery in temperate forest ecosystems with Landsat time series analysis. We analyzed time series of Normalized Burn Ratio (NBR) derived from LandTrendr spectral-temporal segmentation fitting to examine post-fire NBR recovery for several wildfires that occurred in three...

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### **Systematic review and meta-analysis of fire regime research in ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*) ecosystems, Colorado, USA**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20356](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20356)

Background: Forest management, especially restoration, is informed by understanding the dominant natural disturbance regime. In many western North American forests, the keystone disturbance is fire, and a plethora of research exists characterizing various fire regime parameters, although often only one or two parameters are...

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### **Belowground community responses to fire: meta-analysis reveals contrasting responses of soil microorganisms and mesofauna**

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### **Predicting increasing high severity area burned for three forested regions in the western United States using extreme value theory**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18791](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18791)

More than 70 years of fire suppression by federal land management agencies has interrupted fire regimes in much of the western United States. The result of missed fire cycles is a buildup of both surface and canopy fuels in many forest ecosystems, increasing the risk of severe fire. The frequency and size of fires has increased in...

Author(s): Alisa Keyser, Anthony L. Westerling



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### **The species diversity x fire severity relationship is hump-shaped in semiarid yellow pine and mixed conifer forests**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20255](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20255)

The combination of direct human influences and the effects of climate change are resulting in altered ecological disturbance regimes, and this is especially the case for wildfires. Many regions that historically experienced low–moderate severity fire regimes are seeing increased area burned at high severity as a result of...

Author(s): Clark Richter, Marcel Rejmánek, Jesse E. D. Miller, Kevin R. Welch, Jonah Maria Weeks, Hugh Safford

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### **Wildfire effects on soil properties in fire-prone pine ecosystems: indicators of burn severity legacy over the medium term after fire**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19352](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19352)

The aim of this study was to determine the effects of burn severity on soil properties (chemical, biochemical and microbiological) in fire-prone pine ecosystems three years after fire. To achieve these goals, we selected two large wildfires that occurred in summer 2012 within the Iberian Peninsula: the Sierra del Teleno wildfire,...

Author(s): Víctor Fernández-García, Jessica R. Miesel, Manuel Jaime Baeza, Elena Marcos, Leonor Calvo

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### **How Much Forest Persists Through Fire? High-Resolution Mapping of Tree Cover to Characterize the Abundance and Spatial Pattern of Fire Refugia Across Mosaics of Burn Severity**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20148](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/20148)

Wildfires in forest ecosystems produce landscape mosaics that include relatively unaffected areas, termed fire refugia. These patches of persistent forest cover can support fire-sensitive species and the biotic legacies important for post-fire forest recovery, yet little is known about their abundance and distribution within fire...

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### **Fire Intensity Affects the Relationship between Species Diversity and the N Utilization Stability of Dominant Species**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19307](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19307)

Stabilizing the local elemental stoichiometry is an important step toward restoring species diversity in a damaged ecosystem, especially those affected by wildfire. Stability of nitrogen (N) utilization is mainly affected by wildfire through restoration, which is one of the most important parts of stoichiometric utilization. However...

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### **Varying relationships between fire radiative power and fire size at a global scale**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19174](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19174)

Vegetation fires are an important process in the Earth system. Fire intensity locally impacts fuel consumption, damage to the vegetation, chemical composition of fire emissions and also how fires spread across landscapes. It has been observed that fire occurrence, defined as the frequency of active fires detected by the MODIS sensor...

Author(s): Pierre Laurent, Florent Mouillot, María Vanesa Moreno, Chao Yue, Philippe Ciais  
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### **Time series of high-resolution images enhances efforts to monitor post-fire condition and recovery, Waldo Canyon fire, Colorado, USA**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18249](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18249)

Interpretations of post-fire condition and rates of vegetation recovery can influence management priorities, actions and perception of latent risks from landslides and floods. In this study, we used the Waldo Canyon fire (2012, Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA) as a case study to explore how a time series (2011–2016) of high-...

Author(s): Melanie K. Vanderhoof, Clifton Burt, Todd J. Hawbaker  
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### **The nature of the beast: examining climate adaptation options in forests with stand?replacing fire regimes**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17221](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17221)

Building resilience to natural disturbances is a key to managing forests for adaptation to climate change. To date, most climate adaptation guidance has focused on recommendations for frequent?fire forests, leaving few published guidelines for forests that naturally experience infrequent, stand?replacing wildfires. Because most...

Author(s): Joshua S. Halofsky, Daniel C. Donato, Jerry F. Franklin, Jessica E. Halofsky, David L. Peterson, Brian J. Harvey  
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### **How does forest recovery following moderate-severity fire influence effects of subsequent wildfire in mixed-conifer forests?**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18117](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18117)

Given regional increases in fire activity in western North American forests, understanding how fire influences the extent and effects of subsequent fires is particularly relevant. Remotely sensed estimates of fire effects have allowed for spatial partitioning into different severity categories based on the degree of fire-caused...

Author(s): Brandon M. Collins, Jamie M. Lydersen, Richard G. Everett, Scott L. Stephens  
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### **Sparking New Opportunities for Charcoal-Based Fire History Reconstructions**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17103](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17103)

Paleofire research is the study of past fire regimes using a suite of proxies (frequency, area burned, severity, intensity, etc.). Charcoal preserved in sedimentary archives constitutes one of the most ubiquitous measures of past fire regimes along with fire-scarred tree rings, chemical markers of fire, and black carbon residue [1,2...

Author(s): Julie C. Aleman, Andy Hennebelle, Boris Vannière, Olivier Blarquez, Global Paleofire Working Group

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### **How vegetation recovery and fuel conditions in past fires influences fuels and future fire management in five western U.S. ecosystems - JFSP Final Report**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18062](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18062)

Mixed severity wildfires burn large areas in western North America forest ecosystems in most years and this is expected to continue or increase with climate change. Little is understood about vegetation recovery and changing fuel conditions more than a decade post-fire because it exceeds the duration of most studies of fire effects...

Author(s): Andrew T. Hudak, Beth A. Newingham, Eva K. Strand, Penelope Morgan

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### **Historic frequency and severity of fire in whitebark pine forests of the Cascade Mountain Range, USA**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16810](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16810)

Whitebark pine (*Pinus albicaulis* Engelm.) is a foundation species of high elevation forest ecosystems in the Cascade Mountain Range of Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. We examined fire evidence on 55 fire history sites located in the Cascade Range. To estimate dates of historic fires we analyzed 57 partial cross-sections...

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### **Determining the minimum sampling frequency for ground measurements of burn severity**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17932](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17932)

Understanding burn severity is essential to provide an overview of the precursory conditions leading to fires as well as understanding the constraints placed on fire management services when mitigating their effects. Determining the minimum sampling frequency for ground measurements is not only essential for accurately assessing...

Author(s): Alexander W. Holmes, Christoph Rüdiger, Sarah Harris, Nigel J. Tapper

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### **Fire enhances the complexity of forest structure in alpine treeline ecotones**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16637](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16637)

Alpine treelines are expected to move upward in a warming climate, but downward in response to increases in wildfire. We studied the effects of fire on vegetation structure and composition across four alpine treeline ecotones extending from *Abies lasiocarpa*/*Picea engelmannii* forests at lower elevations, through *Pinus albicaulis*/...

Author(s): C. Alina Cansler, Donald McKenzie, Charles B. Halpern

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### **Towards improved quantification and prediction of post-fire recovery in conifers: Expanding laboratory fire radiative energy-tree physiology experiments to a mature forest stand - JFSP Final Report**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17721](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17721)

Current assessments of the ecological impacts of fires, termed burn severity, investigate the degree to which an ecosystem has changed due to a fire and typically encompass both vegetation and soil effects. Burn severity assessments at local to regional scales are typically achieved using spectral indices (such as the differenced...

Author(s): Crystal A. Kolden, Aaron M. Sparks

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### **Land surveys show regional variability of historical fire regimes and structure of dry forests of the western USA**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16421](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16421)

An understanding of how historical fire and structure in dry forests (ponderosa pine, dry mixed conifer) varied across the western USA remains incomplete. Yet, fire strongly affects ecosystem services, and forest restoration programs are underway. We used General Land Office survey reconstructions from the late-1800s across 11...

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### **Fire regimes approaching historic norms reduce wildfire-facilitated conversion from forest to non-forest**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17545](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17545)

Extensive high-severity wildfires have driven major losses of ponderosa pine and mixed-conifer forests in the southwestern United States, in some settings catalyzing enduring conversions to non-forested vegetation types. Management interventions to reduce the probability of stand-replacing wildfire have included mechanical...

Author(s): Ryan B. Walker, Jonathan D. Coop, Sean A. Parks, Laura Trader

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### **Do Mixed Fire Regimes Shape Plant Flammability and Post-Fire Recovery Strategies?**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18301](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18301)

The development of frameworks for better-understanding ecological syndromes and putative evolutionary strategies of plant adaptation to fire has recently received a flurry of attention, including a

new model hypothesizing that plants have diverged into three different plant flammability strategies due to natural selection. We...

Author(s): Helen M. Poulos, Andrew M. Barton, Jasper A. Slingsby, David M. J. S. Bowman

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### **Fire planning for multispecies conservation: integrating growth stage and fire severity**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17417](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17417)

Setting suitable conservation targets is an important part of ecological fire planning. Growth-stage optimisation (GSO) determines the relative proportions of post-fire growth stages (categorical representations of time since fire) that maximise species diversity, and is a useful method for determining such targets. Optimisation...

Author(s): Matthew Swan, Holly Sitters, Jane G. Cawson, Thomas J. Duff, Yohannes Wibisono, Alan York

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### **Influence of past wildfires on wildfire effects in northern Rockies mixed-conifer forest - Final Report to the Joint Fire Science Program**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18251](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18251)

Natural resource managers need to know how past wildfires influence the severity and ecological effects of subsequent wildfires in order to make informed decisions during and after wildfire events, and to effectively plan for the future. The overarching goals for this study were to quantify and compare the effects of single...

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### **High severity fire: evaluating its key drivers and mapping its probability across western US forests**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17224](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17224)

Wildland fire is a critical process in forests of the western United States (US). Variation in fire behavior, which is heavily influenced by fuel loading, terrain, weather, and vegetation type, leads to heterogeneity in fire severity across landscapes. The relative importance of these factors in driving fire severity, however, is...

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### **A Statement of Common Ground Regarding the Role of Wildfire in Forested Landscapes of the Western United States**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18177](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18177)

For millennia, wildfires have markedly influenced forests and non-forested landscapes of the western United States (US), and they are increasingly seen as having substantial impacts on society and nature. There is growing concern over what kinds and amounts of fire will achieve desirable outcomes and limit harmful effects on people...

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### **Land surveys show regional variability of historical fire regimes and dry forest structure of the western United States**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17218](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17218)

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### **Fire patterns in piñon and juniper land cover types in the Semiarid Western United States from 1984 through 2013**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18084](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18084)

Increases in area burned and fire size have been reported across a wide range of forest and shrubland types in the Western United States in recent decades, but little is known about potential changes in fire regimes of piñon and juniper land cover types. We evaluated spatio-temporal patterns of fire in piñon and juniper land cover...

Author(s): David Board, Jeanne C. Chambers, Richard F. Miller, Peter J. Weisberg  
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### **A World in Pixels: How New Research Is Helping to Predict Probability of High-Severity Fire**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18051](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18051)

With drought across much of the southern and western States, it's shaping up to be another record year for wildfires. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, May 2018 was the fourthworst May since 2000 in terms of U.S. acres burned by wildfires. The year 2000 is a significant measuring point, since the...

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### **Mean composite fire severity metrics computed with Google Earth engine offer improved accuracy and expanded mapping potential**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17913](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17913)

Landsat-based fire severity datasets are an invaluable resource for monitoring and research purposes. These gridded fire severity datasets are generally produced with pre- and post-fire imagery to estimate the degree of fire-induced ecological change. Here, we introduce methods to produce three Landsat-based fire severity metrics...

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### **Characterization and evaluation of controls on post-fire streamflow response across western U.S. watersheds**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/21227](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/21227)

This research investigates the impact of wildfires on watershed flow regimes, specifically focusing on evaluation of fire events within specified hydroclimatic regions in the western United States, and evaluating the impact of climate and geophysical variables on response. Eighty-two watersheds were identified with at least 10 years...

Author(s): Samuel Saxe, Terri S. Hogue, Lauren Hay

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### **Limits to Ponderosa Pine Regeneration Following Large High-Severity Forest Fires in the United States Southwest**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17687](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17687)

High-severity fires in dry conifer forests of the United States Southwest have created large (>1000 ha) treeless areas that are unprecedented in the regional historical record. These fires have reset extensive portions of Southwestern ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa* Lawson & C. Lawson var. *scopulorum* Engelm.) forest...

Author(s): Collin M. Haffey, Thomas D. Sisk, Craig D. Allen, Andrea E. Thode, Ellis Q. Margolis

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### **Composition and Structure of Forest Fire Refugia: What Are the Ecosystem Legacies across Burned Landscapes?**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17619](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17619)

Locations within forest fires that remain unburned or burn at low severity—known as fire refugia—are important components of contemporary burn mosaics, but their composition and structure at regional scales are poorly understood. Focusing on recent, large wildfires across the US Pacific Northwest (Oregon and Washington), our...

Author(s): Garrett W. Meigs, Meg A. Krawchuk

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### **High-severity fire: Evaluating its key drivers and mapping its probability across western US forests**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17541](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17541)

Wildland fire is a critical process in forests of the western United States (US). Variation in fire behavior, which is heavily influenced by fuel loading, terrain, weather, and vegetation type, leads to heterogeneity in fire severity across landscapes. The relative influence of these factors in driving fire severity, however, is...

Author(s): Sean A. Parks, Lisa M. Holsinger, Matthew Panunto, William Matt Jolly, Solomon Z.

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**Effects of fuels management on fire intensity, rate of spread, severity, and resultant forest structure within the 2013 Rim Fire landscape - Final Report to the Joint Fire Science Program**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18259](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18259)

Large wildfires with uncharacteristically high severity are occurring more frequently in western U.S. forests. The increasing size and severity of wildfires has been attributed to both an increase in weather conducive to fire spread and changes to forest structure and fuel loads due to management practices that included fire...

Author(s): Brandon M. Collins, Jamie M. Lydersen, Van R. Kane, Nicholas A. Povak, Matthew L. Brooks, Douglas F. Smith

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**Fine-scale spatial climate variation and drought mediate the likelihood of reburning**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/21736](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/21736)

In many forested ecosystems, it is increasingly recognized that the probability of burning is substantially reduced within the footprint of previously burned areas. This self-limiting effect of wildland fire is considered a fundamental emergent property of ecosystems and is partly responsible for structuring landscape heterogeneity...

Author(s): Sean A. Parks, Marc-Andre Parisien, Lisa M. Holsinger, L. Scott Baggett, Carol Miller

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**Sustainability and wildland fire: The origins of Forest Service Wildland Fire Research**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15768](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15768)

On June 1, 2015, the Forest Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Branch of Research. Established in 1915 to centralize and elevate the pursuit of research throughout the agency, the Branch of Research focused on everything from silvicultural investigations conducted...

Author(s): Diane M. Smith

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**Assessment of fire effects based on forest inventory and analysis data and a long-term fire mapping data set**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15534](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15534)

Integration of Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) plot data with Monitoring Trends in Burn Severity (MTBS) data can provide new information about fire effects on forests. This integration allowed broad-scale assessment of the cover types burned in large fires, the relationship between prefire stand conditions and fire severity, and...

Author(s): John D. Shaw, Sara Goeking, James Menlove, Charles E. Werstak

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**Spatial patterns of ponderosa pine regeneration in high-severity burn patches**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16541](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16541)



Contemporary wildfires in southwestern US ponderosa pine forests can leave uncharacteristically large patches of tree mortality, raising concerns about the lack of seed-producing trees, which can prevent or significantly delay ponderosa pine regeneration. We established 4-ha plots in high-severity burn patches in two Arizona...

Author(s): Suzanne M. Owen, Carolyn Hull Sieg, Andrew Sanchez Meador, Peter Z. Fule, Jose M. Iniguez, Scott L. Baggett, Paula J. Fornwalt, Michael A. Battaglia

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### **Temporal trends in burn severity in Selway Bitterroot Wilderness 1880-2012**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17662](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17662)

Multidecadal trends in areas burned with high severity shape ecological effects of fires, but most assessments are limited to ~30 years of satellite data. We analysed the proportion of area burned with high severity, the annual area burned with high severity, the probability areas burned with high severity and also the area...

Author(s): Penelope Morgan, Andrew T. Hudak, Ashley Wells, Sean A. Parks, Scott L. Baggett, Benjamin C. Bright, Patricia Green

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### **Climatic influences on interannual variability in regional burn severity across western US forests**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15202](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15202)

Interannual variability in burn severity is assessed across forested ecoregions of the western United States to understand how it is influenced by variations in area burned and climate during 1984–2014. Strong correlations ( $|r| > 0.6$ ) between annual area burned and climate metrics were found across many of the studied...

Author(s): John T. Abatzoglou, Crystal A. Kolden, A. Park Williams, James A. Lutz, Alistair M. S. Smith

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### **Mixed-severity fire and salvage logging in dry forests of Oregon's western Cascades**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15054](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15054)

Interest in PNW forests is shifting from a focus on old-growth forests alone to include the ecological value and processes of early-seral communities. However, focusing on the alpha and omega states of a linear successional model does not account for the suite of conditions derived from mixed-severity fire common in many forests....

Author(s): Christopher J. Dunn, John D. Bailey

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### **Multidecadal trends in area burned with high severity in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Area 1880-2012**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16279](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16279)

Multidecadal trends in areas burned with high severity shape ecological effects of fires, but most assessments are limited to ~30 years of satellite data. We analysed the proportion of area burned with high severity, the annual area burned with high severity, the probability areas burned with high severity

and also the area reburned...

Author(s): Penelope Morgan, Andrew T. Hudak, Ashley Wells, Sean A. Parks, Scott L. Baggett, Benjamin C. Bright, Patricia Green

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### **Interacting effects of fire severity, time since fire and topography on vegetation structure after wildfire**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16674](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16674)

Fire is an important disturbance in forest ecosystems globally. Many of the effects of fire on forest processes are mediated through effects on vegetation structure. Understanding how fire properties, fire regimes and environmental variation interact to affect structure is required in the face of predictions of increasing size and...

Author(s): Michelle Bassett, Steven W.J. Leonard, Evelyn K. Chia, Michael F. Clarke, Andrew F. Bennett

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### **Disturbance regimes and the historical range and variation in terrestrial ecosystems**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16549](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16549)

Picture a tranquil landscape with undulating topography, idyllic streams, scenic glades, and verdant vegetation. Left to its own devices, this landscape would eventually become dominated by late successional communities that would slowly shift in composition and structure in response to climate fluctuations over long time periods....

Author(s): Robert E. Keane

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### **Fire regimes of ponderosa pine communities in the Black Hills and surrounding areas**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16433](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16433)

Wildfire is an important disturbance in ponderosa pine communities in the Black Hills and surrounding areas. Effective management of these communities requires an understanding of historical fire regimes. This review provides a synthesis of the available scientific literature on historical patterns and contemporary changes in fuels...

Author(s): Shannon K. Murphy

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### **Deciphering the complexity of historical fire regimes: diversity among forests of western North America**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16313](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16313)

Wildfire is a key disturbance agent in forests worldwide, but recent large and costly fires have raised urgent questions about how different current fire regimes are from those of the past. Dendroecological reconstructions of historical fire frequency, severity, spatial variability, and extent, corroborated by other lines of...

Author(s): Lori D. Daniels, Larissa L. Yocom Kent, Rosemary L. Sherriff, Emily K. Heyerdahl

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### **Does the presence of large down wood at the time of a forest fire impact soil recovery?**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15068](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15068)

Fire may remove or create dead wood aboveground, but it is less clear how high severity burning of soils affects belowground microbial communities and soil processes, and for how long. In this study, we investigated soil fungal and bacterial communities and biogeochemical responses of severely burned "red" soil and less severely...

Author(s): Jane E. Smith, Laurel A. Kluber, Tara N. Jennings, Donaraye McKay, Greg Brenner, Elizabeth W. Sulzman

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### **Evidence of fuels management and fire weather influencing fire severity in an extreme fire event**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17228](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/17228)

Following changes in vegetation structure and pattern, along with a changing climate, large wildfire incidence has increased in forests throughout the western United States. Given this increase, there is great interest in whether fuels treatments and previous wildfire can alter fire severity patterns in large wildfires. We assessed...

Author(s): Jamie M. Lydersen, Brandon M. Collins, Matthew L. Brooks, John R. Matchett, Kristen L. Shive, Nicholas A. Povak, Van R. Kane, Douglas F. Smith

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### **Spatial interpolation and mean fire interval analyses quantify historical mixed-severity fire regimes**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15005](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15005)

Tree-age data in combination with fire scars improved inverse-distance-weighted spatial modelling of historical fire boundaries and intervals for the Darkwoods, British Columbia, Canada. Fire-scarred trees provided direct evidence of fire. The presence of fire-sensitive trees at sites with no fire scars indicated fire-free periods...

Author(s): Gregory A. Greene, Lori D. Daniels

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### **Drivers and trends in landscape patterns of stand-replacing fire in forests of the US Northern Rocky Mountains (1984-2010)**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14513](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14513)

Resilience in fire-prone forests is strongly affected by landscape burn-severity patterns, in part by governing propagule availability around stand-replacing patches in which all or most vegetation is killed. However, little is known about drivers of landscape patterns of stand-replacing fire, or whether...

Author(s): Brian J. Harvey, Daniel C. Donato, Monica G. Turner

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### **Tree mortality based fire severity classification for forest inventories: a Pacific Northwest national forests example**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13821](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13821)

Determining how the frequency, severity, and extent of forest fires are changing in response to changes in management and climate is a key concern in many regions where fire is an important natural disturbance. In the USA the only national-scale fire severity classification uses satellite image change-detection to produce maps for...

Author(s): Thomas R. Whittier, Andrew N. Gray

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### **Duff distribution influences fire severity and post-fire vegetation recovery in sagebrush steppe**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14820](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14820)

Woody plant expansion is a global phenomenon that alters the spatial distribution of nutrients, biomass, and fuels in affected ecosystems. Altered fuel patterns across the landscape influences ecological processes including fire behavior, fire effects, and can impact post-fire plant germination and establishment. The purpose of this...

Author(s): Nathan I. Weiner, Eva K. Strand, Stephen C. Bunting, Alistair M. S. Smith

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### **Prior wildfires influence burn severity of subsequent large fires**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14814](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14814)

With longer and more severe fire seasons predicted, the incidence and extent of fires are expected to increase in western North America. As more area is burned, past wildfires may influence the spread and burn severity of subsequent fires, with implications for ecosystem resilience and fire management. We examined how previous burn...

Author(s): Camille Stevens-Rumann, Susan J. Prichard, Eva K. Strand, Penelope Morgan

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### **Average stand age from forest inventory plots does not describe historical fire regimes in ponderosa pine and mixed-conifer forests of western North America**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14438](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14438)

Quantifying historical fire regimes provides important information for managing contemporary forests. Historical fire frequency and severity can be estimated using several methods; each method has strengths and weaknesses and presents challenges for interpretation and verification. Recent efforts to quantify the timing of historical...

Author(s): Jens T. Stevens, Hugh Safford, Malcolm P. North, Jeremy S. Fried, Andrew N. Gray, Peter M. Brown, Christopher R. Dolanc, Solomon Z. Dobrowski, Donald A. Falk, Calvin A. Farris, Jerry F. Franklin, Peter Z. Fule, R. Keala Hagmann, Eric E. Knapp, Alan H. Taylor, Jay D. Miller, Douglas F. Smith, Thomas W. Swetnam

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### **Does increased forest protection correspond to higher fire severity in frequent-fire forests of the western United States?**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14718](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14718)

There is a widespread view among land managers and others that the protected status of many forestlands in the western United States corresponds with higher fire severity levels due to historical restrictions on logging that contribute to greater amounts of biomass and fuel loading in less intensively managed areas, particularly...

Author(s): Curtis M. Bradley, Chad T. Hanson, Dominick A. DellaSala

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### **Altered mixed-severity fire regime has homogenised montane forests of Jasper National Park**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14201](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14201)

Fire suppression has altered the historical mixed-severity fire regime and homogenised forest structures in Jasper National Park, Canada. We used dendrochronology to reconstruct fire history and assess forest dynamics at 29 sites in the montane forests. Based on fire scars and even-aged post-fire cohorts, we determined 18 sites had...

Author(s): Raphael D. Chavardes, Lori D. Daniels

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### **Topographic and fire weather controls of contemporary fire refugia in forested ecosystems of northwestern North America**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18922](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18922)

Fire refugia, sometimes referred to as fire islands, shadows, skips, residuals, or fire remnants, are an important element of the burn mosaic, but we lack a quantitative framework that links observations of fire refugia from different environmental contexts. Here, we develop and test a conceptual model for how predictability of fire...

Author(s): Meg A. Krawchuk, Sandra L. Haire, Jonathan D. Coop, Marc-Andre Parisien, Ellen Whitman, Geneva W. Chong, Carol Miller

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### **Protecting the source: tools to evaluate fuel treatment cost vs. water quality protection**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14698](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14698)

High-intensity wildfires are one of the leading causes of severe soil erosion in western U.S. watersheds. This erosion can lead to disruptive deposits of sediment in reservoirs and water supply systems. Fuel treatments such as controlled burns and forest thinning can reduce wildfire intensity and help preserve topsoil. But while...

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### **Post-fire vegetation and fuel development influences fire severity patterns in reburns**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14638](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14638)

In areas where fire regimes and forest structure have been dramatically altered, there is increasing concern that contemporary fires have the potential to set forests on a positive feedback trajectory with successive reburns, one in which extensive stand-replacing fire could promote more stand-replacing fire. Our study utilized an...

Author(s): Michelle Coppoletta, Kyle E. Merriam, Brandon M. Collins  
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### **Fire regimes of Northern Rocky Mountain ponderosa pine communities**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14602](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14602)

Hundreds of articles are published about wildland fires in Northern Rocky Mountain ponderosa pine communities. The author of this FEIS synthesis reviewed over 300 publications on historical and contemporary fuel loads, stand structure, and fire regimes in ponderosa pine communities. Most studies found that prior to fire exclusion,...

Author(s): Janet L. Fryer  
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### **Infiltration and interrill erosion rates after a wildfire in western Montana, USA**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14528](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14528)

The 2000 Valley Complex wildfire burned in steep montane forests with ash cap soils in western Montana, USA. The effects of high soil burn severity on forest soil hydrologic function were examined using rainfall simulations (100mmh<sup>-1</sup> for 1 h) on 0.5-m<sup>2</sup> plots. Infiltration rates, sediment yields and sediment concentrations were...

Author(s): Peter R. Robichaud, Joseph W. Wagenbrenner, Frederick B. Pierson, Kenneth E. Spaeth, Louise E. Ashmun, Corey A. Moffet  
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### **Tamm Review: Management of mixed-severity fire regime forests in Oregon, Washington, and Northern California**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13976](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13976)

Increasingly, objectives for forests with moderate- or mixed-severity fire regimes are to restore successional diversity landscapes that are resistant and resilient to current and future stressors. Maintaining native species and characteristic processes requires this successional diversity, but methods to achieve it are poorly...

Author(s): Paul F. Hessburg, Thomas A. Spies, David A. Perry, Carl N. Skinner, Alan H. Taylor, Peter M. Brown, Scott L. Stephens, Andrew J. Larson, Derek J. Churchill, Nicholas A. Povak, Peter H. Singleton, Brenda McComb, William J. Zielinski, Brandon M. Collins, R. Brion Salter, Jerry F. Franklin, Gregg M. Riegel  
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### **Cumulative disturbance on the landscape: lessons from the Pole Creek fire, Oregon**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14519](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14519)

Previous research has focused on quantifying fuel loadings and using operational fire behavior models to understand changes in fire severity following MPB outbreaks. In this study however, researchers used direct field measurements taken from the 2012 Pole Creek Fire that burned in lodgepole pine forests in central Oregon's...

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### **Relating fire-caused change in forest structure to remotely sensed estimates of fire severity**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14891](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14891)

Fire severity maps are an important tool for understanding fire effects on a landscape. The relative differenced normalized burn ratio (RdNBR) is a commonly used severity index in California forests, and is typically divided into four categories: unchanged, low, moderate, and high. RdNBR is often calculated twice—from images...

Author(s): Jamie M. Lydersen, Brandon M. Collins, Jay D. Miller, Danny L. Fry, Scott L. Stephens

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### **Evaluation of spectral indices for estimating burn severity in semiarid grasslands**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13799](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13799)

Using Landsat imagery, this study was conducted to evaluate a fire disturbance that occurred in Canada's Grasslands National Park on 27 April 2013. We used spectral indices (e.g. Normalised Burn Ratio (NBR) and Mid-infrared Burn Index (MIRBI)) derived from Landsat images to evaluate burn severity and to analyse the vegetation...

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### **Sensitivity of reconstructed fire histories to detection criteria in mixed-severity landscapes**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14818](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14818)

In heterogeneous forest landscapes prone to wildfires, accurate classification of the fire regime beyond direct observations and records is difficult. This is in part due to the methods used to reconstruct historical fires in complex, heterogeneous landscapes with varying fire severities. Mixed-severity fire regimes, defined as...

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### **Avian relationships with wildfire at two dry forest locations with different historical fire regimes**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14479](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14479)

Wildfire is a key factor influencing bird community composition in western North American forests. We need to understand species and community responses to wildfire and how responses vary regionally to effectively manage dry conifer forests for maintaining biodiversity. We compared avian relationships with wildfire burn severity...

Author(s): Quresh Latif, Jamie Sanderlin, Victoria A. Saab, William M. Block, Jonathan G. Dudley

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### **Fire weather conditions and fire-atmosphere interactions observed during low-intensity prescribed fires - Rxcadre 2012**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16908](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16908)

The goal of this paper is to describe the overall meteorological measurement campaign design and methods and present some initial results from analyses of two burn experiments.

Author(s): Craig B. Clements, Neil Lareau, Daisuke Seto, Jonathan Contezac, Braniff Davis, Casey Teske, Thomas J. Zajkowski, Andrew T. Hudak, Benjamin C. Bright, Matthew B. Dickinson, Bret W. Butler, Daniel M. Jimenez, J. Kevin Hiers

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### **Burn me twice, shame on who? Interactions between successive forest fires across a temperate mountain region**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14793](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14793)

Increasing rates of natural disturbances under a warming climate raise important questions about how multiple disturbances interact. Escalating wildfire activity in recent decades has resulted in some forests re-burning in short succession, but how the severity of one wildfire affects that of a subsequent wildfire is not fully...

Author(s): Brian J. Harvey, Daniel C. Donato, Monica G. Turner

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### **Do insect outbreaks reduce the severity of subsequent forest fires?**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14260](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14260)

Understanding the causes and consequences of rapid environmental change is an essential scientific frontier, particularly given the threat of climate- and land use-induced changes in disturbance regimes. In western North America, recent widespread insect outbreaks and wildfires have sparked acute concerns about potential insect...

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### **Spatial and temporal variations of fire regimes in the Canadian Rocky mountains and foothills of southern Alberta**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14701](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14701)

Like many fire-adapted ecosystems, decades of fire exclusion policy in the Rocky Mountains and Foothills natural regions of southern Alberta, Canada are raising concern over the loss of ecological integrity. Departure from historical conditions is evaluated using median fire return intervals (MdfRI) based on fire history data from...

Author(s): Michael D. Flannigan, Brad C. Hawkes, Marc-Andre Parisien, Marie-Pierre Rogeau, Rick Arthur

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### **1984–2010 trends in fire burn severity and area for the conterminous US**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14199](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14199)

Burn severity products created by the Monitoring Trends in Burn Severity (MTBS) project were used to analyse historical trends in burn severity. Using a severity metric calculated by modelling the cumulative distribution of differenced Normalized Burn Ratio (dNBR) and Relativized dNBR (RdNBR) data, we examined burn area and burn...



Author(s): Joshua J. Picotte, Birgit Peterson, Gretchen Meier, Stephen M. Howard  
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### **Positive effects of fire on birds may appear only under narrow combinations of fire severity and time-since-fire**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14642](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14642)

We conducted bird surveys in 10 of the first 11 years following a mixed-severity fire in a dry, low-elevation mixed-conifer forest in western Montana, United States. By defining fire in terms of fire severity and time-since-fire, and then comparing detection rates for species inside 15 combinations of fire severity and time-since-...

Author(s): Richard L. Hutto, David A. Patterson  
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### **Toward a more ecologically informed view of severe forest fires**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14023](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14023)

We use the historical presence of high-severity fire patches in mixed-conifer forests of the western United States to make several points that we hope will encourage development of a more ecologically informed view of severe wildland fire effects. First, many plant and animal species use, and have sometimes evolved to depend on,...

Author(s): Richard L. Hutto, Robert E. Keane, Rosemary L. Sherriff, Christopher T. Rota, Lisa A. Eby, Victoria A. Saab  
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### **Soil heating during the complete combustion of mega-logs and broadcast burning in central Oregon USA pumice soils**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14604](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14604)

The environmental effect of extreme soil heating, such as occurs with the complete combustion of large downed wood during wildfires, is a post-fire management concern to forest managers. To address this knowledge gap, we stacked logs to create 'mega-log' burning conditions and compared the temperature, duration and penetration...

Author(s): Jane E. Smith, Ariel D. Cowan, Stephen A. Fitzgerald  
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### **Fire severity and cumulative disturbance effects in the post-mountain pine beetle lodgepole pine forests of the Pole Creek Fire**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14007](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14007)

Recent large scale mountain pine beetle (*Dendroctonus ponderosae* Hopkins, MPB) outbreaks have created concern regarding increased fuel loadings and exacerbated fire behavior and have prompted a desire to understand the effects of sequential disturbances on the landscape. However, previous research has focused on quantifying fuel...

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### **Recovering lost ground: effects of soil burn intensity on nutrients and ectomycorrhiza communities of ponderosa pine seedlings**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14547](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14547)

Fuel accumulation and climate shifts are predicted to increase the frequency of high-severity fires in ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*) forests of central Oregon. The combustion of fuels containing large downed wood can result in intense soil heating, alteration of soil properties, and mortality of microbes. Previous studies show...

Author(s): Ariel D. Cowan, Jane E. Smith, Stephen A. Fitzgerald

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### **How will climate change affect wildland fire severity in the western US?**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13983](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13983)

Fire regime characteristics in North America are expected to change over the next several decades as a result of anthropogenic climate change. Although some fire regime characteristics (e.g., area burned and fire season length) are relatively well-studied in the context of a changing climate, fire severity has received less...

Author(s): Sean A. Parks, Carol Miller, John T. Abatzoglou, Lisa M. Holsinger, Marc-Andre Parisien, Solomon Z. Dobrowski

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### **Fire and drought**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14525](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14525)

Historical and presettlement relationships between drought and wildfire have been well documented in much of North America, with forest fire occurrence and area burned clearly increasing in response to drought. Drought interacts with other controls (forest productivity, topography, and fire weather) to affect fire intensity and...

Author(s): Jeremy S. Littell, David L. Peterson, Karen L. Riley, Yongqiang Liu, Charles H. Luce

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### **Towards a new paradigm in fire severity research using dose-response experiments**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13917](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13917)

Most landscape-scale fire severity research relies on correlations between field measures of fire effects and relatively simple spectral reflectance indices that are not direct measures of heat output or changes in plant physiology. Although many authors have highlighted limitations of this approach and called for improved...

Author(s): Alistair M. S. Smith, Aaron M. Sparks, Crystal A. Kolden, John T. Abatzoglou, Alan F.

Talhelm, Daniel M. Johnson, Luigi Boschetti, James A. Lutz, Kent G. Apostol, Kara M. Yedinak, Wade T. Tinkham, Robert L. Kremens

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## **Paths of recovery: landscape variability in forest structure, function, and fuels after the 1988 Yellowstone Fires**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13720](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13720)

Understanding the rates, trajectories, and spatial variability in succession following severe wildfire is increasingly important for forest managers in western North America and critical for anticipating the resilience or vulnerability of forested landscapes to changing environmental conditions. However, few long-term...

Author(s): Monica G. Turner, William H. Romme, Daniel B. Tinker, Daniel C. Donato, Brian J. Harvey

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Technical Report or White Paper

## **Does wildfire likelihood or severity increase following insect outbreaks in conifer forests?**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14153](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14153)

Although there is acute concern that insect-caused tree mortality increases the likelihood or severity of subsequent wildfire, previous studies have been mixed, with findings typically based on stand-scale simulations or individual events. This study investigates landscape- and regional-scale wildfire likelihood following outbreaks...

Author(s): Garrett W. Meigs, John L. Campbell, Harold S. Zald, John D. Bailey, David C. Shaw, Robert E. Kennedy

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

## **Assessing soil and vegetation recovery following the 2005 School Fire, Umatilla National Forest - 10-year update**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12811](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12811)

Following the 2005 School Fire which burned ~ 50,000 acres across forest and grasslands, managers were particularly concerned with treating severely burned areas to mitigate weed spread and to limit soil erosion. Various mulching treatments (wheat straw, wood strand, and hydromulch) were implemented to control...

Author(s): Peter R. Robichaud, Penelope Morgan, Leigh B. Lentile, Sarah A. Lewis, Andrew T. Hudak, Deborah S. Page-Dumroese

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Research Brief or Fact Sheet

## **Fire legacies impact conifer regeneration across environmental gradients in the U.S. northern Rockies**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14018](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14018)

Context: An increase in the incidence of large wildfires worldwide has prompted concerns about the resilience of forest ecosystems, particularly in the western U.S., where recent changes are linked with climate warming and 20th-century land management practices. Objectives: To study forest resilience to recent wildfires, we examined...

Author(s): Kerry Kemp, Philip E. Higuera, Penelope Morgan

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## **Daily weather and other factors influencing burn severity in central Idaho and western Montana**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15316](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15316)

Burn severity as inferred from satellite-derived differenced Normalized Burn Ratio (dNBR) is useful for evaluating fire impacts on ecosystems but the environmental controls on burn severity across large forest fires are both poorly understood and likely to be different than those influencing fire extent. We related dNBR to...

Author(s): Donovan Birch, Penelope Morgan, Crystal A. Kolden, John T. Abatzoglou, Gregory K. Dillon, Andrew T. Hudak, Alistair M. S. Smith

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### **Relations between soil hydraulic properties and burn severity**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13987](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13987)

Wildfire can affect soil hydraulic properties, often resulting in reduced infiltration. The magnitude of change in infiltration varies depending on the burn severity. Quantitative approaches to link burn severity with changes in infiltration are lacking. This study uses controlled laboratory measurements to determine relations...

Author(s): John A. Moody, Brian A. Ebel, Petter Nyman, Deborah A. Martin, Cathelijine Stoof, Randy McKinley

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### **Mixed severity fire effects within the Rim fire: relative importance of local climate, fire weather, topography, and forest structure**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13857](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13857)

Recent and projected increases in the frequency and severity of large wildfires in the western U.S. makes understanding the factors that strongly affect landscape fire patterns a management priority for optimizing treatment location. We compared the influence of variations in the local environment on burn severity patterns on the...

Author(s): Van R. Kane, C. Alina Cansler, Nicholas A. Povak, Jonathan T. Kane, Bob McGaughey, James A. Lutz, Derek J. Churchill, Malcolm P. North

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### **Using bird ecology to learn about the benefits of severe fire**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15556](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15556)

In this chapter in the book "The Ecological Importance of Mixed Severity Fires: Nature's Phoenix, the authors do not provide an encyclopedic review of the more than 450 published papers that describe some kind of effect of fire on birds. Instead, they chose to highlight underappreciated principles or lessons that emerge from...

Author(s): Richard L. Hutto, Monica L. Bond, Dominick A. DellaSala

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### **Vegetation, topography and daily weather influenced burn severity in central Idaho and western Montana forests**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13621](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13621)

Burn severity as inferred from satellite-derived differenced Normalized Burn Ratio (dNBR) is useful for evaluating fire impacts on ecosystems but the environmental controls on burn severity across large

forest fires are both poorly understood and likely to be different than those influencing fire extent. We related dNBR to...

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### **Identification of Fire Refugia in Rocky Mountain Ecosystems of the U.S. and Canada: Development and Application of the Refugium Concept for Biodiversity Conservation over Large Spatial and Temporal Scales**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18923](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18923)

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of findings and products from our FY2014 research project on fire refugia. We summarize the products and findings of our work, including: development of regional datasets; use of a climate space framework to select sample fires; development of fire refugia models across the climate...

Author(s): Geneva W. Chong

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### **The climate space of fire regimes in north-western North America**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18921](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18921)

Aim: Studies of fire activity along environmental gradients have been undertaken, but the results of such studies have yet to be integrated with fire-regime analysis. We characterize fire-regime components along climate gradients and a gradient of human influence. Location: We focus on a climatically diverse region of north-western...

Author(s): Ellen Whitman, E. Batllori, Marc-Andre Parisien, Carol Miller, Jonathan D. Coop, Meg A. Krawchuk, Geneva W. Chong, Sandra L. Haire

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### **Are high-severity fires burning at much higher rates recently than historically in dry-forest landscapes of the western USA?**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13487](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13487)

Dry forests at low elevations in temperate-zone mountains are commonly hypothesized to be at risk of exceptional rates of severe fire from climatic change and land-use effects. Their setting is fire-prone, they have been altered by land-uses, and fire severity may be increasing. However, where fires were excluded, increased fire...

Author(s): William L. Baker

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### **Vegetation response to burn severity, native grass seeding, and salvage logging**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13422](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13422)

As the size and extent of wildfires has increased in recent decades, so has the cost and extent of post-fire management, including seeding and salvage logging. However, we know little about how burn severity, salvage logging, and post-fire seeding interact to influence vegetation recovery long-term. We sampled understory plant...

Author(s): Penelope Morgan, Marshall Moy, Christine A. Droske, Leigh B. Lentile, Sarah A. Lewis, Peter R. Robichaud, Andrew T. Hudak, Christopher Jason Williams  
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### **Empirical Support for the Use of Prescribed Burning**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19974](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19974)

Prescribed burning as a fuel treatment seeks to moderate wildfire impacts and decreases the areal extent of wildfires by increasing the effectiveness of fire suppression. Assessment of prescribed burning effectiveness is frequently anecdotal or based on simulation. This paper examines recent observational evidence of prescribed fire...

Author(s): Paulo M. Fernandes  
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### **Is proportion burned severely related to daily area burned?**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13018](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13018)

The ecological effects of forest fires burning with high severity are long-lived and have the greatest impact on vegetation successional trajectories, as compared to low-to-moderate severity fires. The primary drivers of high severity fire are unclear, but it has been hypothesized that wind-driven, large fire-growth days play a...

Author(s): Donovan Birch, Penelope Morgan, Crystal A. Kolden, Andrew T. Hudak, Alistair M. S. Smith  
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### **Recent mountain pine beetle outbreaks, wildfire severity, and postfire tree regeneration in the US northern Rockies**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13007](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13007)

Widespread tree mortality caused by outbreaks of native bark beetles (Circulionidae: Scolytinae) in recent decades has raised concern among scientists and forest managers about whether beetle outbreaks fuel more ecologically severe forest fires and impair postfire resilience. To investigate this question, we collected extensive...

Author(s): Brian J. Harvey, Daniel C. Donato, Monica G. Turner  
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### **Examining fire-prone forest landscapes as coupled human and natural systems**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19561](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/19561)

Fire-prone landscapes are not well studied as coupled human and natural systems (CHANS) and present many challenges for understanding and promoting adaptive behaviors and institutions. Here, we explore how heterogeneity, feedbacks, and external drivers in this type of natural hazard system can lead to complexity and can limit the...

Author(s): Thomas A. Spies, Eric M. White, Jeffrey D. Kline, A. Paige Fischer, Alan A. Ager, John D. Bailey, John P. Bolte, Jennifer Koch, Emily K. Platt, Christine Olsen, Derric B. Jacobs, Bruce A. Shindler, Michelle M. Steen-Adams, Roger B. Hammer  
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### **Effects of topographic features on postfire exposed mineral soil in small watersheds**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/22976](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/22976)

Exposed mineral soil is an immediate result of forest fires with direct relevance on surface runoff and soil erosion. The goal of this study was to determine which topographic features influence the distribution of exposed mineral soil following wildfire in forested watersheds. In a field investigation 2 months after a simulated...

Author(s): Mariana Dobre, Joan Q. Wu, William J. Elliot, Ina S. Miller, Theresa B. Jain

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### **Integrating satellite imagery with simulation modeling to improve burn severity mapping**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12957](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12957)

Both satellite imagery and spatial fire effects models are valuable tools for generating burn severity maps that are useful to fire scientists and resource managers. The purpose of this study was to test a new mapping approach that integrates imagery and modeling to create more accurate burn severity maps. We developed and assessed...

Author(s): Eva C. Karau, Pamela G. Sikkink, Robert E. Keane, Gregory K. Dillon

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### **Previous fires moderate burn severity of subsequent wildland fires in two large western US wilderness areas**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12051](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12051)

Wildland fire is an important natural process in many ecosystems. However, fire exclusion has reduced frequency of fire and area burned in many dry forest types, which may affect vegetation structure and composition, and potential fire behavior. In forests of the western U.S., these effects pose a challenge for fire and land...

Author(s): Sean A. Parks, Carol Miller, Cara R. Nelson, Zachary A. Holden

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### **High-severity fire corroborated in historical dry forests of the western United States: response to Fule et al.**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13490](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13490)

Accurate assessment of changing fire regimes is important, since climatic change and people may be promoting more wildfires. Government wildland fire policies and restoration programmes in dry western US forests are based on the hypothesis that high-severity fire was rare in historical fire regimes, modern fire severity is...

Author(s): Mark A. Williams, William L. Baker

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### **Challenge of assessing fire and burn severity using field measures, remote sensing and modelling**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18881](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18881)

Comprehensive assessment of ecological change after fires have burned forests and rangelands is important if we are to understand, predict and measure fire effects. We highlight the challenges in effective assessment of fire and burn severity in the field and using both remote sensing and simulation models. We draw on diverse recent...

Author(s): Penelope Morgan, Robert E. Keane, Gregory K. Dillon, Theresa B. Jain, Andrew T. Hudak, Eva C. Karau, Pamela G. Sikkink, Zachary A. Holden, Eva K. Strand

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### **Fire severity and tree regeneration following bark beetle outbreaks: the role of outbreak stage and burning conditions**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13328](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13328)

The degree to which recent bark beetle (*Dendroctonus ponderosae*) outbreaks may influence fire severity and postfire tree regeneration is of heightened interest to resource managers throughout western North America, but empirical data on actual fire effects are lacking. Outcomes may depend on burning conditions (i.e., weather during...

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### **A new metric for quantifying burn severity: the relativized burn ratio**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13053](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13053)

Satellite-inferred burn severity data have become increasingly popular over the last decade for management and research purposes. These data typically quantify spectral change between pre-and post-fire satellite images (usually Landsat). There is an active debate regarding which of the two main equations, the delta normalized burn...

Author(s): Sean A. Parks, Gregory K. Dillon, Carol Miller

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### **Fire activity and severity in the western US vary along proxy gradients representing fuel amount and fuel moisture**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13016](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13016)

Numerous theoretical and empirical studies have shown that wildfire activity (e.g., area burned) at regional to global scales may be limited at the extremes of environmental gradients such as productivity or moisture. Fire activity, however, represents only one component of the fire regime, and no studies to date have characterized...

Author(s): Sean A. Parks, Marc-Andre Parisien, Carol Miller, Solomon Z. Dobrowski

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### **Briefing: climate and wildfire in western U.S. forests**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12991](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12991)

Wildfire in western U.S. federally managed forests has increased substantially in recent decades, with large (>1000 acre) fires in the decade through 2012 over five times as frequent (450 percent increase) and burned area over ten times as great (930 percent increase) as the 1970s and early 1980s. These



changes are closely linked...

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### **Challenges of assessing fire and burn severity using field measures, remote sensing and modeling**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15319](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15319)

Comprehensive assessment of ecological change after fires have burned forests and rangelands is important if we are to understand, predict and measure fire effects. We highlight the challenges in effective assessment of fire and burn severity in the field and using both remote sensing and simulation models. We draw on diverse recent...

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### **Examining historical and current mixed-severity fire regimes in ponderosa pine and mixed-conifer forests of western north America**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12904](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12904)

There is widespread concern that fire exclusion has led to an unprecedented threat of uncharacteristically severe fires in ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa* Dougl. ex. Laws) and mixed-conifer forests of western North America. These extensive montane forests are considered to be adapted to a low/moderate-severity fire regime that...

Author(s): Dennis C. Odion, Chad T. Hanson, Andre Arsenault, William L. Baker, Dominick A. DellaSala, Richard L. Hutto, Walt Klenner, Max A. Moritz, Rosemary L. Sherriff, Thomas T. Veblen, Mark A. Williams

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### **Vegetation response after post-fire mulching and native grass seeding**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15317](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15317)

Post-fire mulch and seeding treatments, often applied on steep, severely burned slopes immediately after large wildfires, are meant to reduce the potential of erosion and establishment of invasive plants, especially non-native plants, that could threaten values at risk. However, the effects of these treatments on native vegetation...

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### **Mapping day-of-burning with coarse-resolution satellite fire-detection data**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12764](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12764)

Evaluating the influence of observed daily weather on observed fire-related effects (e.g. smoke production, carbon emissions and burn severity) often involves knowing exactly what day any given area has burned. As such, several studies have used fire progression maps - in which the perimeter of

an actively burning fire is mapped at...

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### **Influence of wildland fire along a successional gradient in sagebrush steppe and western juniper woodlands**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12149](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12149)

Western juniper (*Juniperus occidentalis* Hook. var. *occidentalis*) has been expanding into sagebrush (*Artemisia* L. spp.) steppe over the past 130 years in Idaho, Oregon, and California. Fuel characteristics and expected fire behavior and effects change as sagebrush steppe transitions into juniper woodlands. Little is currently known...

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### **The relationship of post-fire white ash cover to surface fuel consumption**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13119](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13119)

White ash results from the complete combustion of surface fuels, making it a logically simple retrospective indicator of surface fuel consumption. However, the strength of this relationship has been neither tested nor adequately demonstrated with field measurements. We measured surface fuel loads and cover fractions of white ash and...

Author(s): Andrew T. Hudak, Roger D. Ottmar, Robert E. Vihnanek, Nolan W. Brewer, Alistair M. S. Smith, Penelope Morgan

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### **Historical fire regimes, reconstructed from land-survey data, led to complexity and fluctuation in sagebrush landscapes**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11972](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11972)

Sagebrush landscapes provide habitat for Sage-Grouse and other sagebrush obligates, yet historical fire regimes and the structure of historical sagebrush landscapes are poorly known, hampering ecological restoration and management. To remedy this, General Land Office Survey (GLO) survey notes were used to reconstruct over two...

Author(s): Beth E. Bukowski, William L. Baker

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### **Seeing red: new tools for mapping and understanding fire severity**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11996](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11996)

Large, severe fires are ecologically and socially important because they have lasting effects on vegetation and soils, can potentially threaten people and property, and can be costly to manage. The goals of the Fire Severity Mapping Project (FIRESEV), which covers lands in the continental western United States, are to understand...

Author(s): Rocky Mountain Research Station

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### **Fuel treatments and fire severity: a meta-analysis**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18721](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18721)

We employed meta-analysis and information theory to synthesize findings reported in the literature on the effects of fuel treatments on subsequent fire intensity and severity. Data were compiled from 19 publications that reported observed fire responses from 62 treated versus untreated contrasts. Effect sizes varied widely and the...

Author(s): Erik J. Martinson, Philip N. Omi

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Technical Report or White Paper

### **Fire regimes of quaking aspen in the mountain west**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11975](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11975)

Quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides* Michx.) is the most widespread tree species in North America, and it is found throughout much of the Mountain West (MW) across a broad range of bioclimatic regions. Aspen typically regenerates asexually and prolifically after fire, and due to its seral status in many western conifer forests, aspen...

Author(s): Douglas J. Shinneman, William L. Baker, Paul C. Rogers, Dominik Kulakowski

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### **Interactive effects of wildfire, forest management, and isolation on amphibian and parasite abundance**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11970](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11970)

Projected increases in wildfire and other climate-driven disturbances will affect populations and communities worldwide, including host-parasite relationships. Research in temperate forests has shown that wildfire can negatively affect amphibians, but this research has occurred primarily outside of managed landscapes where...

Author(s): Blake R. Hossack, Winsor H. Lowe, R. Ken Honeycutt, Sean A. Parks, Paul S. Corn

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### **Is burn severity related to fire intensity? Observations from landscape scale remote sensing**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12026](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12026)

Biomass burning by wildland fires has significant ecological, social and economic impacts. Satellite remote sensing provides direct measurements of radiative energy released by the fire (i.e. fire intensity) and surrogate measures of ecological change due to the fire (i.e. fire or burn severity). Despite anecdotal observations...

Author(s): Heather Heward, Alistair M. S. Smith, David P. Roy, Wade T. Tinkham, Chad M. Hoffman, Penelope Morgan, Karen O. Lannom

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### **Latent resilience in ponderosa pine forest: effects of resumed frequent fire**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12018](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12018)

Ecological systems often exhibit resilient states that are maintained through negative feedbacks. In ponderosa pine forests, fire historically represented the negative feedback mechanism that maintained ecosystem resilience; fire exclusion reduced that resilience, predisposing the transition to an alternative ecosystem state upon...

Author(s): Andrew J. Larson, R. Travis Belote, C. Alina Cansler, Sean A. Parks, Matthew S. Dietz

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### **The impacts of changing disturbance regimes on serotinous plant populations and communities**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12406](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12406)

Climatic change is anticipated to alter disturbance regimes for many ecosystems. Among the most important effects are changes in the frequency, size, and intensity of wildfires. Serotiny (long-term canopy storage and the heat-induced release of seeds) is a fire-resilience mechanism found in many globally important terrestrial...

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### **Rapid increases and time-lagged declines in amphibian occupancy after wildfire**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11998](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11998)

Climate change is expected to increase the frequency and severity of drought and wildfire. Aquatic and moisture-sensitive species, such as amphibians, may be particularly vulnerable to these modified disturbance regimes because large wildfires often occur during extended droughts and thus may compound environmental threats. However...

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### **A new forest fire paradigm: the need for high-severity fires**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14505](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14505)

During the 2012 fire season from June through August, wildfires in the droughtstricken western and central United States burned more than 3.6 million acres of forest and shrubland. In the hot, dry, windy conditions seen that season, a single spark can start an understory fire that ascends into the...

Author(s): Monica L. Bond, Rodney B. Siegel, Richard L. Hutto, Victoria A. Saab, Stephen A. Shunk

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### **Wildfire severity mediates fluxes of plant material and terrestrial invertebrates to mountain streams**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11477](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11477)

Wildfire effects upon riparian plant community structure, composition, and distribution may strongly influence the dynamic relationships between riparian vegetation and stream ecosystems. However, few studies have examined the influence of fire on these processes. To that end, we compared the quantity and composition of...

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### **Measurements of convective and radiative heating in wildland fires**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8374](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8374)

Time-resolved irradiance and convective heating and cooling of fast-response thermopile sensors were measured in 13 natural and prescribed wildland fires under a variety of fuel and ambient conditions. It was shown that a sensor exposed to the fire environment was subject to rapid fluctuations of convective transfer whereas...

Author(s): David Frankman, Brent W. Webb, Bret W. Butler, Daniel M. Jimenez, Jason M. Forthofer, Paul Sopko, Kyle S. Shannon, J. Kevin Hiers, Roger D. Ottmar

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### **Pattern and process of prescribed fires influence effectiveness at reducing wildfire severity in dry coniferous forests**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11476](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11476)

We examined the effects of three early season (spring) prescribed fires on burn severity patterns of summer wildfires that occurred 1-3 years post-treatment in a mixed conifer forest in central Idaho. Wildfire and prescribed fire burn severities were estimated as the difference in normalized burn ratio (dNBR) using Landsat imagery....

Author(s): Robert S. Arkle, David S. Pilliod, Justin L. Welty

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### **Spatially extensive reconstructions show variable-severity fire and heterogeneous structure in historical western United States dry forests**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13484](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13484)

Aim: Wildfire is often considered more severe now than historically in dry forests of the western United States. Tree-ring reconstructions, which suggest that historical dry forests were park-like with large, old trees maintained by low-severity fires, are from small, scattered studies. To overcome this limitation, we developed...

Author(s): William L. Baker, Mark A. Williams

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Effects of spring prescribed burning and wildfires on watershed nitrogen dynamics of central Idaho headwater areas**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8294](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8294)

Fire is known for its potential to profoundly affect nitrogen (N) dynamics in both terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. However, few studies have investigated fire effects on several important watershed N pools simultaneously or have directly compared effects of spring prescribed burns and wildfires that occurred in the same...

Author(s): Kirsten Stephan, Kathleen L. Kavanagh, Akihiro Koyama

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Mapped versus actual burned area within wildfire perimeters: characterizing the unburned**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8350](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8350)

For decades, wildfire studies have utilized fire occurrence as the primary data source for investigating the causes and effects of wildfire on the landscape. Fire occurrence data fall primarily into two categories: ignition points and perimeter polygons which are used to calculate a 'burned area' for a fire. However, understanding...

Author(s): Crystal A. Kolden, James A. Lutz, Carl H. Key, Jonathan T. Kane, Jan W. van Wagtenonk

Year Published: 2012

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Can climate change increase fire severity independent of fire intensity? - Final Report to the Joint Fire Science Program**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11228](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11228)

We tested the idea that climate may affect forest fire severity independent of fire intensity. Pervasive warming can lead to chronic stress on forest trees (McDowell et al. 2008; Raffa et al. 2008), resulting in higher sensitivity to fire-induced damage (van Mantgem et al. 2003). Thus, there may be ongoing increases in fire severity...

Author(s): Phillip J. van Mantgem, MaryBeth Keifer, Robert C. Klinger, Eric E. Knapp

Year Published: 2012

Type: Document

Technical Report or White Paper

### **Cumulative effects of fire and fuels management on stream water quality and ecosystem dynamics - Final Report to the Joint Fire Science Program**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18951](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18951)

Prescribed fires and wildland fire-use are increasingly important management tools used to reduce fuel loads and restore the ecological integrity of western forests. Although a basic understanding of the effects of fire on aquatic ecosystems exists, the cumulative and possibly synergistic effects of wildfire following prescribed...

Author(s): David S. Pilliod, Robert S. Arkle

Year Published: 2012

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Technical Report or White Paper

### **The effect of sampling rate on interpretation of the temporal characteristics of radiative and convective heating in wildland flames**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8373](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8373)

Time-resolved radiative and convective heating measurements were collected on a prescribed burn in coniferous fuels at a sampling frequency of 500 Hz. Evaluation of the data in the time and frequency domain indicate that this sampling rate was sufficient to capture the temporal fluctuations of radiative and convective heating. The...

Author(s): David Frankman, Brent W. Webb, Bret W. Butler, Daniel M. Jimenez, Michael G. Harrington

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Effects of bark beetle-caused tree mortality on wildfire**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13294](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13294)

Millions of trees killed by bark beetles in western North America have raised concerns about subsequent wildfire, but studies have reported a range of conclusions, often seemingly contradictory,

about effects on fuels and wildfire. In this study, we reviewed and synthesized the published literature on modifications to fuels and fire...

Author(s): Jeffrey A. Hicke, Morris C. Johnson, Jane L. Hayes, Haiganoush K. Preisler

Year Published: 2012

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article, Synthesis

### **Wildfire extent and severity correlated with annual streamflow distribution and timing in the Pacific Northwest, USA (1984-2005)**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8375](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8375)

Climate change effects on wildfire occurrence have been attributed primarily to increases in temperatures causing earlier snowpack ablation and longer fire seasons. Variability in precipitation is also an important control on snowpack accumulation and, therefore, on timing of meltwater inputs. We evaluate the correlation of total...

Author(s): Zachary A. Holden, Charles H. Luce, Michael A. Crimmins, Penelope Morgan

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **The human dimension of fire regimes on Earth**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/190](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/190)

Humans and their ancestors are unique in being a fire-making species, but 'natural' (i.e. independent of humans) fires have an ancient, geological history on Earth. Natural fires have influenced biological evolution and global biogeochemical cycles, making fire integral to the functioning of some biomes.

Globally, debate rages...

Author(s): David M. J. S. Bowman

Year Published: 2011

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Mapping the potential for high severity wildfire in the western United States**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15320](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15320)

Each year, large areas are burned in wildfires across the Western United States. Assessing the ecological effects of these fires is crucial to effective postfire management. This requires accurate, efficient, and economical methods to assess the severity of fires at broad landscape scales (Brennan and Hardwick 1999; Parsons and...

Author(s): Gregory K. Dillon, Penelope Morgan, Zachary A. Holden

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Synthesis

### **Plains prickly pear response to fire: effects of fuel load, heat, fire weather, and donor site soil**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8283](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8283)

Plains prickly pear (*Opuntia polyacantha* Haw.) is common throughout the Great Plains and often becomes detrimental to agricultural production on noncultivated lands. We examined direct fire effects on plains prickly pear and mechanisms of tissue damage to facilitate development of fire prescriptions. Cladodes from clones on three...

Author(s): Lance T. Vermeire, Aaron D. Roth

Year Published: 2011

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

## **Both topography and climate affected forest and woodland burn severity in two regions of the western US**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15318](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15318)

Fire is a keystone process in many ecosystems of western North America. Severe fires kill and consume large amounts of above- and belowground biomass and affect soils, resulting in long-lasting consequences for vegetation, aquatic ecosystem productivity and diversity, and other ecosystem properties. We analyzed the occurrence of,...

Author(s): Gregory K. Dillon, Zachary A. Holden, Penelope Morgan, Michael A. Crimmins, Emily K. Heyerdahl, Charles H. Luce

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

## **Restoration of whitebark pine forests in the northern Rocky Mountains, USA**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11900](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11900)

Whitebark pine (*Pinus albicaulis*) has been declining across much of its range in North America because of the combined effects of mountain pine beetle epidemics, fire exclusion policies, and widespread exotic blister rust infections. Whitebark pine seed is dispersed by a bird, the Clark's nutcracker, which caches seed in open,...

Author(s): Robert E. Keane

Year Published: 2011

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Conference Proceedings

## **Rill erosion rates in burned forests**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11032](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11032)

Wildfires often produce large increases in runoff and erosion rates (e.g., Moody and Martin, 2009), and land managers need to predict the frequency and magnitude of postfire erosion to determine the needs for hazard response and possible erosion mitigation to reduce the impacts of increased erosion on public safety and valued...

Author(s): Joseph W. Wagenbrenner, Peter R. Robichaud

Year Published: 2011

Type: Document

Conference Proceedings

## **Synthesis of knowledge: fire history and climate change**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12582](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12582)

This report synthesizes available fire history and climate change scientific knowledge to aid managers with fire decisions in the face of ongoing 21st Century climate change. Fire history and climate change (FHCC) have been ongoing for over 400 million years of Earth history, but increasing human influences during the Holocene epoch...

Author(s): William T. Sommers, Stanley G. Coloff, Susan G. Conard

Year Published: 2011

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Synthesis, Technical Report or White Paper

## **Fire effects on the cheatgrass seed bank pathogen *Pyrenophora semeniperda***

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11450](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11450)

The generalist fungal pathogen *Pyrenophora semeniperda* occurs primarily in cheatgrass (*Bromus*



tectorum) seed banks, where it causes high mortality. We investigated the relationship between this pathogen and its cheatgrass host in the context of fire, asking whether burning would facilitate host escape from the pathogen or increase...

Author(s): Julie Beckstead, Laura E. Street, Susan E. Meyer, Phil S. Allen

Year Published: 2011

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **The beauty of a burned forest**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14506](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/14506)

In the Northern Rockies, forests that have escaped fire are rare. In the Crown, fire is just as important as rainfall and sunlight are to plants and animals. For the vast majority of forest types within the region, the predominant fire regime is one of infrequent, intense, stand-replacement fires—not one of...

Author(s): Richard L. Hutto

Year Published: 2011

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Research Brief or Fact Sheet

### **Predicted fates of ground-nesting bees in soil heated by wildfire: thermal tolerances of life stages and a survey of nesting depths**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12144](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12144)

Periodic wildfire defines plant community composition and dynamics in many of the world's semi-arid biomes, whose climates and floras also favor wild bee diversity. Invasive flammable grasses, deforestation, historical fire suppression and human ignition are increasing fire frequency and intensifying its severity, as well as...

Author(s): James H. Cane, John L. Neff

Year Published: 2011

Type: Document

Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Multi-scale controls of historical forest-fire regimes: new insights from fire-scar networks**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8298](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8298)

Anticipating future forest-fire regimes under changing climate requires that scientists and natural resource managers understand the factors that control fire across space and time. Fire scars-proxy records of fires, formed in the growth rings of long-lived trees-provide an annually accurate window into past low-severity fire...

Author(s): Donald A. Falk, Emily K. Heyerdahl, Peter M. Brown, Calvin A. Farris, Peter Z. Fule, Donald McKenzie, Thomas W. Swetnam, Alan H. Taylor, Megan L. Van Horne

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Type: Document

Book or Chapter or Journal Article, Synthesis

### **Modeling effects of climate change and fire management on western white pine (*Pinus monticola*) in the northern rocky mountains, USA**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13512](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13512)

Climate change is projected to profoundly influence vegetation patterns and community compositions, either directly through increased species mortality and shifts in species distributions or indirectly through disturbance dynamics such as increased wildfire activity and extent, shifting fire regimes, and pathogenesis. Mountainous...

Author(s): Rachel A. Loehman, Jason A. Clark, Robert E. Keane

Year Published: 2011

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Influence of fire on mycorrhizal colonization of planted and natural whitebark pine seedlings: ecology and management implications**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11898](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11898)

Whitebark pine (*Pinus albicaulis*) is a threatened keystone species in subalpine zones of Western North America that plays a role in watershed dynamics and maintenance of high elevation biodiversity (Schwandt, 2006). Whitebark pine has experienced significant mortality due to white pine blister rust, mountain pine beetle outbreaks...

Author(s): Paul E. Trusty, Cathy L. Cripps

Year Published: 2011

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Conference Proceedings

### **The myth of "catastrophic" wildfire - a new ecological paradigm of forest health**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16302](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16302)

Every fire season in the western United States, we see on television the predictable images of 100-foot flames spreading through tree crowns, while grim-faced news anchors report how many acres of forest were "destroyed" by the latest "catastrophic" fire. The reaction is understandable. For decades, countless Smokey the Bear...

Author(s): Chad T. Hanson

Year Published: 2010

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Technical Report or White Paper

### **Burn severity mapping using simulation modelling and satellite imagery**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8205](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8205)

Although burn severity maps derived from satellite imagery provide a landscape view of fire impacts, fire effects simulation models can provide spatial fire severity estimates and add a biotic context in which to interpret severity. In this project, we evaluated two methods of mapping burn severity in the context of rapid post-fire...

Author(s): Eva C. Karau, Robert E. Keane

Year Published: 2010

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Restoring whitebark pine forests of the northern Rocky Mountains, USA**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8394](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8394)

Whitebark pine (*Pinus albicaulis*) has been declining across much of its range in North America because of the combined effects of mountain pine beetle (*Dendroctonus ponderosae*) epidemics, fire exclusion policies, and widespread exotic blister rust infections. Whitebark pine seed is dispersed by a bird, the Clark's nutcracker (...)

Author(s): Robert E. Keane, Russell A. Parsons

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Fire and climate variation in western North America from fire-scar and tree-ring networks**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8221](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8221)

Fire regimes (i.e., the pattern, frequency and intensity of fire in a region) reflect a complex interplay of bottom-up and top-down controls (Lertzman et al., 1998; McKenzie et al., in press). Bottom-up controls include local variations in topographic, fuel and weather factors at the time of a burn (e.g., fuel moisture and...

Author(s): Donald A. Falk, Emily K. Heyerdahl, Peter M. Brown, Thomas W. Swetnam, Elaine Kennedy Sutherland, Ze'ev Gedalof, Larissa L. Yocom, Timothy J. Brown

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### **Using fuzzy C-means and local autocorrelation to cluster satellite-inferred burn severity classes**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11447](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11447)

Burn severity classifications derived from multitemporal Landsat Thematic Mapper images and the Normalised Burn Ratio (NBR) are commonly used to assess the post-fire ecological effects of wildfires. Ongoing efforts to retrospectively map historical burn severity require defensible, objective methods of classifying continuous...

Author(s): Zachary A. Holden, Jeffrey S. Evans

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### **Field guide for mapping post-fire soil burn severity**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15310](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15310)

Following wildfires in the United States, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of the Interior mobilize Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) teams to assess immediate post-fire watershed conditions. BAER teams must determine threats from flooding, soil erosion, and instability. Developing a postfire soil burn...

Author(s): Annette Parson, Peter R. Robichaud, Sarah A. Lewis, Carolyn Napper, Jess T. Clark

Year Published: 2010

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Effects of timber harvest following wildfire in western North America**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11122](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11122)

Timber harvest following wildfire leads to different outcomes depending on the biophysical setting of the forest, pattern of burn severity, operational aspects of tree removal, and other management activities. Fire effects range from relatively minor, in which fire burns through the understory and may kill a few trees, to severe, in...

Author(s): David L. Peterson, James K. Agee, Gregory H. Aplet, Dennis P. Dykstra, Russell T. Graham, John F. Lehmkuhl, David S. Pilliod, Donald F. Potts, Robert F. Powers, John D. Stuart

Year Published: 2009

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Technical Report or White Paper

### **Influence of wildfire severity on riparian plant community heterogeneity in an Idaho, USA wilderness**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11445](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11445)

Despite the increasing recognition of riparian zones as important ecotones that link terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and of fire as a critical natural disturbance, much remains unknown regarding the influence of fire on stream-riparian ecosystems. To further this understanding, we evaluated the effects of mixed severity wildfire...

Author(s): Breeanne K. Jackson, S. Mazeika P. Sullivan  
Year Published: 2009  
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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Three years of hillslope sediment yields following the Valley Complex fires, western Montana**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11147](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11147)

The 2000 Bitterroot Valley wildfires provided an opportunity to measure post-fire effects and recovery rates. We established 24 small (0.01 ha [0.02 acre]) plots in four high-severity burn sites. We measured sediment yields at each site with silt fences. We also measured rainfall characteristics, soil water repellency, vegetative...

Author(s): Peter R. Robichaud, Joseph W. Wagenbrenner, Robert E. Brown, Kevin M. Spigel  
Year Published: 2009  
Type: Document  
Technical Report or White Paper

### **Listening to the message of the Black-backed Woodpecker, a hot fire specialist**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11083](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11083)

The Black-backed Woodpecker is an uncommon bird of the northern coniferous forests of North America. It is one of several species of fauna that are considered fire specialists. This woodpecker nests in cavities it creates in dead standing trees and feeds on wood-boring beetles and their larvae, which are also attracted to stressed...

Author(s): Elise LeQuire  
Year Published: 2009  
Type: Document  
Research Brief or Fact Sheet

### **Fire intensity, fire severity and burn severity: a brief review**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16309](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16309)

Several recent papers have suggested replacing the terminology of fire intensity and fire severity. Part of the problem with fire intensity is that it is sometimes used incorrectly to describe fire effects, when in fact it is justifiably restricted to measures of energy output. Increasingly, the term has created confusion because...

Author(s): Jon E. Keeley  
Year Published: 2009  
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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Thermal characteristics of amphibian microhabitats in a fire-disturbed landscape**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8402](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8402)

Disturbance has long been a central issue in amphibian conservation, often regarding negative effects of logging or other forest management activities, but some amphibians seem to prefer disturbed habitats. After documenting increased use of recently burned forests by boreal toads (*Bufo boreas*), we hypothesized that burned habitats...

Author(s): Blake R. Hossack, Lisa A. Eby, C. Gregory Guscio, Paul S. Corn  
Year Published: 2009  
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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **The ecological importance of severe wildfires: some like it hot**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8229](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8229)

Many scientists and forest land managers concur that past fire suppression, grazing, and timber harvesting practices have created unnatural and unhealthy conditions in the dry, ponderosa pine forests of the western United States. Specifically, such forests are said to carry higher fuel loads and experience fires that are more severe...

Author(s): Richard L. Hutto

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### **Long-term fire history from alluvial fan sediments: the role of drought and climate variability, and implications for management of Rocky Mountain forests**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8203](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8203)

Alluvial fan deposits are widespread and preserve millennial-length records of fire. We used these records to examine changes in fire regimes over the last 2000 years in Yellowstone National Park mixed-conifer forests and drier central Idaho ponderosa pine forests. In Idaho, frequent, small, fire-related erosional events occurred...

Author(s): Jennifer L. Pierce, Grant A. Meyer

Year Published: 2008

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Earth and fire: forests rely on healthy soils for a well-rounded diet**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11081](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11081)

Historically, frequent low-intensity, dormant-season fire shaped the landscape across a variety of forests in the United States, from eastern hardwood and hardwood/conifer mixtures to western coniferous forests. Decades of fire exclusion have resulted in heavy fuel loads and increased threat of severe wildfire compared to historic...

Author(s): Elise LeQuire

Year Published: 2008

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Research Brief or Fact Sheet

### **Large fire locations by Fire Regime Condition Classes 2 and 3 for all historical natural fire regimes**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11510](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11510)

A map of large fires across the western United States.

Author(s): Wendel J. Hann

Year Published: 2008

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Research Brief or Fact Sheet

### **Spatial characteristics of fire severity in relation to fire growth in a Rocky Mountain subalpine forest**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11485](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11485)

We compared the spatial characteristics of fire severity patches within individual fire "runs" (contiguous polygons burned during a given day) resulting from a 72,000 ha fire in central Idaho in 1994. Our hypothesis was that patch characteristics of four fire severity classes (high, moderate, low, and unburned), as captured by five...

Author(s): Calvin A. Farris, Ellis Q. Margolis, John A. Kupfer

Year Published: 2008

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### **Living artifacts: the ancient ponderosa pines of the West**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8160](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8160)

Until late in the nineteenth century, magnificent ponderosa pine forests blanketed much of the inland West. They covered perhaps 30 million acres, an area the size of New York state, spreading across the mountains of New Mexico, Arizona, and California and flourishing throughout the eastern Cascades, the intermountain Pacific...

Author(s): Stephen F. Arno, Lars Ostlund, Robert E. Keane

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Soil water repellency and infiltration in coarse-textured soils of burned and unburned sagebrush ecosystems**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11424](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11424)

Millions of dollars are spent each year in the United States to mitigate the effects of wildfires and reduce the risk of flash floods and debris flows. Research from forested, chaparral, and rangeland communities indicate that severe wildfires can cause significant increases in soil water repellency resulting in increased runoff and...

Author(s): Frederick B. Pierson, Peter R. Robichaud, Corey A. Moffet, Kenneth E. Spaeth, Christopher Jason Williams, Stuart P. Hardegree, Patrick E. Clark

Year Published: 2008

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **CCE fire regimes and their management**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8369](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8369)

A spectacular forest in the center of the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem (CCE) cuts a 15- by 5-km swath along the Flathead River's South Fork around Big Prairie in the middle of the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area in Montana (Figure 13- 1). This wide valley bottom, which contains two patches (of about 1,000 ha each) of the last...

Author(s): Robert E. Keane, Carl H. Key

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Vegetation and soil effects from prescribed, wild, and combined fire events along a ponderosa pine and grassland mosaic**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11241](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11241)

We describe the efficacy of prescribed fires after two wildfires burned through and around these fires located in eastern Montana within the Missouri River Breaks. The objectives of the prescribed fires were to decrease tree density and favor increased herbaceous cover, thus decreasing the potential for crown fire. Our objective was...

Author(s): Theresa B. Jain, Molly Juillerat, Jonathan Sandquist, Mike Ford, Brad Sauer, Robert J. Mitchell, Scott McAvoy, Justin Hanley, Jon David

Year Published: 2007

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Technical Report or White Paper

### **Delayed Conifer Tree Mortality Following Fire in California**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16311](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16311)

Fire injury was characterized and survival monitored for 5,246 trees from five wildfires in California that occurred between 1999 and 2002. Logistic regression models for predicting the probability of mortality were developed for incense-cedar, Jeffrey pine, ponderosa pine, red fir and white fir. Two-year post-fire preliminary...

Author(s): Sharon M. Hood, Sheri L. Smith, Danny R. Cluck

Year Published: 2007

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Technical Report or White Paper

### **The relationship of multispectral satellite imagery to immediate fire effects**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8390](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8390)

The Forest Service Remote Sensing Applications Center (RSAC) and the U.S. Geological Survey Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS) Data Center produce Burned Area Reflectance Classification (BARC) maps for use by Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) teams in rapid response to wildfires. BAER teams desire maps indicative of...

Author(s): Andrew T. Hudak, Penelope Morgan, Michael J. Bobbitt, Alistair M. S. Smith, Sarah A. Lewis, Leigh B. Lentile, Peter R. Robichaud, Jess T. Clark, Randy McKinley

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### **Factors in United States Forest Service district rangers' decision to manage a fire for resource benefit**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/21723](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/21723)

United States wildland fire policy and program reviews in 1995 and 2000 required both the reduction of hazardous fuel and recognition of fire as a natural process. Despite the fact that existing policy permits managing natural ignitions to meet resource benefits, or Wildland Fire Use (WFU), most fuel reduction projects rely on...

Author(s): Martha A. Williamson

Year Published: 2007

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Post-fire burn severity and vegetation response following eight large wildfires across the western United States**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8168](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8168)

Vegetation response and burn severity were examined following eight large wildfires that burned in 2003 and 2004: two wildfires in California chaparral, two each in dry and moist mixed-conifer forests in Montana, and two in boreal forests in interior Alaska. Our research objectives were: 1) to characterize one year post-fire...

Author(s): Leigh B. Lentile, Penelope Morgan, Andrew T. Hudak, Michael J. Bobbitt, Sarah A. Lewis, Alistair M. S. Smith, Peter R. Robichaud

Year Published: 2007

Type: Document

Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Comparison of fire scars, fire atlases, and satellite data in the northwestern United States**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11427](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11427)

We evaluated agreement in the location and occurrence of 20th century fires recorded in digital fire atlases with those inferred from fire scars that we collected systematically at one site in Idaho and from existing fire-scar reconstructions at four sites in Washington. Fire perimeters were similar for two of three 20th century...

Author(s): Lauren B. Shapiro, Emily K. Heyerdahl, Penelope Morgan

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### **The relation between tree burn severity and forest structure in the Rocky Mountains**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11987](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11987)

Many wildfire events have burned thousands of hectares across the western United States, such as the Bitterroot (Montana), Rodeo-Chediski (Arizona), Hayman (Colorado), and Biscuit (Oregon) fires. These events led to Congress enacting the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003, which, with other policies, encourages federal and state...

Author(s): Theresa B. Jain, Russell T. Graham

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### **Forest fire and climate change in western North America: insights from sediment charcoal records**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7930](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7930)

Millennial-scale records of forest fire provide important baseline information for ecosystem management, especially in regions with too few recent fires to describe the historical range of variability. Charcoal records from lake sediments and soil profiles are well suited for reconstructing the incidence of past fire and its...

Author(s): Daniel G. Gavin, Douglas J. Hallett, Feng S. Hu, Kenneth P. Lertzman, Susan J. Prichard, Kendrick J. Brown, Jason A. Lynch, Patrick J. Bartlein, David L. Peterson

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article, Synthesis

### **Simulation of the consequences of different fire regimes to support wildland fire use decisions**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11429](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11429)

The strategy known as wildland fire use, in which lightning-ignited fires are allowed to burn, is rapidly gaining momentum in the fire management community. Managers need to know the consequences of an increase in area burned that might result from an increase in wildland fire use. One concern of land managers as they consider...

Author(s): Carol Miller

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Fire, fuels and restoration of ponderosa pine-Douglas fir forests in the Rocky Mountains, USA**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8223](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8223)

Forest restoration in ponderosa pine and mixed ponderosa pine-Douglas fir forests in the US Rocky Mountains has been highly influenced by a historical model of frequent, low-severity surface fires developed for the ponderosa pine forests of the Southwestern USA. A restoration model, based on this low-severity fire model, focuses on...

Author(s): William L. Baker, Thomas T. Veblen, Rosemary L. Sherriff



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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Runoff and erosion effects after prescribed fire and wildfire on volcanic ash-cap soils**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11041](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11041)

After prescribed burns at three locations and one wildfire, rainfall simulations studies were completed to compare postfire runoff rates and sediment yields on ash-cap soil in conifer forest regions of northern Idaho and western Montana. The measured fire effects were differentiated by burn severity (unburned, low, moderate, and...

Author(s): Peter R. Robichaud, Frederick B. Pierson, Robert E. Brown

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Conference Proceedings

### **Fire effects on vegetation recovery following eight large western wildfires**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/10986](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/10986)

We examined vegetation diversity and landscape pattern relative to burn severity following eight large wildfires that burned in 2003 and 2004 in California chaparral, in mixed conifer forests in Montana, and in boreal forests in interior Alaska. Our goal was to relate post-fire vegetation recovery and field and remotely sensed...

Author(s): Leigh B. Lentile, Penelope Morgan, Michael J. Bobbitt, Sarah A. Lewis, Andrew T. Hudak, Peter R. Robichaud

Year Published: 2006

Type: Document

Conference Proceedings

### **Evaluate sensitivities of burn-severity mapping algorithms for different ecosystems and fire histories in the United States - Final Report to the Joint Fire Science Program**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18930](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18930)

This research effort is designed to investigate effectiveness of burn severity mapping, using differenced Normalized Burn Ratio (dNBR) for ecosystem monitoring at the 30m scale. The hypothesis of our research is that the differenced normalized burn ratio, calibrated and validated using post-fire ground data (Composite Burn Index, or...

Author(s): Zhiliang Zhu, Carl H. Key, Donald Ohlen, Nathan C. Benson

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Technical Report or White Paper

### **The complexity of managing fire-dependent ecosystems in wilderness: relict ponderosa pine in the Bob Marshall Wilderness**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7953](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7953)

Isolated wilderness ecosystems with a history of frequent, low-severity fires have been altered due to many decades of fire exclusion and, as a result, are difficult to restore for philosophical and logistical reasons. In this paper, we describe the successional conditions of ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*) communities along the...

Author(s): Robert E. Keane, Stephen F. Arno, Laura J. Dickinson

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **History of fire and Douglas-fir establishment in a savanna and sagebrush-grassland mosaic, southwestern Montana, USA**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7942](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7942)

Over the past century, trees have encroached into grass- and shrublands across western North America. These include Douglas-fir trees (*Pseudotsuga menziesii* (Mirb.) Franco var. *glauca* (Beissn.) Franco) encroaching into mountain big sagebrush *Nutt. ssp. vaseyana* (Rydb.) Beetle) from stable islands of savanna in southwestern Montana....

Author(s): Emily K. Heyerdahl, Richard F. Miller, Russell A. Parsons

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### **Managing fire-prone forests in the Western United**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16308](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/16308)

The management of fire-prone forests is one of the most controversial natural resource issues in the US today, particularly in the west of the country. Although vegetation and wildlife in these forests are adapted to fire, the historical range of fire frequency and severity was huge. When fire regimes are altered by human activity,...

Author(s): Reed F. Noss, Jerry F. Franklin, William L. Baker, Tania L. Schoennagel, Peter B. Moyle

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Vegetation response to restoration treatments in ponderosa pine-Douglas-fir forests**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11503](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11503)

The study site is located at the University of Montana's Lubrecht Experimental Forest, Missoula County, Montana, USA. This study is 1 of 13 in a nationwide network of Fire/Fire Surrogate (FFS) studies investigating the interdisciplinary effects of treatments designed to reduce fire hazard and restore the structure and function of...

Author(s): Kerry L. Metlen, Erich K. Dodson, Carl E. Fiedler

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Research Brief or Fact Sheet

### **The relation between forest structure and soil burn severity**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/10978](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/10978)

A study funded through National Fire Plan evaluates the relation between pre-wildfire forest structure and post-wildfire soil burn severity across three forest types: dry, moist, and cold forests. Over 73 wildfires were sampled in Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Colorado, and Utah, which burned between 2000 and 2003. Because of the study's...

Author(s): Theresa B. Jain, Russell T. Graham, David S. Pilliod

Year Published: 2006

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Conference Proceedings

### **Ecological science relevant to management policies for fire-prone forests of the western United States, Society for Conservation Biology scientific panel of fire in western U.S. forests**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11190](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11190)

Fire is a primary natural disturbance in most forests of western North America and has shaped their plant and animal communities for millions of years. Native species and fundamental ecological

processes are dependent on conditions created by fire. However, many western forests have experienced shifts in wildfire regimes and forest...

Author(s): Reed F. Noss, Jerry F. Franklin, William L. Baker, Tania L. Schoennagel, Peter B. Moyle  
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Technical Report or White Paper

### **Measurement of post-fire hillslope erosion to evaluate and model rehabilitation treatment effectiveness and recovery**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8137](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8137)

The increasing size and severity of wildfires in the western United States has caused a corresponding increase in post-fire emergency erosion control activities. Hillslope treatments, such as broadcast seeding, mulching and installed barriers, are applied to reduce runoff and erosion, as well as downslope sedimentation. However,...

Author(s): Peter R. Robichaud

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Variation in fire regimes of the Rocky Mountains: implications for avian communities and fire management**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8144](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8144)

Information about avian responses to fire in the U.S. Rocky Mountains is based solely on studies of crown fires. However, fire management in this region is based primarily on studies of low-elevation ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*) forests maintained largely by frequent understory fires. In contrast to both of these trends, most...

Author(s): Victoria A. Saab, Hugh D. W. Powell, Natasha B. Kotliar, Karen R. Newlon

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article, Synthesis

### **Effects of prescribed and wildland fire on aquatic ecosystems in western forests - Final Report to the Joint Fire Science Program**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11161](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11161)

The goal of the project is to understand how fire in upland and riparian forests influence stream communities and whether prescription burning mimics the ecological function of fire in a watershed. The project has two components: wildland fire and prescribed fire. To document the range of biotic and abiotic responses to wildland...

Author(s): David S. Pilliod, R. Bruce Bury, Paul S. Corn

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Technical Report or White Paper

### **Restoration of ponderosa pine forests in the interior western U.S. after logging, grazing, and fire suppression**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8195](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8195)

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Author(s): Merrill R. Kaufmann, Kevin C. Ryan, Peter Z. Fule, William H. Romme

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### **Fire ecology of ponderosa pine and the rebuilding of fire-resilient ponderosa pine ecosystems**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11074](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11074)

The ponderosa pine ecosystems of the West have change dramatically since Euro-American settlement 140 years ago due to past land uses and the curtailment of natural fire. Today, ponderosa pine forests contain overabundance of fuel, and stand densities have increased from a range of 49-124 trees ha-1 (20-50 trees acre-1) to a range...

Author(s): Stephen A. Fitzgerald

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Conference Proceedings, Synthesis

### **Fish and stream habitat risks from uncharacteristic wildfire: observations from 17 years of fire-related disturbances on the Boise National Forest, Idaho**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11451](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11451)

Several large, uncharacteristic wildfires occurred on the Boise National Forest in Southwest Idaho, from 1986 to 2003. From 1987 to 1994, severe wildfires burned almost 50% of the ponderosa pine forest types (about 200,000 ha). The intensity of the fires varied across the landscape, with a mix of low to moderate severity, and lesser...

Author(s): Timothy A. Burton

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### **Dry forests and wildland fires of the inland Northwest USA: contrasting the landscape ecology of the pre-settlement and modern eras**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7941](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7941)

Prior to Euro-American settlement, dry ponderosa pine and mixed conifer forests (hereafter, the 'dry forests') of the Inland Northwest were burned by frequent low- or mixed-severity fires. These mostly surface fires maintained low and variable tree densities, light and patchy ground fuels, simplified forest structure, and favored...

Author(s): Paul F. Hessburg, James K. Agee, Jerry F. Franklin

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### **Changes in bird abundance after wildfire: importance of fire severity and time since fire**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8256](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8256)

Fire can cause profound changes in the composition and abundance of plant and animal species, but logistics, unpredictability of weather, and inherent danger make it nearly impossible to study high-severity fire effects experimentally. We took advantage of a unique opportunity to use a before-after/control-impact (BACI) approach to...

Author(s): Kristina M. Smucker, Richard L. Hutto, Brian M. Steele

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Understory recovery after low-and high-intensity fires in northern Idaho ponderosa pine forests**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11502](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11502)

Comparisons between unburned sites, low-intensity fires, and high-intensity fires in this ponderosa pine-

dominated community indicate that a majority of the species coverages and frequencies are unchanged regardless of burn treatment. Also, a majority of species that were impacted by the fires showed increased coverage and/or...

Author(s): Corey L. Gucker  
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Research Brief or Fact Sheet

### **Assessing the causes, consequences and spatial variability of burn severity: a rapid response proposal - Final Report to the Joint Fire Science Program**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11149](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11149)

In this rapid response project, we have collected data on post-fire effects and pre-fire fuels and vegetation from 10 large fires that burned in 2003 and 2004. We use field and remotely sensed data collected during and soon after wildfires to quantify the interactions and spatial variability in fire effects, fuels, fire behavior,...

Author(s): Penelope Morgan, Andrew T. Hudak, Peter R. Robichaud, Kevin C. Ryan  
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### **Restoring dry and moist forests of the inland northwestern U. S.**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7903](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7903)

The complex topography of the inland northwestern U.S. (58.4 million ha) interacts with continental and maritime air masses to create a highly variable climate, which results in a variety of forest settings. Historically (1850 to 1900), approximately 20% of the area was covered by dry forests (*Pinus ponderosa*, *Pseudotsuga menziesii*...

Author(s): Theresa B. Jain, Russell T. Graham  
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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Lewis's Woodpecker (*Melanerpes lewis*): a technical conservation assessment**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11498](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11498)

Lewis's woodpecker (*Melanerpes lewis*) is a locally common but patchily distributed woodpecker species usually seen in open forests of western North America. The combination of its sporadic distribution, its diet of adult-stage free-living insects (primarily aerial), its preference to nest in burned landscapes, and its variable...

Author(s): Stephen C. Abele, Victoria A. Saab, Edward O. Garton  
Year Published: 2004  
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Technical Report or White Paper

### **Is forest structure related to fire severity? Yes, no, and maybe: methods and insights in quantifying the answer**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/10977](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/10977)

Wildfires in 2000 burned over 500,000 forested ha in the Northern Rocky Mountains. In 2001, National Fire Plan funding became available to evaluate the influence of pre-wildfire forest structure on post wildfire fire severity. Results from this study will provide information on forest structures that are resilient to wildfire. Three...

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Conference Proceedings

### **The interaction of fire, fuels, and climate across Rocky Mountain forests**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13583](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13583)

Understanding the relative influence of fuels and climate on wildfires across the Rocky Mountains is necessary to predict how fires may respond to a changing climate and to define effective fuel management approaches to controlling wildfire in this increasingly populated region. The idea that decades of fire suppression have...

Author(s): Tania L. Schoennagel, Thomas T. Veblen, William H. Romme

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### **Field validation of Burned Area Reflectance Classification (BARC) products for post fire assessment**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/10972](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/10972)

The USFS Remote Sensing Applications Center (RSAC) and the USGS EROS Data Center (EDC) produce Burned Area Reflectance Classification (BARC) maps for use by Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) teams in rapid response to wildfires. BAER teams desire maps indicative of soil burn severity, but photosynthetic and...

Author(s): Andrew T. Hudak, Peter R. Robichaud, Jeffrey B. Evans, Jess T. Clark, Keith Lannom, Penelope Morgan, Carter Stone

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Conference Proceedings

### **The relationship of field burn severity measures to satellite-derived Burned Area Reflectance Classification (BARC) maps**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/10971](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/10971)

Preliminary results are presented from ongoing research on spatial variability of fire effects on soils and vegetation from the Black Mountain Two and Cooney Ridge wildfires, which burned in western Montana during the 2003 fire season. Extensive field fractional cover data were sampled to assess the efficacy of quantitative...

Author(s): Andrew T. Hudak, Penelope Morgan, Carter Stone, Peter R. Robichaud, Theresa B. Jain, Jess T. Clark

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Conference Proceedings

### **Spatial heterogeneity of lodgepole pine sapling densities following the 1988 fires in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, USA**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8255](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8255)

Large disturbances create spatial heterogeneity in vegetation re-establishment, and documenting such variability is critical for understanding and predicting succession. We quantified the spatial heterogeneity of lodgepole pine sapling densities 10 years after the 1988 fires in Yellowstone National Park using color infrared...

Author(s): Daniel M. Kashian, Daniel B. Tinker, Monica G. Turner, Frank L. Scarpace

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Mapping relative fire regime condition class for the western United States**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/10991](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/10991)

In 1999, a coarse-scale map of Fire Regime Condition Classes (FRCC) was developed for the conterminous United States (US) to help address contemporary fire management issues and to quantify changes in fuels from historical conditions. This map and its associated data have been incorporated into national policies (National Fire Plan...

Author(s): James P. Menakis, Melanie Miller, Thomas Thompson

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Conference Proceedings

### **Mapping the cheatgrass-caused departure from historical natural fire regimes in the Great Basin, USA**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11490](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11490)

Cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*) is an exotic grass that has increased fire hazard on millions of square kilometers of semi-arid rangelands in the western United States. Cheatgrass aggressively out competes native vegetation after fire and significantly enhances fire size and frequency. To evaluate the effect of cheatgrass on historical...

Author(s): James P. Menakis, Dianne Osborne, Melanie Miller

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Conference Proceedings

### **The normalized burn ratio (NBR): A Landsat TM radiometric measure of burn severity**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11185](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11185)

We used the Composite Burn Indices sampled in the field to test performance of radiometric measures as estimators of burn severity. Two 1994 fires occurring at Glacier National Park, Montana, were investigated. Indices incorporated band ratios and multi-temporal differencing derived from the Landsat Thematic Mapper, including: 1)...

Author(s): Carl H. Key, Nathan C. Benson

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### **Performance of fuel treatments subjected to wildfires**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11038](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11038)

Fire severity was evaluated in eight recent wildfires with standardized methods in adjacent treated and untreated stands. Sampled sites occurred in a variety of conifer forests throughout the Western United States. Treatments included reduction of surface fuels and crown fuels, both in isolation and in combination. Synthesis of our...

Author(s): Erik J. Martinson, Philip N. Omi

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Conference Proceedings

### **Climatic controls on fire-induced sediment pulses in Yellowstone National Park and central Idaho: a long-term perspective**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7962](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7962)

Fire management addressing postfire erosion and aquatic ecosystems tends to focus on short-term

effects persisting up to about a decade after fire. A longer perspective is important in understanding natural variability in postfire erosion and sedimentation, the role of these processes in structuring habitat, and future expectations...

Author(s): Grant A. Meyer, Jennifer L. Pierce

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### **Impacts of fire on hydrology and erosion in steep mountain big sagebrush communities**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11407](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11407)

Wildfire is an important ecological process and management issue on western rangelands. Major unknowns associated with wildfire are its affects on vegetation and soil conditions that influence hydrologic processes including infiltration, surface runoff, erosion, sediment transport, and flooding. Post wildfire hydrologic response was...

Author(s): Frederick B. Pierson, Peter R. Robichaud, Kenneth E. Spaeth, Corey A. Moffet

Year Published: 2003

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Conference Proceedings

### **The role of climate and vegetation change in shaping past and future fire regimes in the northwestern U.S. and the implications for ecosystem management**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8382](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8382)

Fire is an important part of the disturbance regimes of northwestern US forests and its role in maintaining and altering forest vegetation is evident in the paleoecological record of the region. Long-term reconstructions of Holocene fire regimes, provided by the analysis of charcoal, pollen, and other fire proxies in a network of...

Author(s): Cathy L. Whitlock, Sarah L. Shafer, Jennifer R. Marlon

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### **Using simulation to map fire regimes: an evaluation of approaches, strategies, and limitations**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7951](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7951)

Spatial depictions of fire regimes are indispensable to fire management because they portray important characteristics of wildland fire, such as severity, intensity, and pattern, across a landscape that serves as important reference for future treatment activities. However, spatially explicit fire regime maps are difficult and...

Author(s): Robert E. Keane, Geoffrey J. Cary, Russell A. Parsons

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Postfire aspen seedling recruitment across the Yellowstone (USA) landscape**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13542](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13542)

Landscape patterns of quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) seedling occurrence and abundance were studied after a rare recruitment event following the 1988 fires in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, USA. Belt transects (1 to 17 km in length, 4 m width) along 18 foot trails were surveyed for aspen seedlings on the...

Author(s): Monica G. Turner, William H. Romme, Gerald A. Tuskan, Rebecca A. Reed

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### **Uncertainty in fire history and restoration of ponderosa pine forests in the western United States**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11026](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11026)

Fire-history data for ponderosa pine forests in the western U.S. have uncertainties and biases. Targeting multiple-scarred trees and using recorder trees when sampling for fire history may lead to incomplete records. For most of the western U.S., research is insufficient to conclude that high-severity fires did or did not occur in...

Author(s): William L. Baker, Donna S. Ehle

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Conference Proceedings

### **Fire as a coarse filter for snags and logs**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11075](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11075)

Fire played an important role in maintaining and creating conditions suitable for native flora and fauna in the forests of western North America. Recent coarse filter conservation strategies have advocated creating future landscapes that incorporate historic or natural ranges of variability, including fire regimes. Historic fire...

Author(s): James K. Agee

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### **Wildfire and erosion: when to expect the unexpected**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/10999](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/10999)

Wildfire is a major ecological process and management issue in the western U.S. The 2000, 2001 and 2002 fire seasons were some of the biggest in history with over 2 million ha burned annually. What happens when the rains come? Most wildfires create a patchwork of low, moderate, and high severity burn areas, often causing spatially...

Author(s): Peter R. Robichaud

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Conference Proceedings

### **Effect of thinning and prescribed burning on crown fire severity in ponderosa pine forests**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8121](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8121)

Fire exclusion policies have affected stand structure and wildfire hazard in north American ponderosa pine forests. Wildfires are becoming more severe in stands where trees are densely stocked with shade-tolerant understory trees. Although forest managers have been employing fuel treatment techniques to reduce wildfire hazard for...

Author(s): Jolie Pollet, Philip N. Omi

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### **Landscape-scale controls over 20th century fire occurrence in two large Rocky Mountain (USA) wilderness areas**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8140](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8140)

Topography, vegetation, and climate act together to determine the spatial patterns of fires at landscape scales. Knowledge of landscape-fire-climate relations at these broad scales (1,000s ha to 100,000s ha) is limited and is largely based on inferences and extrapolations from fire histories reconstructed from finer scales. In this...

Author(s): Matthew G. Rollins, Penelope Morgan

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Impacts of wildfire on soil hydrological properties of steep sagebrush-steppe rangeland**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11441](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11441)

In late August 1996, a wildfire swept across the sagebrush-dominated foothills above Boise, Idaho. Fire impacts on infiltration and inter-rill erosion were examined 1 year following the fire with simulated rainfall. Densely vegetated north-facing slopes were compared with sparsely vegetated south-facing slopes under both burned (...)

Author(s): Frederick B. Pierson, D. H. Carlson, Kenneth E. Spaeth

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Uncertainty in surface-fire history: the case of ponderosa pine forests in the western United States**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8257](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8257)

Present understanding of fire ecology in forests subject to surface fires is based on fire-scar evidence. We present theory and empirical results that suggest that fire-history data have uncertainties and biases when used to estimate the population mean fire interval (FI) or other parameters of the fire regime. First, the population...

Author(s): William L. Baker, Donna S. Ehle

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### **Evaluating a century of fire patterns in two Rocky Mountain wilderness areas using digital fire atlases**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8139](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8139)

Changes in fire size, shape, and frequency under different fire-management strategies were evaluated using time series of fire perimeter data (fire atlases) and mapped potential vegetation types (PVTs) in the Gila-Aldo Leopold Wilderness Complex (GALWC) in New Mexico and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Complex (SBWC) in Idaho and...

Author(s): Matthew G. Rollins, Thomas W. Swetnam, Penelope Morgan

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### **Water quality, substratum and biotic responses of five central Idaho (USA) streams during the first year following the Mortar Creek fire**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11442](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11442)

The Mortar Creek Fire burned 26 000 ha of mixed-conifer Rocky Mountain forest in July-August 1979. Changes in burn stream conditions were examined relative to reference streams for various ecological factors on two to six occasions, from October 1979 to August 1980. Factors included major ions and nutrients, suspended and benthic...

Author(s): G. Wayne Minshall, James T. Brock, Douglas A. Andrews, Christopher T. Robinson  
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### **Infiltration rates after wildfires in the Bitterroot Valley**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8425](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8425)

Recent fires have renewed interest in fire's effect on different components of the ecosystem, in particular fire's effects on infiltration and runoff. Forests subjected to high severity burns often develop water repellent soil conditions. Under this condition, the infiltration of water into the soil is lowered and consequently...

Author(s): Juli A. Brady, Peter R. Robichaud, Frederick B. Pierson  
Year Published: 2001  
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Conference Proceedings

### **Fire effects on infiltration rates after prescribed fire in Northern Rocky Mountain forests, USA**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8134](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8134)

Infiltration rates in undisturbed forest environments are generally high. These high infiltration rates may be reduced when forest management activities such as timber harvesting and/or prescribed fires are used. Post-harvest residue burning is a common site preparation treatment used in the Northern Rocky Mountains, USA, to reduce...

Author(s): Peter R. Robichaud  
Year Published: 2000  
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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Fire, competition, and forest pests: landscape treatment to sustain ecosystem function**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/10988](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/10988)

Fire, competition for light and water, and native forest pests have interacted for millennia in western forests to produce a countryside dominated by seral species of conifers. These conifer-dominated ecosystems exist in six kinds of biotic communities. We divided one of these communities, the Rocky Mountain Montane Conifer Forest,...

Author(s): GERAL I. McDONALD, ALAN E. HARVEY, JONALEA R. TONN  
Year Published: 2000  
Type: Document  
Conference Proceedings

### **Fire in western forest ecosystems**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11115](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11115)

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Author(s): Stephen F. Arno  
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Technical Report or White Paper

### **The role of fire in management of watershed responses**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12004](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12004)

Hydrologic responses of watersheds are strongly related to vegetation and soil disturbances. Many of the storage and transfer components of the global hydrologic cycle are altered by the occurrence of fire.

The major effect of fire on the hydrologic functioning of watersheds is the removal of vegetation and litter materials that...

Author(s): Malcomb J. Zwolinski

Year Published: 2000

Type: Document

Conference Proceedings

### **Associated riparian communities**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/10962](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/10962)

Some 100 years of fire exclusion in the Interior Northwest has resulted in riparian areas dominated by dense thickets of shade-tolerant trees. If former, more open conditions could be restored, these habitats could once more support a more diverse bird community. Efforts toward this at two study sites are described.

Author(s): Colin C. Hardy, Robert E. Keane, Michael G. Harrington

Year Published: 2000

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Conference Proceedings

### **Native burning in western North America: implications for hardwood forest management**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11062](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11062)

It is now widely acknowledged that frequent low-intensity fires once structured many western forests. What is not generally recognized, however, is that most of those fires were purposefully set by native people, not started by lightning. Data from the Rocky Mountains attest to the widespread use of fire by native people, as does...

Author(s): Charles E. Kay

Year Published: 2000

Type: Document

Conference Proceedings

### **Water repellency by laboratory burning of four Northern Rocky Mountain forest soils**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8133](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8133)

Highly variable water repellent soil conditions have been reported after forest fires. We examined interactions among heating, soil water content and soil texture on water repellency. Undisturbed, 305-mm diameter cores were collected in the field from four soils commonly referred to as ash-cap, mixed ash-cap, no ash-cap and granitic...

Author(s): Peter R. Robichaud, Roger D. Hungerford

Year Published: 2000

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Fuel: logs, sticks, needles, duff, and much more**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/10957](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/10957)

Fuels burned by either prescribed or wildfires are complex and important components of forested ecosystems. Fine fuels consisting of fallen limbs, twigs, and leaves of shrubs and trees are rich in nutrients. If these fuels are not immediately burned, nutrients can leach from these materials into the forest floor, especially if they...

Author(s): Russell T. Graham, Theresa B. Jain, Alan E. Harvey

Year Published: 2000

Type: Document

Conference Proceedings, Synthesis

## **Mixed-severity fire regimes in the Northern Rocky Mountains: consequences of fire exclusion and options for the future**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8426](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8426)

Findings from fire history studies have increasingly indicated that many forest ecosystems in the northern Rocky Mountains were shaped by mixed-severity fire regimes, characterized by fires of variable severities at intervals averaging between about 30 and 100 years. Perhaps because mixed-severity fire regimes and their resulting...

Author(s): Stephen F. Arno, David J. Parsons, Robert E. Keane

Year Published: 2000

Type: Document

Conference Proceedings, Synthesis

## **Fire in western shrubland, woodland, and grassland ecosystems**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11116](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11116)

This state-of-knowledge review about the effects of fire on flora and fuels can assist land managers with ecosystem and fire management planning and in their efforts to inform others about the ecological role of fire. Chapter topics include fire regime classification, autecological effects of fire, fire regime characteristics and...

Author(s): Timothy E. Paysen, R. James Ansley, James K. Brown, Gerald J. Gottfried, Sally M. Haase, Michael G. Harrington, Marcia G. Narog, Stephen S. Sackett, Ruth C. Wilson

Year Published: 2000

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Synthesis, Technical Report or White Paper

## **Chapter 2: Fire autecology**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12597](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12597)

Fire is a key ecological process within most ecosystems in the United States and Canada. An understanding of factors controlling the initial response of vegetation to fire is essential to its management. Fire effects on plants can vary significantly among fires on different areas of the same fire. Fire behavior, fire duration, the...

Author(s): Melanie Miller

Year Published: 2000

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Synthesis, Technical Report or White Paper

## **Prefire heterogeneity, fire severity, and early postfire plant reestablishment in subalpine forests of Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8212](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8212)

The 1988 fires in Yellowstone National Park provided an opportunity to study effects of a large infrequent disturbance on a natural community. This study addressed two questions: (1) How does prefire heterogeneity of the landscape affect postfire patterns of fire severity? and (2) How do postfire patterns of burn severity influence...

Author(s): Monica G. Turner, William H. Romme, Robert H. Gardner

Year Published: 1999

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

## **Spatial interpolation and simulation of post-burn duff thickness after prescribed fire**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8132](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8132)

Prescribed fire is used as a site treatment after timber harvesting. These fires result in spatial patterns

with some portions consuming all of the forest floor material (duff) and others consuming little. Prior to the burn, spatial sampling of duff thickness and duff water content can be used to generate geostatistical spatial...

Author(s): Peter R. Robichaud, S. M. Miller

Year Published: 1999

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Fire history of an isolated subalpine mountain range of the intermountain region, United States**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11438](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11438)

Fire has historically been an important ecological component of forests in the Intermountain Region of the northwestern United States. This study is set in a small biogeographically disjunct mountain range. Our research objectives were to (1) investigate the historical frequency, severity, size, and spatial pattern of fire; (2)...

Author(s): Michael P. Murray, Stephen C. Bunting, Penelope Morgan

Year Published: 1998

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Reduce fire hazards in ponderosa pine by thinning**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8148](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8148)

Forest stands of fire-dependent ponderosa pine cover about 40 million acres (16 million ha) in the Western United States. Ponderosa pine is commonly found in pure stands on dry sites, but in more moist conditions, it is associated with Douglas-fir, lodgepole pine, western larch, and others.

Historically, these were often widely...

Author(s): Joe H. Scott

Year Published: 1998

Type: Document

Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Mapping historic fire regimes for the western United States: integrating remote sensing and biophysical data**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7937](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7937)

We have developed a spatial database of historic natural fire regimes for the eleven western States to provide information in support of expected national increases in prescribed burning. Fire regimes are described in terms both of frequency and severity, and we have classified five distinct fire regimes:

Author(s): Colin C. Hardy, James P. Menakis, Donald G. Long, James K. Brown, David L. Bunnell

Year Published: 1998

Type: Document

Conference Proceedings

### **Old-growth ponderosa pine and western larch stand structures: influences of pre-1900 fires and fire exclusion**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11967](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11967)

Presents detailed age structure for two western larch stands that historically experienced frequent fires. Compares age structures of eleven ponderosa pine and western larch stands representing a broad range of sites that had frequent fires. Interprets causal factors possibly linked to variations in stand age structures.

Author(s): Stephen F. Arno, Helen Y. Smith, Michael A. Krebs

Year Published: 1997

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### **Effects of fire size and pattern on succession in Yellowstone National Park**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13535](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13535)

The Yellowstone fires of 1988 affected >250000 ha, creating a mosaic of burn severities across the landscape and providing an ideal opportunity to study effects of fire size and pattern on postfire succession. We asked whether vegetation responses differed between small and large burned patches within the fire-created mosaic in...

Author(s): Monica G. Turner, William H. Romme, Robert H. Gardner, William W. Hargrove

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### **Geostatistics: a new tool for describing spatially-varied surface conditions from timber harvested and burned hillslopes**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11012](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11012)

Geostatistics provides a method to describe the spatial continuity of many natural phenomena. Spatial models are based upon the concept of scaling, kriging and conditional simulation. These techniques were used to describe the spatially-varied surface conditions on timber harvest and burned hillslopes. Geostatistical techniques...

Author(s): Peter R. Robichaud

Year Published: 1997

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Conference Proceedings

### **Spatially-varied erosion modeling using WEPP for timber harvested and burned hillslopes**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11035](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11035)

Spatially-varied hydrologic surface conditions exist on steep hillslopes after timber harvest operation and site preparation burning treatments. Site preparation burning creates low- and high-severity burn surface conditions or disturbances. In this study, a hillslope was divided into multiple combinations of surface conditions to...

Author(s): Peter R. Robichaud, T. M. Monroe

Year Published: 1997

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Conference Proceedings

### **Restoring fire in lodgepole pine forests of the Intermountain West**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8347](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8347)

We are developing new management treatments for regenerating and sustaining lodgepole pine (*Pinus contorta*) forests through emulation of natural disturbance processes. Lodgepole pine is the principal forest cover on over 26 million hectares in western North America. While infrequent, stand replacing fires following mountain pine...

Author(s): Colin C. Hardy, Ward W. McCaughey

Year Published: 1997

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### **A rare episode of sexual reproduction in aspen (*Populus tremuloides* Michx) following the 1988 Yellowstone fires**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8236](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8236)

No description available.

Author(s): William H. Romme, Monica G. Turner, Robert H. Gardner, William W. Hargrove, Gerald A. Tuskan, Don G. Despain, Roy A. Renkin

Year Published: 1997

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Effects of fire size and pattern on early succession in Yellowstone National Park**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8238](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8238)

The Yellowstone fires of 1988 affected >250000 ha, creating a mosaic of burn severities across the landscape and providing an ideal opportunity to study effects of fire size and pattern on postfire succession. We asked whether vegetation responses differed between small and large burned patches within the fire-created mosaic in...

Author(s): Monica G. Turner, William H. Romme, Robert H. Gardner, William W. Hargrove

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### **Reestablishing fire-adapted communities to riparian forests in the ponderosa pine zone**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11248](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11248)

Ecological research has implicated the practice of fire exclusion as a major contributor to forest health problems in the semiarid ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*) zone of the Inland West (Mutch and others 1993; Sampson and others 1994). Prior to 1900, frequent, low-intensity fires occurred on upland forests in this forest zone at...

Author(s): Matthew K. Arno

Year Published: 1996

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Technical Report or White Paper

### **Restoring recreational and residential forests**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11249](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11249)

Several decades of fire suppression following logging around the turn-of-the-century has produced dense, evenage stands of ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*) and Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*). They contrast with the original forests where frequent, low-intensity fires gave rise to open, parklike, and often uneven-age stands of...

Author(s): Joe H. Scott

Year Published: 1996

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Technical Report or White Paper

### **Consequences of fire on aquatic nitrate and phosphate dynamics in Yellowstone National Park**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11990](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11990)

Airborne remotely sensed data were collected and analyzed during and following the 1988 Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) fires in order to characterize the fire front movements, burn intensities and various vegetative components of selected watersheds. Remotely sensed data were used to categorize the burn intensities as: severely...

Author(s): James A. Brass, Vincent G. Ambrosia, Philip J. Riggan, Paul D. Sebesta

Year Published: 1996

Type: Document

Conference Proceedings



### **Remote sensing of forest fire severity and vegetation recovery**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8152](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8152)

Burned forested areas have patterns of varying burn severity as a consequence of various topographic, vegetation, and meteorological factors. These patterns are detected and mapped using satellite data. Other ecological information can be abstracted from satellite data regarding rates of recovery of vegetation foliage and variation...

Author(s): Joseph D. White, Kevin C. Ryan, Carl H. Key, Steven W. Running

Year Published: 1996

Type: Document

Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **The concept: restoring ecological structure and process in ponderosa pine forests**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11245](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11245)

Elimination of the historic pattern of frequent low-intensity fires in ponderosa pine and pine-mixed conifer forests has resulted in major ecological disruptions. Prior to 1900, open stands of large, long-lived, fire-resistant ponderosa pine were typical. These were accompanied in some areas by other fire-dependent species such as...

Author(s): Stephen F. Arno

Year Published: 1996

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### **Comparing the prescribed natural fire program with presettlement fires in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8217](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8217)

The severity and extent of recent fires (1979-1990) were compared with that of presettlement fires (pre-1935) by eight major forest types in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness (SBW) in Idaho and Montana. Presettlement fire intervals were determined for estimating area burned. Presettlement annual area burned for the entire SBW was 4,...

Author(s): James K. Brown, Stephen F. Arno, Stephen W. Barrett, James P. Menakis

Year Published: 1994

Type: Document

Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Fire regimes on andesitic mountain terrain in northeastern Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8196](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8196)

A fire history investigation was conducted for three forest community types in the Absaroka Mountains of Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. Master fire chronologies were based on fire-initiated age classes and tree fire scars. The area's major forest type, lodgepole pine (*Pinus contorta* Dougl. var. *latifolia*) ecosystems, revealed a...

Author(s): Stephen W. Barrett

Year Published: 1994

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Onsite sediment production and nutrient losses from a low-severity burn in the interior northwest**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11013](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11013)

Postharvest residue burning is a common site preparation treatment used in the interior Northwest to reduce forest fuels and prepare sites for tree regeneration. A study was conducted to measure runoff,

sediment production, and nutrient changes caused by broadcast burning of logging slash. The site was a northern Idaho mixed conifer...

Author(s): Peter R. Robichaud, Russell T. Graham, Roger D. Hungerford

Year Published: 1994

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Conference Proceedings

### **Effects of fire on landscape heterogeneity in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18422](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/18422)

A map of Yellowstone National Park (YNP) was derived from Landsat Thematic Mapper (TM) imagery and used to assess the isolation of burned areas, the heterogeneity that resulted from fires burning under moderate and severe burning conditions, and the relationship between heterogeneity and fire size. The majority of severely burned...

Author(s): Monica G. Turner, William W. Hargrove, Robert H. Gardner, William H. Romme

Year Published: 1994

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Fire history of Tenderfoot Creek Experimental Forest Lewis and Clark National Forest**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13158](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13158)

The landscape and stand-level fire history of lodgepole pine dominated forest in Tenderfoot Creek Experimental Forest is assessed. Primary objective were to: 1) determine pre-1900 fire periodicities, severities, and burning patterns in the area's lodgepole pine dominated stands, and 2) document and map the forest age class mosaic,...

Author(s): Stephen W. Barrett

Year Published: 1993

Type: Document

Technical Report or White Paper

### **When it's hot, it's hot... or maybe it's not! (Surface flaming may not portend extensive soil heating)**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7939](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7939)

Fire effects on a plant community, soil, and air are not apparent when judged only by surface fire intensity. The fire severity or fire impact can be described by the temperatures reached within the forest floor and the duration of heating experienced in the vegetation, forest floor, and underlying mineral soil. Temporal...

Author(s): Roberta A. Hartford, William H. Frandsen

Year Published: 1992

Type: Document

Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Fire damage on extensively vs. intensively managed forest stands within the North Fork Fire, 1988**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8342](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8342)

The Greater Yellowstone fires of 1988 provide an opportunity to study important distinctions between lands managed for preservation versus multiple uses. We surveyed fuel loadings, fire severity, and fire damage to extensively managed, mature forest and to intensively managed, clearcut reproduction areas. Unburned, mature forests...

Author(s): Philip N. Omi, Kostas D. Kalabokidis

Year Published: 1991

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Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Management and productivity of western-montane forest soils, proceedings**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12000](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12000)

Includes 35 papers and six poster synopses presenting state-of-the-art knowledge on the nature and problems of integrating soils information and expertise into management of inland western forest resources. Papers emphasize regional information, but include data from world literature and previously unpublished material from regional...

Author(s): Alan E. Harvey, Leon F. Neuenschwander

Year Published: 1991

Type: Document

Conference Proceedings, Technical Report or White Paper

### **Woody fuel and duff consumption by prescribed fire in northern Idaho mixed conifer logging slash**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11966](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11966)

Describes results of prescribed burning 36 plots in northern Idaho mixed conifer logging slash. Fuel characteristics and methods for predicting duff and woody fuel consumption are reported. Guidelines are included for developing fire prescriptions.

Author(s): Elizabeth D. Reinhardt

Year Published: 1991

Type: Document

Technical Report or White Paper

### **Influence of fire on factors that affect site productivity**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12002](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12002)

Presettlement fire played an important role in nutrient conversion, plant succession, diversity, and stand dynamics in coniferous forests of western North America. Prescribed fire can maintain site quality and contribute to control of insect and disease problems while reducing wildfire hazard. Fire effects on soils are largely...

Author(s): Roger D. Hungerford, Michael G. Harrington, William H. Frandsen, Kevin C. Ryan, Gerald J. Niehoff

Year Published: 1991

Type: Document

Conference Proceedings, Technical Report or White Paper

### **Predicting duff and woody fuel consumption in northern Idaho prescribed fires**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7914](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7914)

Experimental burns were conducted on 36 plots in mixed conifer logging slash in northern Idaho to investigate consumption of duff and woody fuel. Fires were conducted in spring and fall, in YUM (yarded unmerchantable material) and non-YUM clearcuts and seed-tree cuts. Preburn duff depth averaged 3.8 cm and consisted of a shallow...

Author(s): James K. Brown, Elizabeth D. Reinhardt, William C. Fischer

Year Published: 1991

Type: Document

Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **Forest fire frequency and western spruce budworm outbreaks in western Montana**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7908](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7908)

Duration and intensity of western spruce budworm (*Christoneura occidentalis* Freeman) outbreaks have

increased with the decrease in forest fire frequency in Montana since 1910. Frequency of budworm outbreaks, however, was not affected. Feeding activity and fire occurrence were measured in 20 mixed Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*...

Author(s): Leslie Anderson, Clinton E. Carlson, Ronald H. Wakimoto

Year Published: 1987

Type: Document

Book or Chapter or Journal Article

### **First decade plant succession following the Sundance forest fire, northern Idaho**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11915](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11915)

Describes the first 10 years of vegetation development following disturbance by a holocaustic forest fire in a western redcedar-western hemlock type in the Selkirk Range. Postfire development of vegetation is represented as life-form stages and predominant cover species. Differential development of plant species established in the...

Author(s): Peter F. Stickney

Year Published: 1986

Type: Document

Technical Report or White Paper

### **Influence of fire severity on response of evergreen ceanothus**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11061](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11061)

Fire plays an important role in *Ceanothus velutinus* habitat. Its impact varies with season and severity of fire. Knowledge of the interaction between fire severity and evergreen ceanothus habitat can assist managers in estimating the effect of fire on evergreen ceanothus and in developing burning prescriptions.

Author(s): Nonan V. Noste

Year Published: 1985

Type: Document

Conference Proceedings, Technical Report or White Paper

### **Fire ecology of antelope bitterbrush in the Northern Rocky Mountains**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11058](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11058)

Frequency of resprouting and number of newly established seedlings of antelope bitterbrush were sampled on sites burned by prescribed burns and wildfires 3 to 10 years previously to determine the effect of habitat type, growth form, and season of the burn on bitterbrush. Significant differences in resprouting response occurred among...

Author(s): Stephen C. Bunting, Leon F. Neuenschwander, George E. Gruell

Year Published: 1985

Type: Document

Conference Proceedings, Technical Report or White Paper

### **Fire's effects on a small bird population**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11188](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11188)

Changes in bird populations as a result of a 122 ha forest fire are evaluated. There is little evidence of any drastic effect on numbers of birds, species, or species diversity in the year of the fire or 2 years later.

Author(s): L. Jack Lyon, John M. Marzluff

Year Published: 1985

Type: Document

Technical Report or White Paper

**Livestock grazing influences on community structure, fire intensity, and fire frequency within the Douglas-fir/ninebark habitat type**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13126](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13126)

Influences of livestock grazing on community structure, fire intensity, and normal fire frequency in the Douglas-fir/ninebark (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*/*Physocarpus malvaceus*) habitat type were studied at the University of Idaho's experimental forest in northern Idaho. Livestock grazing caused increased tree numbers...

Author(s): G. Thomas Zimmerman, Leon F. Neuenschwander

Year Published: 1984

Type: Document

Book or Chapter or Journal Article

**Indian fires as an ecological influence in the Northern Rockies**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7910](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7910)

The importance of fire as an ecological disturbance in the Northern Rockies is well accepted. Lightning is generally thought to have been the main source of ignition prior to settlement by Europeans. But writings of explorers and pioneers mention deliberate burning by Indians frequently enough to warrant an investigation of its...

Author(s): Stephen W. Barrett, Stephen F. Arno

Year Published: 1982

Type: Document

Book or Chapter or Journal Article

**Clearcutting and fire in the larch/Douglas-fir forests of western Montana: a multifaceted research summary**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11180](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11180)

Logging slash on 73 clearcuts was broadcast burned over a wide range of conditions, achieving a broad array of fire intensities and effects. An intense wildfire was also evaluated. Fire effectiveness was measured and related to preburn conditions and fire intensity. Treatment effects on air quality, forest regeneration, vegetation...

Author(s): Norbert V. DeByle

Year Published: 1981

Type: Document

Technical Report or White Paper

**Fire intensity and frequency as factors in the distribution and structure of northern ecosystems**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8406](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/8406)

Most presettlement Canadian and Alaskan boreal forests and Rocky Mountain subalpine forests had lightning fire regimes of large-scale crown fires and high-intensity surface fires, causing total stand replacement on fire rotations (or cycles) to 50 to 200 years. Cycles and fire size varied with latitude, elevation, and topographic...

Author(s): Miron L. Heinselman

Year Published: 1981

Type: Document

Conference Proceedings

**Fire history of western redcedar/hemlock forests in northern Idaho**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12041](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12041)

Evidence of fire history over the past few centuries was gathered in two areas (totaling 30,000 acres; 6000 ha) for fire management planning. Findings are some of the first detailed data for western

redcedar-hemlock forests. On upland habitat types fires of variable intensities generally occurred at 50-to-150-year intervals, often...

Author(s): Stephen F. Arno, Dan H. Davis

Year Published: 1980

Type: Document

Conference Proceedings, Technical Report or White Paper

### **Fire history of a western larch/Douglas-fir forest type in northwestern Montana**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12044](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12044)

Mean frequencies were about 120 years for valleys and montane slopes and 150 years for subalpine slopes in this western larch/Douglas-fir forest from 1735 to 1976. Fires were small and moderately intense with occasional high intensity runs. Single burns thinned the overstory favoring mixed conifer regeneration. Multiple burns...

Author(s): Kathleen M. Davis

Year Published: 1980

Type: Document

Conference Proceedings, Technical Report or White Paper

### **Fire history terminology: report of the ad hoc committee**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12410](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12410)

It is often quite difficult to compare fire history studies conducted by different investigators because different terms may be used to refer to the same concept and the same term may be used to refer to different concepts. To help resolve this difficulty, an ad hoc committee was formed early in the course of the workshop with the...

Author(s): William H. Romme

Year Published: 1980

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### **Forest fire history in the Northern Rockies**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13121](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/13121)

Recent fire-scar studies in the northern Rocky Mountains have documented forest fire history over the past few centuries. They reveal that in some forest types fire maintained many-aged open stands of seral trees. In other types, major fires caused replacement of the stands. Often, however, fires burned at variable intensities,...

Author(s): Stephen F. Arno

Year Published: 1980

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### **Indian fires in the pre-settlement forests of western Montana**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12043](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12043)

Presents preliminary results of a two-year study examining the pattern of Indian fires in western Montana's lower elevation forests. Interviews and historic journals were used to reconstruct the characteristics of aboriginal burning. Fire scar data from paired stands indicate substantial differences in fire frequency between Indian...

Author(s): Stephen W. Berrett

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### **Fire frequency in subalpine forests of Yellowstone National Park**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12042](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/12042)

Dead woody fuels were sampled in 16 upland forest stands representing a chronosequence of forest successional stages. Different fuel components show different temporal patterns, but adequate levels of all components necessary for an intense crown fire are not present simultaneously until stand age 300-400 yr. Therefore, the average...

Author(s): William H. Romme

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### **The role and use of fire in sagebrush-grass and pinyon-juniper plant communities: a state-of-the-art review**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11908](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11908)

Fire frequencies averaged 32 to 70 years in sagebrush-grass communities. Early spring and late fall fires are the least harmful to perennial grasses, although small plants and those with coarse stems are more tolerant of fire than large plants and those with leafy stems. Cheatgrass can be suppressed by burning in early summer, but...

Author(s): Henry A. Wright, Leon F. Neuenschwander, Carlton M. Britton

Year Published: 1979

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### **The historical role of fire on the Bitterroot National Forest**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11175](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11175)

Presents frequencies, intensities, and influences of fire on stand structure and composition on the Bitterroot National Forest in west-central Montana. Three study areas were established, each having a wide range of elevations and forest types. Findings are based upon study of nearly 900 individual fire scars on living trees, and on...

Author(s): Stephen F. Arno

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### **Seedbed characteristics in western larch forests after prescribed burning**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11948](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11948)

Establishment of western larch (*Larix occidentalis* Nutt.) seedlings is favored by site preparation that reduces both the duff layer and the sprouting potential of competing vegetation. A cooperative study of the use of fire in silviculture in northwestern Montana provided conditions to research the effectiveness of prescribed...

Author(s): Raymond C. Shearer

Year Published: 1975

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### **Smoke column height related to fire intensity**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11946](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11946)

Height of slash fire smoke columns, commonly thought to be a function of atmospheric conditions alone, through a series of 10-acre experimental fires is shown to be strongly related to fire intensity. By conducting intense fires, land managers can possibly burn forest debris and still maintain air quality

when atmospheric conditions...

Author(s): Rodney A. Norum

Year Published: 1974

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### **Fire-dependent forests in the Northern Rocky Mountains**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7935](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/7935)

One objective of wilderness and parkland fire ecology research is to describe the relationships between fire and unmanaged ecosystems, so that strategies can be determined that will provide a more nearly natural incidence of fire. More than 50 years of efforts directed toward exclusion of wildland fires in the Northern Rocky...

Author(s): James R. Habeck, Robert W. Mutch

Year Published: 1973

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### **Wildfires in northern Yellowstone National Park**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15398](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/15398)

A sample of 40 fire-scarred trees was used to reconstruct the frequency and size of fires during the past 300-400 years in northern Yellowstone National Park. Best estimates of frequency suggested mean intervals of about 20-25 years between fires, after adjustments had been made for the recent influence of modern man. Agreement in...

Author(s): Douglas B. Houston

Year Published: 1973

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### **Temperatures in a large natural-fuel fire**

[www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11475](http://www.nrfirescience.org/resource/11475)

Temperatures in a large natural fuel test fire were measured with bare, shielded aspirated, and shielded unshielded chromel-alumel thermocouples. With the bare thermocouples, values of 2650 F. were recorded--much higher than most previously published data from field and laboratory wood fires. Soil temperatures were consistent with...

Author(s): Charles W. Philpot

Year Published: 1966

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