

Fuels Accomplishment Success Story Cabin Fever Ponderosa Pine Improvement

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Location: Approximately 1 mile south of Helmer, Idaho on the Palouse Ranger District of the Clearwater National Forest.

Congressional District: Latah

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Acreage: 625 acres

Treatment Type: 150 acres slashing, 17 acres broadcast burning, 158 acres biomass removal, 150 acres machine piling, 150 acres machine pile burn.

Partners: None

Workforce: Slashing accomplished with summer seasonals, broadcast burning, machine pile burn and biomass removal accomplished with Palouse district personnel, and machine piling accomplished with local excavator contract.

Additional Information: The Cabin Fever Ponderosa Pine Improvement project is adjacent to private property with year round homes, meeting the guidelines of urban interface protection within areas of intermixed ownership. This project also helped restore ecosystems by improving forest health and reintroducing fire to drier sites within the Potlatch Canyon. In addition to providing fuel reduction activities near private property, this project also provided 2.0 MMBF of timber, 1.33 miles of road placed into long-term intermittent status, 1.33 miles of road closures for wildlife security and designated 126 acres of old growth. The Cabin Fever project was initiated in 2002 and will treat approximately 1430 acres through various treatments over a period of three years.

Photograph(s): See below.



Pre-treatment



After slashing



Excavator Piles June 2004



Excavator contractor
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