

2017 Willamette NF Wildland Fires

The 2017 fire season on the Willamette NF burned 70,000 acres of national forest land. There were a mix of natural caused fires (lightning) and a small amount of human caused fires.

The total for the Willamette NF the previous 20 years was 55,000 acres.

Acres By District

Middle Fork R.D.

54 - Total Fires
43 - Lightning Caused
11 - Human Caused

Total Acres:
13,001

McKenzie River R.D.

31 - Total Fires
23 - Lightning Caused
8 - Human Caused

Total Acres:
42,535

Santiam R.D.

40 - Total Fires
25 - Lightning Fires
15 - Human Caused

Total Acres:
14,462



Separation Fire, Three Sisters Wilderness

Started August 10, 2018, Mixed severity wildfire, Lightning caused



Ollalie Fire, Three Sisters Wilderness

Started August 10, 2018, Mixed severity wildfire, Lightning Caused



Rebel Fire, Three Sisters Wilderness

Mixed severity wildfire, Cause under investigation



Nash Fire, Three Sisters Wilderness

Started August 10, 2018, Mixed severity wildfire, Lightning caused



Roney Fire, Three Sisters Wilderness

Started August 10, 2018, Mixed severity wildland fire, Lightning Caused



Avenue Fire, McKenzie River Ranger District

Started August 11, 2018, Mixed severity wildland fire, Lightning Caused



Potato Hill Fire, McKenzie River Ranger District
Started August 29, 2018, Mixed severity wildfire, Cause under investigation

Wildland Fire Suppression Repair

Wildland Fire Suppression Repair (Impacts resulting from wildland Fire Suppression activities) Physical damages requiring repair work resulting from fire suppression activities. Examples may include placing water bars to prevent soil erosion in the fireline or grass seeding an area impacted by a fire camp.

Wildland Fire Suppression Repair

Highway 242



Log Decks from 242



Burned Area Emergency Response(BAER)

The Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) program is designed to address these emergency situations through its key goals of protecting life, property, and critical natural and cultural resources.

The objective of the BAER program is to determine the need for and to prescribe and implement emergency treatments on Federal Lands to minimize threats to life or property resulting from the effects of a fire or to stabilize and prevent unacceptable degradation to natural and cultural resources.

BAER Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation

What BAER may do:

Install water or erosion control devices

Plant for erosion control or stability reasons.

Install erosion control measures at critical cultural sites.

Install temporary barriers to protect treated or recovering areas.

Install warning signs.

Replace minor safety related facilities.

Install appropriate-sized drainage features on roads, trails.

Remove critical safety hazards.

Prevent permanent loss of T&E habitat.

Monitor BAER treatments.

Plant grass to prevent spread of noxious weeds.

What rehabilitation may do:

Replant commercial forests or grass for forage.

Excavate and interpret cultural sites.

Replace burned pasture fences.

Install interpretive signs.

Replace burned buildings, bridges, corrals, etc.

Repair roads damaged by floods after fire.

Replace burned wildlife habitat.

Monitor fire effects.

Treat pre-existing noxious weed infestations.

Questions