

Fuels Accomplishment Success Story Yellow Pine Restoration 2004

Date: 06/30/04

Location: Approximately 3 miles east of Harvard, Idaho on the Palouse Ranger District of the Clearwater National Forest within the Little Sand Drainage.

Congressional District: Latah

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Acreage: 509 acres

Treatment Type: 119 acres slashing, 102 acres broadcast burning, 200 acres biomass removal, 36 acres machine piling, 52 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 Yellow Pine Restoration project is a fuels oriented project that included a timber harvest to help restore ponderosa pine on drier sites within the Little Sand Drainage. This project was initiated in 2001, and will treat approximately 1600 acres through various treatments over a period of four years. These treatments will help restore the forest health on drier sites of the Palouse in addition to reducing potential fire severity within the area. This project also provided approximately 3.0 MMBF of timber, 2.6 miles of road obliteration, 0.55 miles of road reconstruction and placed 1.1 miles of road into long-term intermittent status.

Photograph(s): See below.



Pre-treatment



After slashing



Excavator piling following slashing



Prescribed underburning
following the slashing



Post burn Fall 2003



Post Burn Spring 2004