



Northern Region Post-Fire Response External Update – November 20, 2017

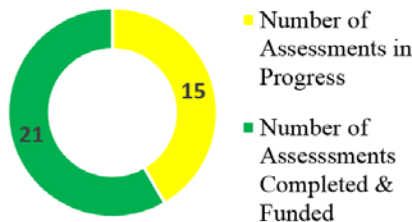
This update highlights Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Assessments and Implementation, post-fire harvest, and reforestation efforts throughout the [U.S. Forest Service - Northern Region](#) following the 2017 fire season.

BAER Status Update

BAER Assessments are rapid evaluations conducted to determine if critical values are at risk due to imminent post-fire threats and to develop appropriate actions to manage unacceptable risks.

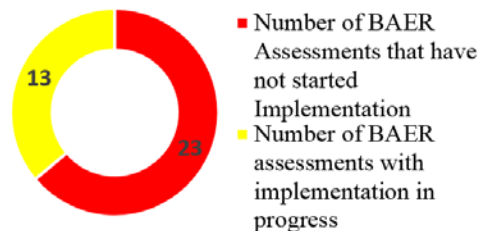
- North Fork Hughes, Nez Perce-Clearwater Wilderness Fires, Blacktail, Green Ridge, Liberty BAER Assessments in progress
- Crucifixion, Strawberry, Scalp BAER Assessments complete; awaiting Regional Forester signature
 - Initial BAER Treatments Approved for Scalp on the Flathead 11/9/2017
- Alice Creek BAER Assessment Completed and Treatments Approved on 10/31/2017
- Highway 200 Complex
 - Initial BAER Treatments Approved for the Kootenai on 10/24/2017
 - BAER Assessment in Progress for the Lolo
- Meyers
 - Initial BAER Treatments Approved for the Bitterroot on 10/23/2017
 - Initial BAER Treatments Approved for the Beaverhead-Deerlodge on 10/25/2017
- West Fork BAER Treatments Approved for the Kootenai on 11/3/17
- Caribou and Gibraltar Ridge Initial BAER Treatments Approved on 10/26/2017
- Rice Ridge
 - Initial BAER Treatments Approved on 10/13/17
 - BAER Treatments Approved for the Flathead on 11/7/2017 (initial & interim)
 - BAER Treatments Approved for the Lolo on 11/7/2017 (initial & interim)
- Sartin Draw BAER Treatments Approved on 10/6/17
- Lolo Peak BAER Assessment Completed on 9/29/17
 - BAER Treatments Approved for Lolo NF on 10/5/17 and 10/13/17
 - BAER Treatments Approved for Bitterroot NF on 10/12/17
- Sapphire Complex
 - Goat/Slide Rock BAER Treatments Approved for Lolo NF on 10/2/17
 - Little Hogback BAER Treatments Approved for Lolo NF on 10/2/17
 - Little Hogback BAER Treatments Approved for Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF 10/12/2017
- Sunrise BAER Treatments Approved on 9/27/17
- Park Creek-Arrastra Creek BAER Treatments Approved on 9/14/17
 - Interim Assessment completed and awaiting Regional Forester signature

BAER Assessment Progress



*4 Assessments were completed but did not require funding.

BAER Implementation Progress



*4 Assessments do not require implementation.





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Post-Fire Harvest Status Update

The Northern Region is assessing the anticipated post-fire harvest NEPA and implementation workload to determine additional resource needs in 2018. Knowing personnel gaps will exist, local contractors and state employees under Forest Service agreements may be utilized to boost critical needs on Interdisciplinary Teams.

The list below shows the status of potential post-fire harvest projects:

- The following fires have areas under consideration for post-fire harvest under Environmental Assessment authority:
 - Cub Creek, Moose Peak, Sheep Gap, Sunrise, Rice Ridge, West Fork, Caribou, Little Hogback, Meyers
 - Sheep Gap and Sunrise scoping letters were issued October 31
- The following fires have areas under consideration for post-fire harvest under Categorical Exclusion authority:
 - Gibraltar Ridge, Liberty, Bluejacket
- The following fires have no areas under consideration for post-fire harvest:
 - Lolo Peak, Goat Creek, Deep Creek, Park Creek

***Please note, this list is provided to show post-fire response progress; it is subject to change.*

Reforestation Update

Initial assessments are being completed for reforestation projects in fire-impacted areas. Field work in 2018 will validate these assessments to determine long-term reforestation needs. Anticipating a large reforestation workload, National Forests across the Northern Region are working with the Coeur d' Alene Forest Service Nursery to sow seeds for future planting.

This is a multi-year effort, as most seedlings are grown in the nursery for two years prior to being planted. Proposals to work with non-profit organizations such as American Forests, National Forest Foundation and Arbor Day Foundation have been submitted to assist with Northern Region reforestation efforts.

Outreach

The Northern Region has met with conservation organizations, stakeholders and cooperators at multiple meetings in Missoula and once in Kalispell. Recently, Forest Service representatives attended the Montana Wood Products Association meeting on November 15. Additional meetings with interest groups and media are being coordinated to further inform those interested about the Northern Region post-fire response efforts.

Quick-Links

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