

St. Joe GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Forest-wide Goal 1c: Forest Health – increase the amount of forest restored to or maintained in a healthy condition with reduced risk and damage from fires, insects and diseases, and invasive species.

○ **FIRE RISK**

<p>Desired Condition Statement</p>	<p><u>WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE</u></p> <p>Reduce Fuel Loads</p> <p>Promote partnerships between FS land and private ownership</p> <p>Forest Service should play an instrumental role with State, counties, and private landowners.</p> <p><u>WILDLAND FIRE USE AREAS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Fire Management Plan • Forested stands should be managed to withstand fire • Empower line officers to assume more risk to allow natural and prescribed ignitions to burn under prescribed conditions. • Utilize timber harvest, prescribed fire, etc. adjacent to areas where prescribed fire or wildland fire use is a management option. (FS can use wildland fire use or prescribed fire use in Inventoried Roadless Areas) <p>.</p> <p><u>GENERAL FOREST AREAS:</u></p> <p>Fire suppression in timber producing areas Develop a Fire Management Plan</p> <p><u>FOREST AREAS WITH MIXED OWNERSHIP:</u></p> <p>Develop a Fire Management Plan Suppress all fires.</p>
<p>Identify Priority Areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on 1910 brushfields and/or alpine areas • Focus on high elevation lodgepole pine stands • Focus on areas where timber harvest is not an option
<p>Describe why this is a priority</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain or restore forest health • Economic benefits to local economies • Lower fire suppression costs