

Geographic

Area Koocanusa/Tobacco

Revision Topic FIRE

Issue

Desired Condition Statement	The KNF will establish and maintain a regimen for mimicking a natural fire cycle.
Identify Priority Areas or Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Low elevation forest stands are understood to be at particular risk and appropriate for preventive fire management.-The KNF will establish, with the counties, a boundary of intense fuel management at the wild-land / urban interface.-The KNF may make use of Wildland Fire Use (WFU) strategy as appropriate.-In the Ten Lakes Wilderness study area (proposed WWWilderness), as well as Thompson Seaton roadless, and Yaak roadless, KNF may manage with prescriptive burning. In these areas KNF should use WFU strategy, and refrain from road or bulldozer fire line building unless needed to contain spread to other MA s, or dwellings.
Describe why this is a priority	<p>The goal is to reduce catastrophic wildfires.</p> <p>In Wilderness study areas, or roadless areas, the primitive, i.e. roadless character should be maintained. However given that fire is inevitable prescriptive burns in these areas are probably a good idea. Short of that WFU strategy is acceptable.</p>