



National Fire Plan

Calamity Hazardous Fuels Reduction Calamity Summer Homes, Irwin, ID 2008

Project Description: The Calamity Hazardous Fuels Reduction project is located on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Palisades Ranger District surrounding the Calamity Summer Homes site which is near the communities of Palisades and Irwin, Idaho. The project occurs in mixed conifer, aspen and dense mountain brush and was collaboratively identified for treatment by the Bonneville County Wildfire Group. When the project is complete, reduced hazardous fuel loads adjacent to the Calamity Summer Homes will result in a safer recreational site for the residents and for firefighters that may be called to a wildfire in that area.

Implementation Plan and Accomplishment to Date: Beginning in April of 2007, commercial thinning units were laid out and marked. Timber sale was offered for purchase in July. Mastication of brush was initiated above the Calamity Campground below the Palisades Summer Homes site beginning in early July. Approximately 35 acres treated during the eight days of work that summer.

The project was the first mastication treatment completed on the district. Completion of the treatments provided an opportunity to demonstrate the equipment's capabilities in heavy brush and to give specialists an opportunity to view the final product of a mastication treatment.

Future implementation of the project was postponed pending completion of an Environmental Assessment (EA). After the EA was completed in June 2008, the timber sale was purchased under a re-offer and an additional 15 acres of mastication and 25 acres of thinning and piling were completed from August through October. Additional work is planned for this summer in cooperation with the summer home permittees and removal of commercial timber may begin as soon as this fall.



Brush – Pre-Treatment



Brush – Post-Treatment

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