

The Fire-Tested Benefits of Hazard Fuel Treatments

Hardy Fire - 19 June 2010



*Un-thinned stand west of the Rio Drainage
(note level of damage even though fire burned downhill)*



Thinned stand east of the Rio Drainage

*Same wildfire;
Both sites burned the same day;
Each burned dramatically different;
On the left, firefighters were unable to safely take effective action;
On the right, firefighters were able to safely take effective action;
On the left, trees, habitat, soils, and aesthetics have been damaged/lost;
On the right, the forest remains and will thrive;
Forest restoration/hazard fuel treatments work!*



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