

# Black Fire

Due to safety concerns fire managers are using the lightning-caused Black Fire to benefit the landscape by allowing it to burn in a confined area. Managers will be monitoring the fire and have prepared contingency plans should fire behavior change.

Wildfire can be a friend and a foe. In the right place at the right time, wildfire can create many environmental benefits. The burned openings can improve wildlife habitat and reduce the intensity and size of future wildfires.



## Wildfire Resource Benefits

- Reducing fuel accumulations to create fire resilient forests
- Increasing vegetation diversity by encouraging new growth
- Improving wildlife habitat by changing plant communities and opening dense tree stands
- Removing tall vegetation and allowing light to enter the forest floor
- Improving forest health by removing weak or diseased trees

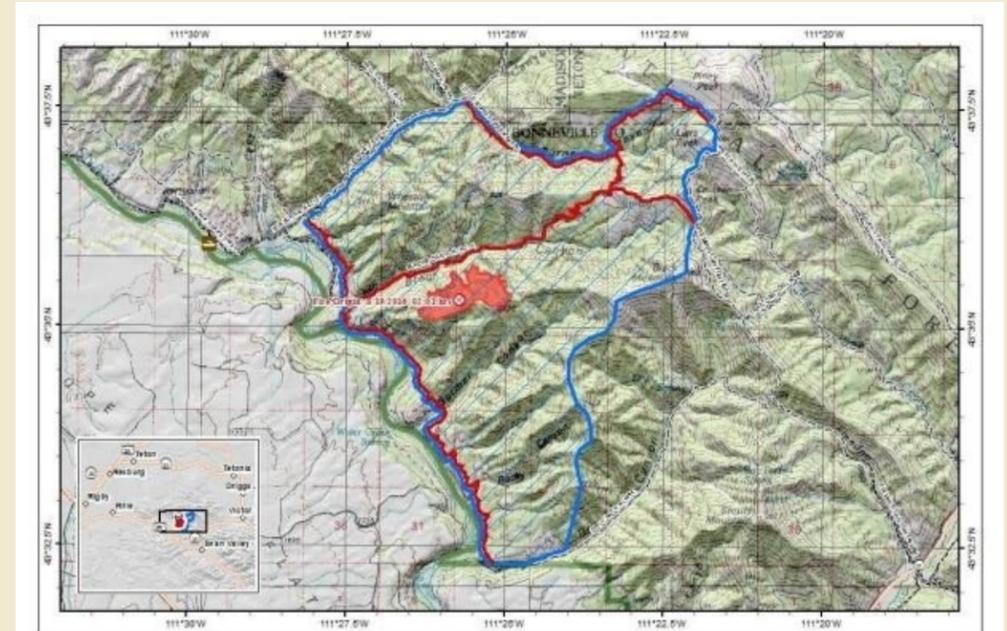
## Fire Management Plan Considerations

- Resource objectives and management response can vary on the same fire and change over time
- Fire management planning is dynamic and flexible
- Planned actions can be based on pre-identified trigger points
- Contingency plans allow for rapid responses as fire conditions change

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The Black Fire was detected on August 19, 2016, in the Black Canyon drainage on the Palisades Ranger District. The location of the fire presents numerous hazards to firefighters, including steep terrain, remote location, snags, and rolling material. The Caribou-Targhee National Forest managers made the decision to monitor the fire and allow it to play its natural role in the ecosystem. Fire managers will use aircraft and personnel to monitor the fire and assess fire activity and growth. There is an area closure in place to keep the public safe. The closure order and map are available at InciWeb. InciWeb will be updated as needed when additional information becomes available or if fire activity increases.



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