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In the aftermath of the Slide Fire, a Public Information Officer with the Type 1 Incident Management Team photographed a series of photos in the West Fork of Oak Creek. This photo, north of the footbridge, illustrated the potential for ash and potential rock fall that may occur following a thunderstorm.

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6/4/2014 – This photo, taken in Oak Creek Canyon, shows potential for debris and ash flow that may have downstream impacts following a thunderstorm.

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