



After the Fire

Post Wildfire Landowner Assistance: Every Acre Adds Value

Overview *The Oregon Department of Forestry works aggressively to contain and stop wildfires. After a fire ODF helps landowners with reforestation expertise and connecting them with the right people.*

During the fire **Be safe, stay informed.** During large wildfires, typically, the firefighting team sets up a fire camp. The team's information officer will regularly provide updated information. This may include public, media, and individual meetings. Law enforcement may also designate an information contact person or place.

The fire is over when it is contained and the firefighters leave. Active wildfire information can be found on the [ODF website](#).

After the fire **Contact the local ODF stewardship forester.** Use the [Find a Forester](#) tool. These foresters can help you find the resources and answers about what to do after a wildfire impacts your land.

Stewardship foresters are professional foresters who provide technical help and management guidance to forest landowners. They can help you develop a restoration plan to achieve your goals.

After a wildfire, most landowners ask about restoring their land. Here are steps to help do this.

Assess damage. Smaller fires, burning only brush and small trees, may not require restoration. More intense fires that consume larger trees and most vegetation, and damage soil may require restoring soil, grass, and trees.



2017 Horse Prairie Fire (ODF staff)

Create a landowner restoration plan. Determine short-term and long-term goals for restoring your property and make plans to achieve them. Stewardship foresters can help with your plan by providing information about:

- Salvage harvesting and clean-up
- Timber production
- Grazing land
- Stream health
- Soil productivity
- Fish and wildlife habitat

Execute your plan. Action right after a fire can help you better achieve your goals. For example, quickly establishing desired grasses and trees will help prevent unwanted weeds and brush. To successfully implement your plan, you may want to continue consulting with and utilizing the stewardship forester's expertise.



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Landowner Help

Resources

[Oregon Department of Forestry local offices](#)
[Find an ODF Stewardship Forester](#)

Salvage and restoration

Logging

- [ODF local office](#)
- [FAQS – Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Tree Planting

- [ODF local office](#)
- [Seedlings & Reforestation](#)
- [OSU Extension](#)

Financial Assistance

- [FSA Emergency Forest Restoration Program](#)
- [Soil and Water Conservation Districts \(ODA - SWCD\)](#)
- [Oregon Watershed Councils](#)
- [USDA Conservation Programs](#)

Technical Assistance

Education/Reference

- [Oregon Department of Forestry](#)
- [Oregon State University \(OSU\) Extension Service](#)

Grass seed & Rebuilding Fences

- [Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife \(ODF&W\)](#)
- [Farm Service Agency \(FSA\)](#)
- [NRCS](#)
- [ODA - SWCD](#)

Mechanical barriers

- [ODF local office](#)
- [NRCS](#)
- [Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board \(OWEB\)](#)

Forage and Financial assistance

- [ODF&W](#)

Wildlife

Snags and downed logs

- [ODF local office](#)
- [ODF&W](#)



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