

Wildfire Policy in Transition



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Yellowstone



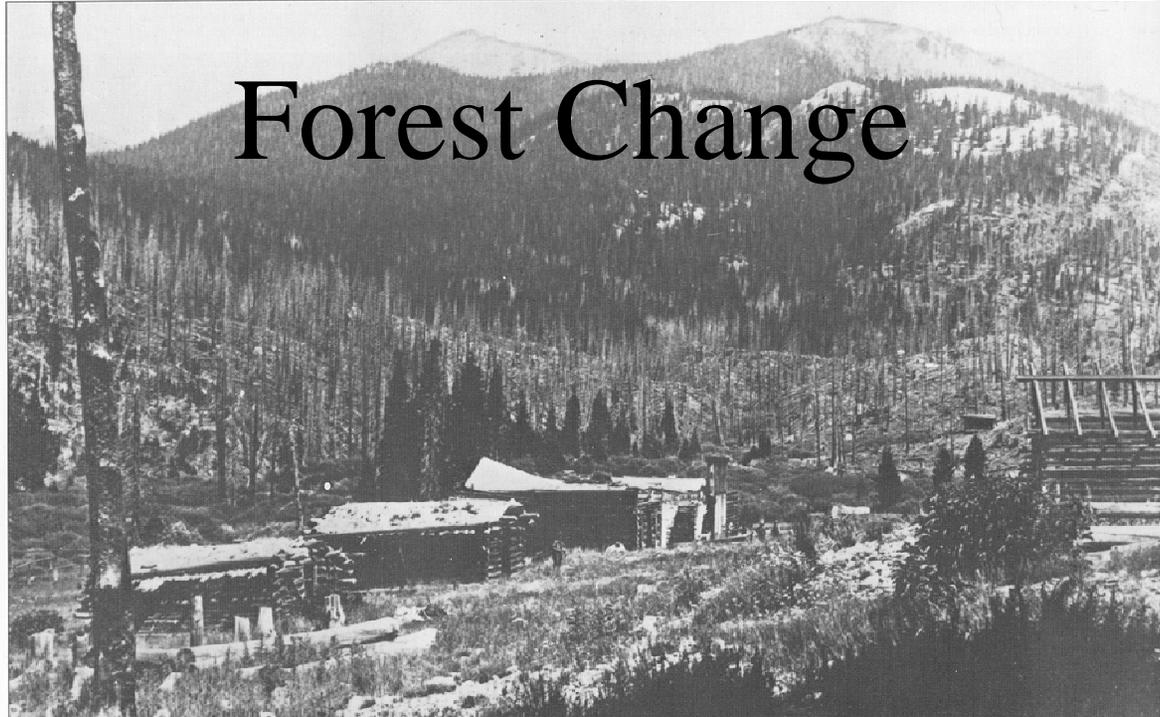
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Colorado South Canyon Fire



1994

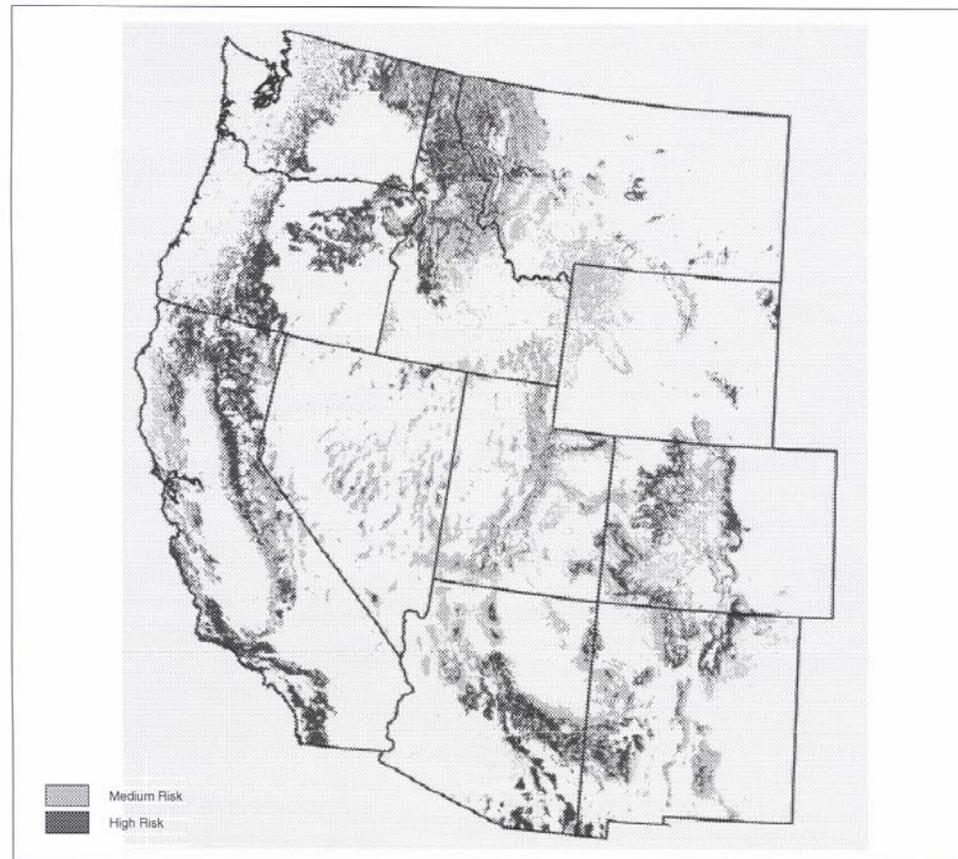
Forest Change



Condition Class

Appendix VII

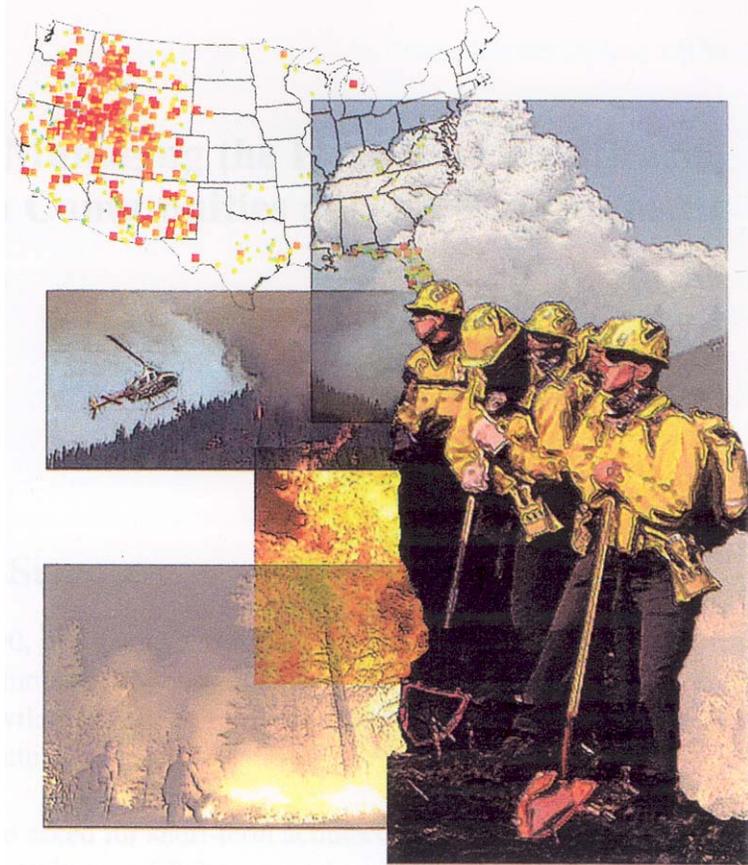
National Forest Lands at Medium and High Risk of Catastrophic Fire



Source: American Forests.



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Managing the Impact of Wildfires on Communities and the Environment

A Report to the President In
Response to the Wildfires of 2000

What's At Risk



Hayman



2002

Rodeo



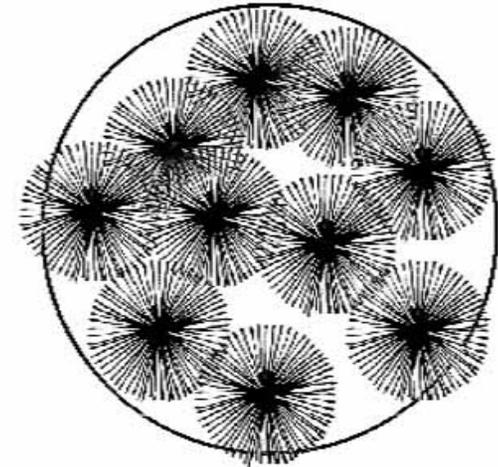
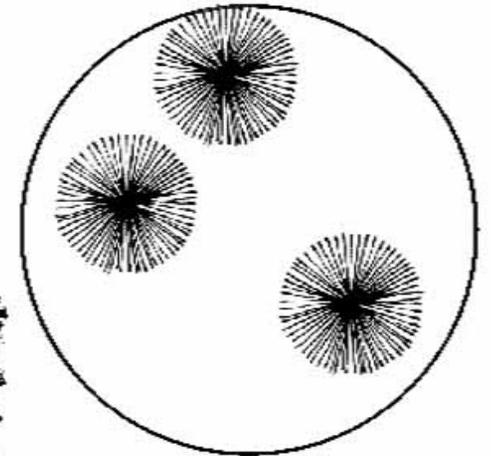
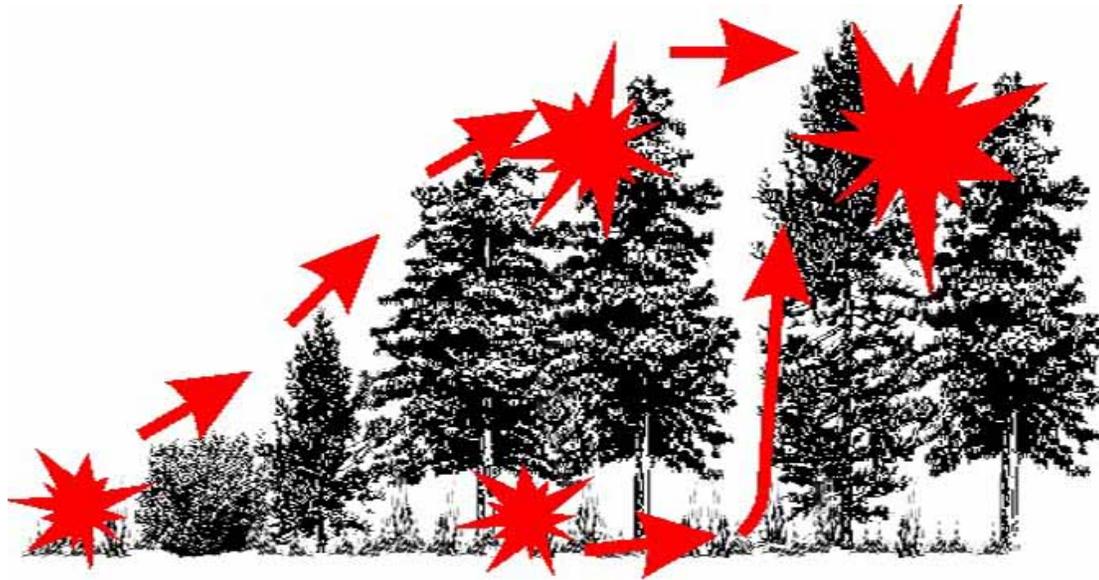
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Biscuit



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Forest Fire Factors



Fire Behavior in a Dense Forest

- Fire burns up into the tree crowns and spreads rapidly. Even centuries-old forest giants are destroyed.







Fire Behavior in a Healthy Forest

- Fire stays close to the ground, doesn't move up trees and through the canopy. It takes out the brush and smaller trees, but leaves the large fire-resistant trees intact.



Low Intensity Prescribe Fire



What Can Be Done





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