

Files\\Denver Post_2010_09_Foothills fire danger extreme - § 1 reference coded [3.01% Coverage]

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"Those soils are so damaged, they are going to repel water," resulting in increased erosion of sediment downhill into streams, said Greg Heule, a Boulder fire command center spokesman.

Files\\Denver Post_2010_09_New fire flares near Loveland - § 1 reference coded [0.99% Coverage]

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It's entirely too dangerous," said Merlin Green, chief of the Loveland Fire and Rescue Division.

Files\\Denver Post_2010_09_Reservoir Road Fire weather crews battle looking very good - § 1 reference coded [2.22% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.22% Coverage

"The fire is looking very good," Terry Krasko, information officer with the Incident Management Team handling the fire, said at an afternoon media briefing.

Files\\Denver Post_2010_09_Update on fire all evacuation orders are lifted - § 1 reference coded [1.67% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.67% Coverage

Threats to homes have been mitigated," said fire management team spokesman Terry Krasko.

Files\\Denver Post_2010_10_Park cites benefits of slow fire - § 2 references coded [7.95% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.41% Coverage

"Right now, it's just creeping along the ground, doing its job," said Mike Lewelling, the park's fire management officer.

Reference 2 - 5.54% Coverage

Meanwhile, it's creating a natural fire break that will slow the intensity and spread of large, fastmoving fires in the future. The fire is also consuming downed logs and debris, allowing nutrients to be recycled back into the soil, said Nate Williamson, fire ecologist for the park.

Files\\Denver Post_2011_04_Cool forecast could help in fire battles - § 1 reference coded [4.15% Coverage]

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"Any time we get some precipitation, it's going to help," said Steve Segin of the Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center. "Anything helps at this point."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_05_Blazes environmental damage being assessed - § 3 references coded [10.38% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.89% Coverage

U.S. Forest Service spokesman Steve Segin said a Burned Area Emergency Response team is assessing the fire's environmental impact and what needs to be done to fix the damage.

Reference 2 - 3.89% Coverage

They are made up of specialists, soil scientists and environmentalists, and come in when there are fires and look for runoff and erosion," he said. "They will be reseeding slopes and putting down hydromulch to help

stabilize the soil."

Reference 3 - 3.60% Coverage

"If we get a lot of rain over a short period of time where the ground cannot absorb the water and water would run off, it might be difficult to treat," said Lisa Voytko, water production manager for the city of Fort Collins.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_05_Evacuations eased for blaze near Fort Collins - § 1 reference coded [2.84% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.84% Coverage

"Today's weather makes fighting the fire much more complex," said U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Jackie Parks. "This wind and these weather conditions are not helpful."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_05_Wider evacuation alert issued for Hewlett Fire near Fort Collins - § 1 reference coded [3.68% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.68% Coverage

Wednesday afternoon, the fire was burning 3 miles west of the Bonner Peak subdivision, moving toward the subdivision, the U.S. Forest Service said.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_112 homes were lost in early days - § 1 reference coded [2.03% Coverage]

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"That is a great concentration of expertise, experience and resources," incident command spokesman Brett Haberstick said. "The six crews are highly trained, very proficient and highly consistent."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Attack plan leans on 1910 technique new technologies - § 1 reference coded [3.89% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.89% Coverage

"If you go out and throw people all around it, then it's wasted effort," said David Liebersbach, a former Type 1 incident commander and past director of Alaska's emergency services. "You find a point where you can anchor in. You work out from that in a continuous line so you don't have a chance of blowing out."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Blazes temps stoke fears - § 2 references coded [4.42% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.84% Coverage

Firefighting officials are girding for more of the same as a hot and dry weather pattern likely won't lift until midweek.

Reference 2 - 2.58% Coverage

"We are preparing for the worst while hoping for the best," said Steve Segin of the Rocky Mountain fire-incident team. "We just have to hope Mother Nature gives us a break."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Colorado Wildfire More homes burn in High Park Fire - § 1 reference coded [1.52% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.52% Coverage

"We just have days like we did today where we have to bring firefighters out because we can't deal with the rapid spread of fire," fire incident commander Bill Hahnenberg said.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_County help us reach you - § 1 reference coded [2.07% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.07% Coverage

"I was on my way home from work and was stopped by the Forest Service and told about the area being evacuated," Nicole Flannery said.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Dry heat fuels blaze residents evacuated - § 1 reference coded [1.28% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.28% Coverage

The U.S. Forest Service said Saturday evening the uncontrolled blaze was burning in the crowns of trees and that its growth potential was high.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Evacuees persevere as battle rages on - § 1 reference coded [1.96% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.96% Coverage

Mark Wurdeman, a fire information officer, said containment for the fire remains at 45 percent.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Fires burning across the state - § 1 reference coded [3.59% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.59% Coverage

"We have a major fire burning on our forest," said Glenn Casamassa, supervisor of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grasslands.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Flames jump river race toward homes - § 3 references coded [9.70% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 4.23% Coverage

It was exactly what incident commander Bill Hahnenberg said he hoped would not happen. At a morning briefing, Hahnenberg said he worried that high winds and low humidity would allow the troublesome west flank to "make a several-mile run. And it could do that. If it does, it could go across the river and then we have a whole different fire to deal with."

Reference 2 - 2.65% Coverage

"We are managing this fire with patience and the right amount of aggressiveness," Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said at an earlier briefing, reiterating what Hahnenberg had told him. "This fight is just beginning."

Reference 3 - 2.82% Coverage

The fight against the fire from the air resumed about 1 p.m. Thursday. Tankers flying from Rocky Mountain Metropolitan Airport in Broomfield had been grounded because of heavy smoke, said U.S. Forest Service spokesman Steve Segin.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Fresh fire crews sought as new arrival ship out fast - § 2 references coded [5.27% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.87% Coverage

"You have to look at the big picture all the time and make sure there are adequate numbers to respond to the next fire," said Jim Fletcher, manager of the Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center west of Denver.

Reference 2 - 2.40% Coverage

"Zero snowpack left" Forests west of the Continental Divide are drier and more overloaded than those along the Front Range, U.S. Forest Service spokesman Steve Segin said.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Grief with some relief death destruction - § 3 references coded [3.51% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.34% Coverage

Christensen said a U.S. Forest Service investigator had confirmed that the fire began with a lightning strike early Saturday. By Monday evening, it was the third-largest wildfire in Colorado history.

Reference 2 - 1.48% Coverage

"The hope for containment today is tenuous -- totally dependent on the weather," Bill Hahnenberg, the federal official who took over management of the fire Monday, said earlier in the day. "We may be at zero percent tonight."

Reference 3 - 0.69% Coverage

Hahnenberg, the Type-One Incident Management Team commander, said more firefighters were on the way.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_High Park Fire 55 percent containment - § 1 reference coded [1.77% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.77% Coverage

We've been patient with the red-flag conditions," fire incident commander Bill Hahnenberg said at a morning news briefing. "Today, we're going to get aggressive."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_High Park fire Barriers established on two front - § 2 references coded [6.36% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.75% Coverage

Firefighters aren't focused there now, Type 1 incident team spokesman Steve Segin said, because of the extra danger that beetle-killed trees create for crews.

Reference 2 - 4.61% Coverage

Tuesday, there were five heavy air tankers, five SEATs (single-engine air tankers), four Type 1 heavy helitankers, three Type 2 helicopters, four Type 3 helicopters and three Black Hawk helicopters. Approximately 26 engines were on the scene.

Fire officials expect to have as many as 800 firefighters on the ground later this week, said Bill Hahnenberg, the U.S. Forest Service Type 1 Incident Management Team commander.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_High Park fire grows to 81190 acres - § 2 references coded [6.85% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.03% Coverage

At a Saturday-morning media briefing, fire-incident commander Bill Hahnenberg said Poudre Canyon "has been a really problematic area for us."

Reference 2 - 3.82% Coverage

Some helicopters were diverted to fight the Woodland Heights fire in Estes Park. Even so, fireincident spokeswoman Reid Armstrong said Saturday evening that good progress was made.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_High Park fire nations tank fleet old and depleted close to empty - § 2 references coded [2.88% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.19% Coverage

Eight of the remaining planes, including three flying over the High Park fire in Larimer County, were built at least 50 years ago to serve as military planes patrolling the ocean.

Despite the concerns, officials with the Forest Service believe they have adequate aerial resources, even as they scramble to bring newer planes on line by late summer.

"We are confident that we can mobilize the air support that we need when the threat arises," said Forest Service spokeswoman Jennifer Jones.

Reference 2 - 0.69% Coverage

A heavy air tanker sent from Grand Junction was on the fire by noon, according to Steve Segin, spokesman for the Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_High winds stymie efforts - § 3 references coded [5.97% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.66% Coverage

As a precautionary move, residents of the Hewlett Gulch subdivision were told to evacuate their homes Sunday afternoon, said U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Kristy Wumkes.

Reference 2 - 2.23% Coverage

A critical "red flag" fire danger warning for the High Park fire expired at 8 p.m. Sunday, and nearly on cue gusts died down on the fire, but crews were preparing for a long night ahead, fire management team spokesman Brett Haberstick said.

Reference 3 - 2.08% Coverage

Still, firefighters have protected 529 residences, said Bill Hahnenberg, incident commander for the High Park fire. "That is a success story on the part of these folks that are working hard out there," Hahnenberg said.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Highpark Fire Homesick about Homes - § 1 reference coded [1.42% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.42% Coverage

"It did have a positive effect on our effort to contain the fire and save structures," incident commander Bill Hahnenberg said Wednesday.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Low snowpack pushes states fire risk higher - § 1 reference coded [7.16% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 7.16% Coverage

The difference today is that many of Colorado's forests have been decimated by beetle kill, including much of the area where the High Park fire, northwest of Fort Collins, has been burning, said Maggie Skordahl of the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_More homes burn - § 1 reference coded [2.09% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.09% Coverage

"We hope so, but we can't predict when that is yet," said Brett Haberstick, spokesman for the federal incident-management team coordinating the attack.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_National Guard keeps close eye on High Park fire - § 1 reference coded [8.04% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 8.04% Coverage

About 1,900 people were working on the fire Tuesday. The number of firefighters is being ratcheted down, said incident commander Beth Lund.

"We will demobilize a bit," she said. "We are feeling cautiously optimistic."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Record 181 homes destroyed - § 1 reference coded [3.32% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.32% Coverage

The blaze is 45 percent contained, but weather conditions are expected to worsen today and Monday, and on the very active western flank, the fire will be allowed to burn until it reaches the natural fire line, Pingree Park Road 3 to 4 miles west, incident commander Bill Hahnenberg said.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Red slurrys toxic dark side - § 4 references coded [12.22% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.68% Coverage

"There are other chemicals associated with it, but ammonia and the nitrates are the ones we're currently aware of that are the largest concern," said Doug Laye, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regional coordinator for endangered species, who is overseeing the new policy for fire retardants. "These can change the water chemistry drastically. That can have a very quick and often lethal effect."

Reference 2 - 5.02% Coverage

As it burns along the Cache la Poudre River -- designated a Wild and Scenic River by the Forest Service -- the High Park fire could overlap habitat for several species of sensitive fish.

Massive fish kills have been documented after fires were put out in northwestern states. A legal challenge by Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics compelled an environmental impact study. Federal biologists concluded that fire retardants alone will not cause extinctions. But the lawsuit led to issuance of the rules this year to minimize harm.

Reference 3 - 1.68% Coverage

Yet the agency also relies increasingly on slurry bombers to protect houses and firefighters from potentially catastrophic wildfires, Forest Service spokesman Steve Segin said.

Reference 4 - 1.84% Coverage

Federal biologists would welcome development of better chemical mixes that could be less harmful and also meet firefighters' needs, Laye said. "You obviously could use water anytime you would like."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Residents back crews diligent in mop up stage - § 2 references coded [12.38% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 7.40% Coverage

Despite dry conditions -- and the eighth day with consecutive red flag warning -- U.S. Forest Service spokesman Jake Brollier said the fire crews are officially in the "mop-up" stage of the fire that has so far cost \$33.5 million to fight. This means firefighters are using shovels and Pulaski tools to turn over the soil where infrared equipment has detected heat. Back burning continues up the mountainside.

Reference 2 - 4.98% Coverage

Personnel count at the High Park fire will decrease, as firefighters follow their two-weeks-on, two-days-off schedule. Incident commander Beth Lund said about eight helicopters and tankers and at least 10 fire crews have been sent to the Waldo Canyon and Flagstaff fires.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Some go home while others learn theirs is lost - § 2 references coded [7.35% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.32% Coverage

About 1,200 of the 4,300 homeowners evacuated from the path of the High Park fire, west of Fort Collins, were allowed to return to their properties Sunday, said Reghan Cloudman, a spokeswoman for fire incident team.

Reference 2 - 4.03% Coverage

Incident commander Bill Hahnenberg said that a new Type-1 Incident Management Team will take over in a "seamless transition" today.

"My goal was to bring the fire to conclusion as quickly as possible to diminish the effects on this community," Hahnenberg said.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_06_Spot Blaze slips past boundary - § 2 references coded [4.85% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.13% Coverage

"We jumped on it quickly, and we are confident it will not be an issue," U.S. Forest Service spokesman Bernie Pineda said.

Reference 2 - 2.72% Coverage

Incident commander Bill Hahnenberg said there are 1,911 firefighters working the blaze, which now has 49 miles of constructed and contained fire lines.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_07_Muddy waters river walls shores left reeling in wake of massive blaze - § 2 references coded [3.53% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.73% Coverage

"It's a relatively small proportion of severe burn," he said, and U.S. Forest Service treatment of moderately and lightly burned areas with ground-covering mulch could be quite effective in promoting recovery. And in many areas, the forest will be healthier than before with new vegetation and fresh forage for wildlife. The Forest Service will soon finalize its severity maps and proposals for restoration, spokeswoman Reghan Cloudman said.

Reference 2 - 0.80% Coverage

"It's just adding insult to injury, Mother Nature!" said Kellie Falbo, a Poudre River Canyon firefighter, as is her husband, Tony.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_09_Disastrous wildfire era set to continue - § 4 references coded [6.37% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 0.68% Coverage

At its Washington headquarters, those fears led Forest Service deputy chief Jim Hubbard to issue a May 25 directive to agency field offices:

Reference 2 - 0.71% Coverage

"I think we're in a continuing downward trend for overall forest health," said Scott Woods, staff forester at the Colorado State Forest Service.

Reference 3 - 1.24% Coverage

"We need a good snowpack this winter, and then at least some intermittent rains in the first half of the summer," said Boyd Lebeda, district forester for the state in Fort Collins, adding that lowering fire risks with forest restoration is a long-term job.

Reference 4 - 3.74% Coverage

From Lory State Park, Matt Schulz, a forest-management coordinator with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, grinds up a narrow, steep road at 5 mph with park manager Larry Butterfield.

For the first mile, it's a residential road, though it narrows to one lane in places. Above the houses, it deteriorates into a four-wheel-drive park road.

The houses on Red Cedar Drive stood at the very edge of the High Park fire, which for several weeks was called the most destructive wildfire in Colorado history. One of these homes burned. Another survived flames that firefighters doused 2 feet from the door.

"That's a concern with a lot of these places. One way in, one way out," Schulz said, edging upward. "You're trying to get emergency vehicles in while you're trying to get people out."

Files\\Denver Post_2012_10_Officials look for leads on source of park fire - § 1 reference coded [8.42% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 8.42% Coverage

"If you saw anything unusual or noteworthy, investigators would like to talk with you," the National Park Service stated Sunday.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_10_Snow may boost Fern Lake fight - § 1 reference coded [8.42% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 8.42% Coverage

Snow is always great because it melts slowly, Rocky Mountain National Park fire information officer Patty Bean said Wednesday morning.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_11_Dry warm weather prompts fire restrictions - § 1 reference coded [14.42% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 14.42% Coverage

Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Chief Art Morales Tuesday implemented fire restrictions that include a ban on outdoor burning and fireworks, though fireplaces are still allowed. Violators could be fined as much as \$1,000 and spend up to 180 days in jail

Files\\Denver Post_2012_12_Hi Country Snow Skiers Firefighters welcome storm - § 1 reference coded [2.28% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.28% Coverage

The Fern Lake fire is not completely out, but with more than 12 inches of snow falling in the area, the fire's potential to spread has been greatly reduced, said Rocky Mountain National Park spokeswoman Kyle Patterson.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_12_Size blowing up 583 homes evacuated - § 1 reference coded [1.77% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.77% Coverage

Helicopter and tanker assistance for the wildfire has been grounded because of high winds and poor visibility, according to Rocky Mountain National Park spokeswoman Kyle Patterson.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_12_Snow blankets fern lake fire as crews work to gain ground - § 1 reference coded [2.69% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.69% Coverage

"I'm fairly confident we're good today," fire analyst Rod Moraga said in a morning briefing.

Files\\Denver Post_2012_12_Wind fuels worry Strong gusts could create explosive mix in Marys Lake area - § 1 reference coded [2.49% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.49% Coverage

As with Colorado wildfires last summer, people with breathing problems should stay indoors and avoid exerting themselves, fire-information officer Traci Weaver said at the community meeting.

Files\\Denver Post_2013_03_Crews make gains on Galena fire - § 1 reference coded [5.84% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 5.84% Coverage

"A lot of that containment will depend on what our crews in the field tell us and what the weather will do," incident commander Tony Simons said at an afternoon update on the fire that has burned about 1,348 acres in the foothills west of Horsetooth Reservoir.

Files\\Denver Post_2013_06_Feds release 20M in wildfire relief - § 1 reference coded [6.81% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 6.81% Coverage

"It would have been nice to have gotten it two months ago," said Greg Langer, district conservationist with Natural Resources Conservation Service, who is leading the efforts around El Paso County. "We have already spent enough time waiting for this, and projects have been put on hold as we wait."

Files\\Denver Post_2013_10_Theres much good left behind on slopes - § 2 references coded [8.87% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 6.54% Coverage

A two-year effort to treat 5,600 acres of critical watershed continues this month, with helicopters dropping 1-ton heaps of mulch across steep slopes.

"I wouldn't say mulch is a silver bullet, but to reduce sedimentation and erosion on burned slopes, it works really well," Todd Boldt, district conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, said Wednesday.

Reference 2 - 2.33% Coverage

The advice was adamant: "Stabilize the burned slopes as quickly as you can," said Eric Reckentine, director of Greeley's deputy water department.

Files\\Oregonian_2012_07_Eastern Oregon fires grow as residents cattle evacuate - § 2 references coded [7.31% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 5.28% Coverage

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the Harney County Sheriff's Office told residents of about 10 homes near Harney Lake that they might be ordered to evacuate. The fire, fueled by hot, dry and windy weather, also threatens Frenchglen, a hamlet at the base of Steens Mountain. Late Wednesday, BLM and sheriff's officials told Frenchglen residents to prepare for a possible evacuation.

Reference 2 - 2.04% Coverage

We're trying to make sure that that's where it stops," said Trish Hogervorst, spokeswoman for the incident management team. "It's very hot and dry."

Files\\Oregonian_2012_07_Kitzhaber declares wildfires a disaster - § 1 reference coded [2.86% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.86% Coverage

The mustangs probably will be gathered and kept at BLM's Wild Horse Corrals near Burns, said Jeff Clark, a BLM spokesman in Portland. Still, it may be two years before they can return to the wild horse management area where they roamed, he said.

Files\\Oregonian_2012_07_Massive Oregon wildfires under control - § 2 references coded [5.21% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.51% Coverage

The firefighters did a heck of a lot of work, we got the resources so we could get out in front of it, and the weather helped," said Mark Wilkening, a spokesman for the Bureau of Land Management.

Reference 2 - 2.70% Coverage

Brenda Belongie, a U.S. Forest Service meteorologist at the Northwest Coordination Center in Portland, said an upper-level low pressure system is expected to fire up thunderstorms late into the week.

Files\\Oregonian_2012_07_Summary Miller Homestead Fire - § 3 references coded [10.59% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 2.74% Coverage

Almost an hour later, Ross learned from a U.S. Forest Service worker that the retardant broke the wildfire's back, at least the part immediately threatening Frenchglen.

Reference 2 - 4.87% Coverage

The multiagency team battling the wildfire imposed a Level Two evacuation order at 10 p.m. Thursday. Such an order does not have the force of law to compel people to leave and was "basically a get ready, be prepared" warning, said Mike Stearly, a Forest Service spokesman for the incident management team.

Reference 3 - 2.97% Coverage

Stearly, the Forest Service spokesman, said the fire may be reeling from Friday's tanker drop but it isn't finished. "It's still active and conditions are prime for ignition," he said.

Files\\Oregonian_2012_08_Grasses withstand range fires but sagebrush devastated - § 4 references coded [12.47% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 1.97% Coverage

BURNS --The mammoth range fires that swept across the high desert of southeastern Oregon and northern Nevada in summer burned so fast that scientists now say the roots of many plants es

Reference 2 - 1.76% Coverage

We are scrambling to beat the snow," said Bill Lutjens, a U.S. Bureau of Land Management supervisory range specialist in Vale. "We don't know when the snow is coming.

Reference 3 - 3.93% Coverage

To underscore the fury of those wind-driven flames, 300,000 acres of the Long Draw fire burned in a single night, said Tony Svejcar, research leader at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center near Burns. Near Frenchglen, flames stampeded across 100,000 acres of the 161,00-acre Miller Homestead fire in one night, he said.

Reference 4 - 4.80% Coverage

Most of the birds were able to escape the fire, but mortality tends to happen in the aftermath, said Autumn

Larkins, an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife assistant district biologist in Vale. The surviving birds almost certainly will return to the leks next spring, but will find them denuded, she said. Restoring the sagebrush will take an estimated 20 years at higher elevations and up to a century at mid-elevations if left to natural recovery

Files\\Oregonian_2014_07_Weather prompts higher wildfire alert - § 1 reference coded [3.22% Coverage]

Reference 1 - 3.22% Coverage

“The central part of the state will be a concern with the weather coming in,” said Carol Connolly, a spokeswoman for the Northwest Interagency Coordination Center. “We aren’t sure what is going to hit and how the fires will react to the wind and lightning if we get that.”