



After the Fire

Post Wildfire Landowner Assistance: Every Acre Adds Value

Overview

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) works aggressively to contain and stop wildfires. After the fire ODF helps landowners by providing reforestation expertise and connecting you with the right resources.

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 at <http://tinyurl.com/ODFfireblog>.



After the fire.

Contact your [local ODF Stewardship Forester](#). Stewardship Foresters can help you find the resources and provide answers about what to do after a wildfire impacts your land. ODF's [Stewardship Foresters](#) are trained to – keep working forests working. Your [Stewardship Forester](#) can help you develop an effective Landowner Restoration Plan to achieve your goals.

After a wildfire, most landowners ask about restoring their land. You may ask the same question. Some steps to help you move forward include:

1. **Assessing damage.** Smaller fires, burning only brush and small trees, may not require restoration. More intense fires, consuming larger trees, nearly all vegetation, and damaging soil, may require restoring soil, grass, and trees.



2. **Creating a Landowner Restoration Plan.** Determine your immediate and long-term goals for restoring the property and make plans to achieve them. [ODF Stewardship Foresters](#) can help with your restoration plans, including:
 - Salvage harvesting and clean-up
 - Timber production,
 - Grazing land,
 - Stream health,
 - Soil enrichment, and
 - Fish and wildlife habitat.
3. **Executing Your Plan.** Quick action after a fire can help you achieve your goals more effectively. For example, quickly establishing desired grasses and trees will help prevent unwanted weeds and brush. To successfully implement your plan, you may continue to consult with and rely on your [Stewardship Forester's](#) expertise.