# A Local Response to Fire Impacts Along the Bear Creek Greenway

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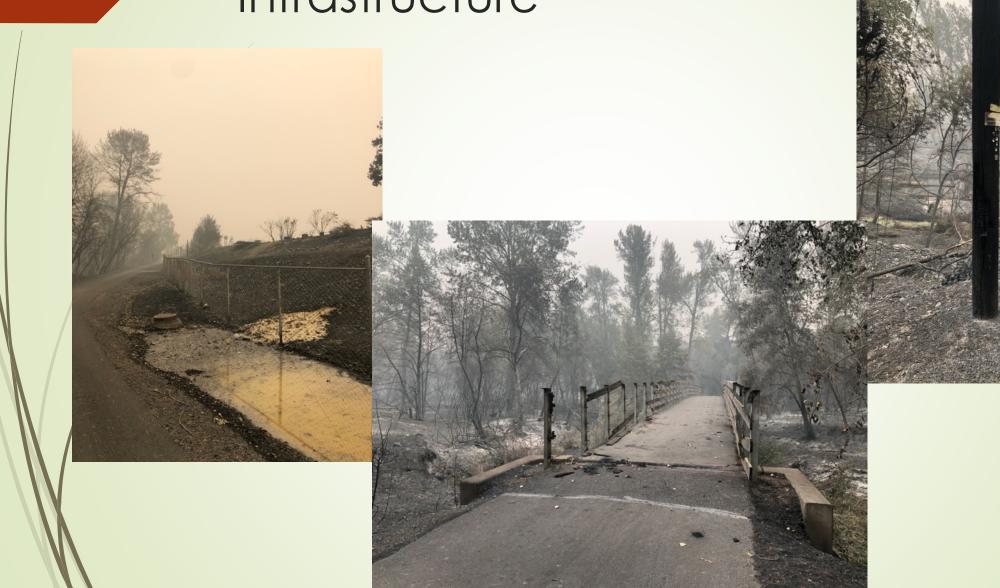
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### Almeda/CP Fires- Bear Creek Greenway

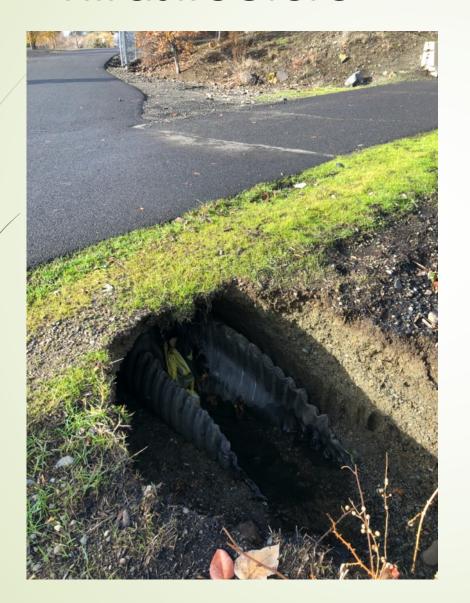
- 11 miles Greenway impacted
- Estimated 550 acres public lands
- Infrastructure damage
  - Bridges
  - Benches
  - Culverts
  - Signage
  - Fencing
- Natural resource damage
  - Trees
  - Understory

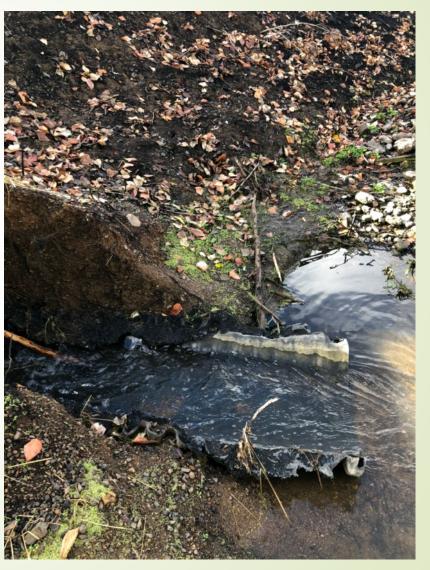


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### Possible Hazardous Waste





## Riparian





#### Where to start?

- Don't try to eat the whole apple
- Know your friends
- Clearly identify issues
- Prioritize
- Ask for help
- Make decisions and take action
- Multi-prong approach
- Safety first!



#### Hazard Trees

- Needed to ensure site was safe to work
- Over 600 trees removed
- Only those that posed hazard to trail, all others left
- Will likely be chipped and used for restoration





## High priority sites

- Environmentally sensitive areas
  - Steep slopes
  - Seeps and springs
  - Side inlets
  - Hazardous waste sites
- EPA Team lead response at request of Jackson County/DEQ



## Mid-Priority Sites

- Larger scale, more than EPA could handle
- Contracted with Lomakatsi
- 2 miles of wattles
- Over 600 bales of weed free straw
- Supplemental seeding



## Lower Priority Sites

- Finally ready for volunteers!
- Over 1,000 volunteer hours







#### What's Next?

- Look for areas of agreement
  - Invasive species control!
- Long term restoration
- Multi-disciplinary planning
  - Natural Resource
  - Recreation
  - Law Enforcement
  - Fire



#### Conclusion

- We can't do it alone
- We have unbelievable partners in our county
- The community wants to help
- Greenway residents appreciate it!

