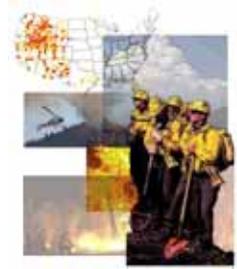


National Fire Plan Hazardous Fuels Reduction Oregon



A wildland fire ignited on private land July 9, 2002, near Medford, Oregon, burned about 20 acres of adjacent Bureau of Land Management managed land. Fuels reduction work completed on the public land in 1999, as part of the Forest Creek Project, reduced the intensity of the burn and stopped the fire from spreading. “The fire behavior changed dramatically when the fire progressed from private onto BLM land allowing us to directly attack the head of the fire and quickly contain it,” said Dan Thorpe Oregon Department of Forestry unit forester. Fire fighting forces were able to construct a dozer line on the public land in an area where a fuel break had been built.



The blaze became a low intensity surface fire when it reached the area that had fuels reduction work. As noted in the photo all the overstory in this oak woodland is intact.