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Fuel Treatments Completed within the Caldor Fire

Last Chance and Trestle Projects

Between 2007 and 2019 a variety of implantation tools, including contracts; a partnership with the National Wild Turkey Federation, and work by U.S. Forest Service crews and equipment, were used to complete more than 3,000 acres of planned fuels reduction treatments which included a combination of mechanical thinning, hand thinning, and prescribed burning in the area south and east of Grizzly Flats. This portion of the landscape received the brunt of the explosive fire growth and extreme fire behavior between August 15th through the 18th. Fire was able to overrun many of the previously treated areas, along with areas where treatments were still in progress or had yet to be implemented. However, in areas where prior treatments sufficiently modified fuels, forested areas were able to withstand the fire front, modifying fire effects to vegetation and soils and in some areas were able to provide safe, effective locations for firefighters to engage.



Area thinned in 2018 within Trestle Project on Leoni Meadows Road, September 2021 – USFS Photo



Area treated within Last Chance Project on Caldor Road, September 2021 – USFS Photo



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