

## The Fire-Tested Benefits of Hazard Fuel Treatments

*Hardy Fire - 19 June 2010*



*Un-thinned stand west of the Rio Drainage  
(note level of damage even though fire burned downhill)*



*Thinned stand east of the Rio Drainage*

*Same wildfire;  
Both sites burned the same day;  
Each burned dramatically different;  
On the left, firefighters were unable to safely take effective action;  
On the right, firefighters were able to safely take effective action;  
On the left, trees, habitat, soils, and aesthetics have been damaged/lost;  
On the right, the forest remains and will thrive;  
Forest restoration/hazard fuel treatments work!*



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