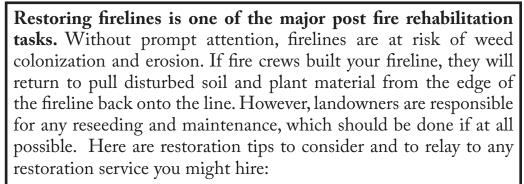
Fireline Rehabilitation Strategies



A fireline with removed material pulled back onto the disturbed soil.



Avoid using heavy equipment like this backhoe if possible.



- Avoid compacting disturbed soil, especially with heavy equipment.
- Reseed before winter with habitat appropriate seed mix. Use native seeds for firelines within native shrub-steppe, forest or riparian habitat. Bluebunch wheatgrass for shrub-steppe and dry forest and blue wild rye for riparian areas. 15#/ac.
- After heavy rain, look at water bars or log "dams" that fire crews may have installed on steep slopes to ensure they functioned properly.
- Control weeds for a couple of seasons until grass is established.

With diligent work, firelines can be rehabilitated within one season. For more information, contact:

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Water bars or simple log check-dams can slow erosion on steep, loose slopes.





Control weeds for a couple of seasons until grass cover is well established.



Restored fireline one year after seeding.