

Fire in the Aftermath



Following Landscape Change After Wildfire, 1994-



Rat-Hatchery Fire 1994

Wenatchee River Ranger District

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September 1994

View of Icicle Canyon from Eight-mile Road- looking down canyon to the southeast.



Douglas Maple

Although dead in appearance there is a lot going on in the burned areas.

Twenty Years of Change



1994



2014

View of Icicle Canyon from Eight-mile road looking southeast down canyon.



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The mix of mature green trees and open brushy areas serves a wide range of wildlife. Animals like the Douglas squirrel prefer live trees.



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Mountain Home Creek
near Leavenworth



Two months post fire, plants such as Douglas maple (inset) re-sprout from surviving roots.

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1994

Two months after the fire.

Log is key to following series

1997

Three years after the fire.



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Summer 1997

Lush plant growth has filled in the once barren landscape. The creek has begun to under-cut the large cedar snag at left.

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1997



1999

Mountain Home Creek near Leavenworth



Log

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1999



A portion of the hillside above slipped, sending an avalanche of rocks and logs down the creek.

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1999



2007



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2007

Thin-leaf alder and black cottonwoods are now providing a shady canopy over the creek, which will keep the water cool in summer.

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2007



2014



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Twenty Years after the Fire.



Larvae of alder flea beetles are munching on leaves turning them brown. This does not happen every year, and is not concerning.



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Twenty Years of Change

Mountain Home Creek as seen under the leafy canopy in 2014

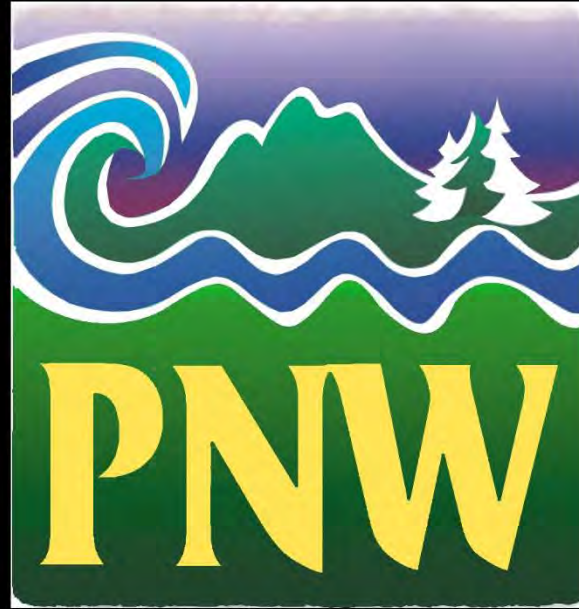


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