Date of Report: 10/09/2017

# **BURNED-AREA REPORT**

(Reference FSH 2509.13)

# **PART I - TYPE OF REQUEST**

- A. Type of Report
  [X] 1. Funding request for estimated emergency stabilization funds
  [] 2. Accomplishment Report
  [] 3. No Treatment Recommendation
  - B. Type of Action
    - - [] 3. Final Report (Following completion of work)

#### PART II - BURNED-AREA DESCRIPTION

- A. Fire Name: Miller Complex

  B. Fire Number: OR-RSF-000647

  C. State: OR

  D. County: Jackson, Josephine, Siskiyou

  E. Region: Pacific Northwest (R6)

  F. Forest: Rogue River-Siskiyou NF

  G. District: Siskiyou Mountains; Wild Rivers

  H. Fire Incident Job Code: P6K9PL (0610)

  J. Date Fire Started: August 14, 2017

  J. Date Fire Contained: 85% contained on 10/5/2017
- K. Suppression Cost: \_\$32.7 million as of 10/05/2017
- L. Fire Suppression Damages Repaired with Suppression Funds
  - Completed dozer line: 20
     Completed hand line: 20
     Road as completed line: 6
- M. Watershed Name and Number:

Headwaters Applegate River (1710030901) Sucker Creek (1710031102) Upper Applegate River (1710030902)

| Fire         | Subwatershed Name            | Total<br>Subwatershed | Percent | Soil Burn Severity |             |             |            |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
|              |                              | Acres                 | Burned  | Unburned Acres     | Low Acres   | Moderate    | High Acres |
|              | Butte Fork Applegate River   | 11,671                | 6%      | 10,981 (94%)       | 479 (4%)    | 185 (2%)    | 26 (<1%)   |
|              | Carberry Creek               | 15,551                | 4%      | 14,918 (96%)       | 369 (2%)    | 265 (2%)    | 0 (0%)     |
|              | Dutch Creek-Elliott Creek    | 19,460                | 17%     | 16,159 (83%)       | 2497 (13%)  | 627 (3%)    | 176 (1%)   |
| A la         | Horse Creek                  | 38,974                | <1%     | 38,972 (>99%)      | 1 (<1%)     | 1 (<1%)     | 0 (0%)     |
| Abney        | Middle Fork Applegate River- |                       |         |                    |             |             |            |
|              | Applegate River              | 21,134                | 30%     | 14,810 (70%)       | 3,512 (17%) | 2,172 (10%) | 639 (3%)   |
|              | Seiad Creek                  | 18,774                | <1%     | 18,771 (>99%)      | 1 (<1%)     | 2 (<1%)     | 1 (<1%)    |
|              | Steve Fork Carberry Creek    | 19,069                | <1%     | 19,068 (>99%)      | 1 (<1%)     | 0 (0%)      | 0 (0%)     |
| Daniel David | Carberry Creek               | 15,551                | <1%     | 15,532 (>99%)      | 9 (<1%)     | 7 (<1%)     | 3 (<1%)    |
| Burnt Peak   | Palmer Creek-Applegate River | 18,681                | 19%     | 15,175 (82%)       | 2,126 (11%) | 1,202 (6%)  | 178 (1%)   |
| 0            | Grayback Creek               | 15,566                | <1%     | 15,524 (>99%)      | 37 (<1%)    | 5 (<1%)     | 1 (<1%)    |
| Creedence    | Sturgis Fork Carberry Creek  | 12,984                | 5%      | 12,353 (94%)       | 337 (3%)    | 195 (2%)    | 99 (1%)    |
|              | Grand Total                  | 207,415               | 7%      | 192,262            | 9,368       | 4,662       | 1,124      |

#### N. Total Acres Burned: 25,785 ac as of 10/05/2017

These totals are for the Rogue River-Siskiyou side of the Miller Complex. The Abney Fire burned across the Siskiyou Crest onto the Klamath National Forest, R5, as well. It was agreed that, as the watershed boundary is the boundary between the two forests and regions, each forest/region would complete independent 2500-8 assessments, but share information and coordinate treatments as needed.

NFS Acres (24,965) Other Federal (0) State (0) Private (820)

| Fire       | Acres Burned |               |         |              |  |  |
|------------|--------------|---------------|---------|--------------|--|--|
| riie       | NFS          | Other Federal | Private | Unclassified |  |  |
| Abney      | 18,631       | -             | 796     | -            |  |  |
| Burnt Peak | 4,252        | -             | 14      | -            |  |  |
| Creedence  | 2,082        | -             | 0       | -            |  |  |

O. Vegetation Types: Mixed Conifer Vegetation zone/white fir series (above 3,600 feet) includes Douglas-fir and white fir intermixed with other species. The vegetation is very dense with spots of live oak forming heavy thickets along with madrone and manzanita on ridgetops and shoulder slopes.

The southern exposures in the Interior Valley Vegetation Zone/Douglas-fir series (below 3,600 feet) support scattered ponder pine black and white oak, poison oak, live oak, madrone, ceanothus, and manzanita. Douglas-fir is present in the drainagees and on the more favorable sites. The northern and easterly aspects are primarily occupied with Douglas-fir and scattered ponderosa pine, sugar pine, madrone, and black oak.

The White Fir zone extends fro about 4,500 feet to 6,000 feet. On north slopes, white fir is found at the lower elevation range. Associated conifers may include Douglas-fir, sugar pine and ponderosa pine and at the higher elevation it includes Shasta fir.

The Shasta Fir zone begins above aout 6,000 feet. This zone is not distinct by elevation an dappears correlated more with the cooler east and north high elevation areas, which usually maintain heavy snowpacks through winter and early spring.

In addition to the forested plant communities described above there are a matrix of rock openings, forb dominated glades, and dry oak savannas that can be found scattered across this landscape. These vegetation

assemblages are biodiverse and make up a large portion of the species richness found in these watersheds. There are more than a dozen endemic plant species that occur in the area where these fires burned. These plant communities are often dominated by hundreds of species of forbs with large patches of shrubs and hardwood tree species intermixed.

#### P. Dominant Soils:

Burnt Peak Fire soils generally formed from colluvial deposits of decomposed diorites, quartz diorites, and gabbro (RRS SRI, 1979).

The dominant soil textures in the Burnt Peak fire area are predominantly sandy-loam to loam with high rock content (skeletal) both in the soil profile and on the soil surface. The Creedence fire area has soils that are predominantly sandy-loam to loam, highly skeletal and are generally formed from felsic intrusive or granitic rocks consisting of quartz diorite, diorites, and gabbro (RRS SRI, 1979). The soil textures in the Abney fire area are notably different from the other fire areas.

The Condrey Mountain Black and Green Schist formation is within the Abney fire perimeter and is known for locally highly productive soils, and unstable slopes with weak bedrock and highly erodible soils (Squaw/Elliott/Lake Watershed Analysis, 1995). There are also inclusions of serpentine found in this area as well. Soil textures range from clay-loam to loam with areas of more silty-loam textures. Soil map units that are found in the Condrey Schist formation are in Appendix A and a map location is in Appendix B.

The majority of the soils had sandy-loam to silty-loam surface textures with varying degrees of gravel. Rock outcrops occur as a minor component throughout the three fire perimeters. Many of these soils are formed from weathering of the metamorphosed marine sediments and volcanics that include schists, phyllites, and serpentine, which have naturally high erosion hazard ratings.

Although all four hydrologic soil groups are represented within the Miller Complex, the vast majority of the soils would be rated as low (A) or low-moderate (B) run-off potential on the Rouge River-Siskiyou NF.

Dominant soil map units and Taxonomic Classifications of Soil Map Units within the **Miller Complex Fire** from Rogue National Forest SRI (1979). Estimates of soil taxonomy were made due to outdated soil taxonomic nomenclature.

| Soil Map |            |  |
|----------|------------|--|
| Unit     | Est. Acres | Estimated Soil Taxonomic Class                                     |
| 91       | 1543       | Loamy-skeletal, mixed, mesic, Typic Xerochrepts                    |
| 931      | 1021       | Loamy-skeletal, mixed, mesic, Ultic Haploxerolls                   |
| 705      | 875        | Loamy-skeletal, mixed, mesic Typic Xerochrepts;                    |
| 793      | 860        | Loamy-skeletal, mixed, mesic Ultic Haploxeralfs                    |
| 91       | 693        | Residual soils from volcanic flow material, Loamy Families, Deven  |
| 775      | 509        | Clayey-skeletal, serpentinitic, mesic, Mollic Haploseralfs         |
| 55       | 445        | Loamy-skeletal, mixed, mesic Ultic Haploxeralfs                    |
| 93       | 306        | Loamy-skeletal, mixed, mesic Ultic Haploxeralfs                    |
| 619      | 298        | Loamy-skeletal, mixed, mesic Ultic Haploxeralfs                    |
| 515      | 243        | Loamy-skeletal, mixed, mesic Ultic Haploxeralfs                    |
| 72       | 165        | Loamy-skeletal, mixed, mesic Ultic Haploxeralfs                    |
| 763      | 143        | Clayey-skeletal, serpentinitic, mesic, Mollic Haploseralfs         |
| 71       | 120        | Residual soils from volcanic flow material, Loamy Families, Deven  |
| 800      | 103        | Loamy-skeletal, mixed, mesic, Ultic Haploxeralfs                   |
| 69       | 82         | Residual soils from volcanic flow material, Loamy Families, Etchen |

Hydrologic Soil Group: Soil Hydrologic Group acres and percent over the total Miller Complex (25,368 acres analyzed).

|             | Soil Hydro<br>Group A | Soil Hydro Group<br>B | Soil Hydro Group<br>C | Soil Hydro Group D | N/A or<br>Variable |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Total acres | 1504                  | 16736                 | 1084                  | 166                | 5879               |
| % acres     | 6                     | 66                    | 4                     | 1                  | 23                 |

Q. Geologic Types: The major geologic types found within the Miller Complex are: Dominantly mafic and ultramafic intrusive rocks of the Josephine Ophiolite and Rattlesnake Creek terranes including peridotite, serpentinite, amphibolite, gabbro, and diabase; metasedimentary and metavolcanic rocks of the Rattlesnake Creek Terrane and Galice Formation including slate, phyllite, argillite and other metasediments, metabasalt, greenstone, and other metavolcanics; associated plutonic rocks including peridotite, gabbro, diorite and tonalite.

R. Miles of Stream Channels by Class: Perennial: 38 Intermittent: 68

| Fire              | Streams      | Miles |
|-------------------|--------------|-------|
| Abney             | Intermittent | 55    |
|                   | Perennial    | 27    |
| <b>Burnt Peak</b> | Intermittent | 13    |
|                   | Perennial    | 6     |
| Creedence         | Intermittent | 0     |
|                   | 5            |       |
| Gran              | 106          |       |

S. Transportation System Trails: 17 miles Roads: 69 miles

| Maintenance Level                   | Miles |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 - BASIC CUSTODIAL CARE (CLOSED)   | 8     |
| 2 - HIGH CLEARANCE VEHICLES         | 38    |
| 3 - SUITABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS     | 23    |
| 4 - MODERATE DEGREE OF USER COMFORT | 0     |
| Grand Total                         | 69    |

### **PART III - WATERSHED CONDITION**

A. Burn Severity (acres): 10,633 (very low/unburned), 9,368 (low) 4,662 (moderate) 1,123 (high)

| Soil Burn Severity (SBS) - Acres |   |       |       |        |        |  |  |
|----------------------------------|---|-------|-------|--------|--------|--|--|
| Fire                             | High Moderate Low Very Low/Unburned Total |       |       |        |        |  |  |
|                                  |   |       |       |        |        |  |  |
| Abney                            | 843                                       | 3253  | 6859  | 8483   | 19,437 |  |  |
| Burnt Peak                       | 181                                       | 1209  | 2135  | 740    | 4,265  |  |  |
| Creedence                        | 99  | 200   | 374   | 1,410  | 2,083  |  |  |
| Total                            | 1,123                                     | 4,662 | 9,368 | 10,633 | 25,785 |  |  |

| Soil Burn Severity (SBS) - Percent |      |          |      |                   |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|------|----------|------|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Fire                               | High | Moderate | Low  | Very Low/Unburned |  |  |  |
| Abney                              | 4.3  | 16.7     | 35.3 | 43.6              |  |  |  |
| Burnt Peak                         | 4.2  | 28.3     | 50.0 | 17.4              |  |  |  |
| Creedence                          | 4.7  | 9.6      | 18.0 | 67.7              |  |  |  |

B. **Water-Repellent Soil** (acres): 3,451 ac; Water repellent soils developed on approximately 14% of the fire area. Of that amount approximately 90% occur in areas of steeper slopes. The ash derived soils present within the fire perimeter have a natural level of water repellency when dry.

All three fires analyzed in the Miller Complex have exhibited some level of strong surface hydrophobicity in high soil burn severity areas and to a lesser degree in the moderate soil burn severity areas. The strong hydrophobicity was frequently found down to one inch, although a few areas had hydrophobicity down to 3 inches. The majority of low soil burn severity did not exhibit any soil hydrophobic tendencies. However, naturally occurring hydrophobicity was observed on unburned soils with intact organic horizons. Upon discussion with the Forest Soil Scientist it is not uncommon to find water repellant soils in this area with no fire affects.

Soil Burn Severity (SBS) percentages by fire with total reduced infiltration acres (soil hydrophobicity).

| Abney                |       | Burnt Peak |           | Creedence |    |
|----------------------|-------|------------|-----------|-----------|----|
| high SBS%            | 4     | high SBS%  | 4         | high SBS% | 5  |
| mod SBS%             | 17    | mod SBS%   | 28        | mod SBS%  | 11 |
| low SBS%             | 35    | low SBS%   | 50        | low SBS%  | 19 |
| Unburned%            | 44    | Unburned%  | 17        | Unburned% | 65 |
|                      | Abney | Burnt Peak | Creedence |           |    |
| reduced infiltration | 2467  | 787        | 197       |           |    |
| acres                |       |            |           |           |    |
| % reduced            | 13    | 18         | 11        |           |    |

C. Soil Erosion Hazard Rating (pct of total acreage): Erosion Hazards listed in the Rouge River-Siskiyou NF SRI for the soil types within the fire perimeter are high for approximately 72% of the area, moderate for approximately 25% of the area and low for approximately 3% of the area.

D. Erosion Potential: <u>34 tons/acre</u> (soils on steep sloping terrain slopes greater than 35%) and 16 tons/acre (soils on gentler slopes less than 35%).

E. Debris Flow Potential: The USGS Post-Fire Debris Flow Hazard Model was used to assess the Combined Hazard of each drainage in the burned area. The Combined Hazard Rating takes into consideration both the likelihood of occurrence and volume of available sediment. The majority of the area burned is estimated to have a relatively low level of debris-flow hazard potential for post-fire effects. However, some of the steeper, more severely burned headwater areas are predicted to have a moderate likelihood of potential debris flows, but overall volumes are estimated to be low. Field inspections found that the most likely slopes in the fire perimeter where potential debris flows may occur are within the steep, upper midslopes in dissected concave headwall areas within and downslope of moderate and high soil burn severity acreage.

#### **PART IV - HYDROLOGIC DESIGN FACTORS**

| A. Estimated Vegetative Recovery Period  | 2 to 5 years       |
|--|--------------------|
| B. Design Chance of Success              | 80 %               |
| C. Equivalent Design Recurrence Interval | 2 year             |
| D. Design Storm Duration                 | 24 hour            |
| E. Design Storm Magnitude                | 1.84 - 3.20 inches |
| F. Design Flow                           | 16 - 65 cfs/mi2    |
| G. Estimated Reduction in Infiltration   | 14 %               |
| H. Adjusted Design Flow                  | 33 - 119 cfs/mi2   |

# PART V - SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS

Background: The Miller Complex, comprised of the Burnt Peak, Abney and Creedence fires ignited by lightning on August 14, 2017, has burned roughly 38,000 acres within primarily the Headwaters and the Upper Applegate watersheds, which are located in the Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District on the Rogue River Siskiyou National Forest.

Hydrologic Response: The primary watershed responses of the Miller Complex fires are expected to include: 1) an initial flush of ash, 2) rill and gully erosion in drainages and on steep slopes within the burned area, 3) potential flash floods during winter storms with increased peak flows and sediment deposition. Due to the steepness of the topography in the drainages with large areas now devoid of vegetation and groundcover after the fire, storms will likely create increased surface flow that could trigger a flood event with high sediment volumes. These responses are expected to be most during the first year after the fire. Thereafter, responses are expected to become less evident as vegetation is reestablished, providing ground cover, increasing surface roughness, and stabilizing and improving the infiltration capacity of the soils.

Predicted post-fire peak flows are 1 - 2.6 times greater than pre-fire conditions for the 2-year design storm (Table 3). Post-fire flows could lead to plugged culverts, flow over road surfaces, rill and gully erosion of cut and fill slopes, erosion and deposition along road surfaces and relief ditches, loss of long-term soil productivity and threats to human life and safety. Sedimentation and erosion of channels is likely to occur at an accelerated rate until vegetation establishes itself and provides ground cover.

Erosion Response: The soil burn severity shows the majority of the burned area falls within low and moderate soil burn severity levels (52 % of Abney, 29% of Creedence, and 78% of Burnt Peak). High soil burn severity accounted for only 4 % of Abney, 5% of Creedence, and 4% of the Burnt Peak fire. Unburned areas within each fire perimeter accounted for 44% of Abney, 65% of Creedence, and 17% of Burnt Peak. The areas of moderate and high soil burn severity will pose a higher risk of flooding and possible sedimentation affecting water quality, roads and trails.

Debris Flow Potential: The USGS Post-Fire Debris Flow Hazard Model was used to assess the Combined Hazard of each drainage in the burned area. The Combined Hazard Rating takes into consideration both the likelihood of occurrence and volume of available sediment. Most of the area burned is estimated to have a relatively low level of debris-flow hazard. However, some of the steeper, more severely burned headwater areas are predicted to have moderate likelihood of debris flows, but overall volumes are small. Field inspections found the most likely slopes in the fire perimeter to form debris flows were on those short, steep headwater slopes with high percentages of moderate and high soil burn severity.

# A. Describe Critical Values/Resources and Threats:

#### Values at Risk:

The table below is Exhibit 02 from FSM 2523.1. This matrix was used to evaluate the risk level for each value identified during this BAER assessment. See FSM 2523.1 for additional information.

| Probability | Magnitude of Consequences |              |          |  |  |  |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------|--|--|--|
| of Damage   | Major                     | Moderate     | Minor    |  |  |  |
| or Loss     | RISK                      |              |          |  |  |  |
| Very Likely | Very High                 | Very High    | Low      |  |  |  |
| Likely      | Very High                 | High         | Low      |  |  |  |
| Possible    | High                      | Intermediate | Low      |  |  |  |
| Unlikely    | Intermediate              | Low          | Very Low |  |  |  |

The table below is a summary of the values (some of which were not identified as 'critical' per Exhibit 01 from FSM 2523.1) within and along the Milli fire area, as well as, the threats to those values, the probability of damage or loss, magnitude of consequences and the resulting level of risk. Red shaded cells are those values that rated out as "very high" or "high" risk. Yellow shaded cells rated out "intermediate" risk and green cells rated out "low" or "very low".

# Miller Complex Fire BAER - Forest Service Values At Risk Tracking Table

| High / Very High Risk |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Intermediate Risk     |  |
| Low / Very Low Risk   |  |

# **ABNEY FIRE**

| Category | Life/<br>Property/<br>Resources | Value at Risk                           | Threat to Value<br>at Risk   | Probability of<br>Damage or<br>Loss | Magnitude of Consequence | Risk      | Treatment   | Notes  |
|----------|---------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|---|--|
| Roads    | Life and<br>Safety              | Human Life<br>and Safety of<br>Road Use | Road Side Danger Trees along FS road system within burn areas pose threat to Human Life and Safety.                                | Likely                              | Major                    | Very High | Gate Installation (PS3) with Hazard Warning Signs (PS1) | These gates are to be located at FS Road 1055/1050 Jct, 1035/1040 Jct, 1035/1035-400 Jct. This will close the FSR 1055, 1055 at PCT, 1035, and add signs to the existing gate on FSR 1060 until roadside danger trees can be mitigated. These are both interior fire and fire boundary roads. These are extensive roadside danger trees as defined by R6 policy. Warning signs shall be placed with the gates as public may walk in and may prevent vandalism to gate. |
| Roads    | Life and<br>Safety              | Human Life<br>and Safety of<br>Road Use | Road Side Danger Trees along FS road system within burn areas pose threat to Human Life and Safety.                                | Possible                            | Major                    | High      | Hazard<br>Warning Signs<br>(PS1)                        | These warning signs are to be placed on each end of the FS Road 1040 as it travels thru a low intensity burn area of the fire.   |
| Roads    | Property /<br>Resources         | FS Road<br>Systems 1035,<br>1055, 1060  | Increased flood magnitude and hydrologic response resulting in loss or damage to roads and subsequent degradation of water quality | Likely                              | Major                    | Very High | Storm Proofing (R1)                                     | Storm Proofing measures such as adding rolling dips and armoring road fills will improve road drainage and increase the ability of the road system to adequately handle anticipated post-fire flows in areas adjacent to and/or downslope of high/moderate soil burn severity areas. Report details will define specific sections of FS roads 1035, 1055 and 1060 for treatments.  |

| Roads      | Property /<br>Resources | Roads within<br>the fire<br>perimeter<br>below high and<br>moderate soil<br>burn severity | Increased flood magnitude and hydrologic response resulting in loss or damage to roads and subsequent degradation of hydrologic function. | Very Likely | Moderate | Very High | Storm Patrol<br>(R2)                         | Concentrate on Forest Service Roads that are at high risk of damage. These include FS roads, 1035,1040,1055,1060   |
|------------|-------------------------|---|---|-------------|----------|-----------|--|--|
| Cultural   | Resources               | 6102000403  | Damage or loss<br>of qualifying<br>characteristics<br>site<br>characteristics<br>from erosion /<br>Looting                                | Very Likely | Moderate | Very High | Resource<br>Protection<br>Monitoring<br>(C1) | Eligible Cultural Resource Site. Site has been assessed in the field.  |
| Cultural   | Resources               | 6102001200  | Damage or<br>irreversible loss<br>of qualifying site<br>characteristics<br>from erosion or<br>unauthorized<br>removal / Looting           | Very Likely | Major    | Very High | Resource<br>Protection<br>Monitoring<br>(C1) | Eligible Cultural Resource Site. Site has been assessed in the field.  |
| Recreation | Life and<br>Safety      | Human Life<br>associated<br>with, Middle<br>Fork Trail #950                               | Hazards such as<br>falling trees,<br>rocks and debris<br>pose a threat to<br>Human Life and<br>Safety                                     | Possible    | Major    | High      | Trail Hazard<br>Signs<br>(PS2)               | The section of the Middle Fork that was burned in moderate severity is accessed at Middle Fork Trailhead and the Knox Gulch Trailhead. Trail hazard warning signs (2) are proposed to be installed at these locations. |

| Recreation | Life and<br>Safety<br>Property | Human Life<br>associated<br>collapsed trail<br>tread<br>Forest Service<br>Infrastructure<br>Middle Fork<br>Trail #950       | Collapsed trail tread on National Forest System trails due to tree stumps and roots burned at moderate and high severity in and adjacent to the trail tread prism. | Likely   | Major | Very High | Trail Storm<br>Proofing <b>(T1)</b>    | Approximately 1/2 mile of the Middle Fork Trail burned in moderate fire severity areas. Locations where the trail tread has collapsed will be filled with locally available rock and soil to level the tread. In some locations the downhill side of the trail would need to be shored up using existing down timbers or rock if necessary and where present. Soil adjacent to the trail would be used to fill the area that has collapsed to level the tread. This activity includes clearing downed trees blocking access and mitigation of only those imminent hazard trees at trail treatment locations.   |
|------------|--------------------------------|---|--|----------|-------|-----------|--|--|
| Recreation | Life and<br>Safety             | Human Life<br>associated<br>with Cook and<br>Green Trail<br>#959  | Hazards such as falling trees, rocks and debris pose a threat to Human Life and Safety   | Possible | Major | High      | Trail Hazard<br>Signs<br>(PS2)         | The section of the Cook and Green Trail that was burned in moderate to high severity is accessed by the Upper and Lower Cook and Green Trailheads. Trail hazard warning signs (2) are proposed to be installed at these locations.   |
| Recreation | Life and<br>Safety<br>Property | Human Life<br>associated<br>collapsed trail<br>tread<br>Forest Service<br>Infrastructure<br>Cook and<br>Green Trail<br>#959 | Collapsed trail tread on National Forest System trails due to tree stumps and roots burned at moderate and high severity in and adjacent to the trail tread prism. | Likely   | Major | Very High | Trail Storm<br>Proofing<br><b>(T1)</b> | Approximately 1 mile of the Cook and Green Trail burned in moderate and high fire severity areas. Locations where the trail tread has collapsed will be filled with locally available rock and soil to level the tread. In some locations the downhill side of the trail would need to be shored up using existing down timbers or rock if necessary and where present. Soil adjacent to the trail would be used to fill the area that has collapsed to level the tread. This activity includes clearing downed trees blocking access and mitigation of only those imminent hazard trees at trail treatment locations. Includes monitoring of treatments in the spring to determine treatment effectiveness. |
| Recreation | Life and<br>Safety             | Human Life<br>associated<br>with Horse<br>Camp Trail<br>#958, Butte<br>Fork Trail #957                                      | Hazards such as<br>falling trees,<br>rocks and debris<br>pose a threat to<br>Human Life and<br>Safety  | Possible | Major | High      | Trail Hazard<br>Signs<br>(PS2)         | The section of the Horse Camp and Butte Fork Trail that was burned in moderate to high severity is accessed by the Butte Fork/ Horse Camp Trailhead. Trail hazard warning signs (1) are proposed to be installed at the Horse Camp/ Butte Fork Trailhead.  |
| Recreation | Life and<br>Safety<br>Property | Human Life<br>associated<br>collapsed trail<br>tread  | Collapsed trail<br>tread on National<br>Forest System<br>trails due to tree<br>stumps and roots  | Likely   | Major | Very High | Trail Storm<br>Proofing<br>(T1)        | Approximately 1/4 mile of the Horse Camp<br>Trail burned in moderate fire severity<br>areas. Locations where the trail tread has<br>collapsed will be filled with locally available<br>rock and soil to level the tread. In some   |

|            |  | Forest Service<br>Infrastructure<br>Horse Camp<br>Trail #958,<br>Butte Fork<br>Trail #957                         | burned at<br>moderate and<br>high severity in<br>and adjacent to<br>the trail tread<br>prism.  |             |          |           |   | locations the downhill side of the trail would need to be shored up using existing down timbers or rock if necessary and where present. Soil adjacent to the trail would be used to fill the area that has collapsed to level the tread. This activity includes clearing downed trees blocking access and mitigation of only those imminent hazard trees at trail treatment locations.  |
|------------|--|---|--|-------------|----------|-----------|---|---|
| Recreation | Life and<br>Safety                         | Human Life<br>associated<br>with Tin Cup<br>Trail #961  | Hazards such as<br>falling trees,<br>rocks and debris<br>pose a threat to<br>Human Life and<br>Safety  | Possible    | Major    | High      | Trail Hazard<br>Signs<br>(PS2)                | The section of the Tin Cup that was burned in moderate to high severity is accessed by the Tin Cup Trailhead. Trail hazard warning signs (1) are proposed to be installed at these locations.   |
| Recreation | Life and<br>Safety<br>Property             | Human Life<br>associated<br>collapsed trail<br>tread<br>Forest Service<br>Infrastructure<br>Tin Cup Trail<br>#961 | Collapsed trail tread on National Forest System trails due to tree stumps and roots burned at moderate and high severity in and adjacent to the trail tread prism. | Likely      | Major    | Very High | Trail Storm<br>Proofing<br>(T1)               | Approximately 3/4 mile of the Tin Cup Trail burned in moderate and high fire severity areas. Locations where the trail tread has collapsed will be filled with locally available rock and soil to level the tread. In some locations the downhill side of the trail would need to be shored up using existing down timbers or rock if necessary and where present. Soil adjacent to the trail would be used to fill the area that has collapsed to level the tread. This activity includes clearing downed trees blocking access and mitigation of only those imminent hazard trees at trail treatment locations. Includes monitoring of treatments in the spring to determine treatment effectiveness. |
| Recreation | Property/<br>Whiskey<br>Ridge<br>Viewpoint | Developed<br>Recreation<br>Site Split Rail<br>Fence   | Approximately 30 feet of split rail fence was burned   | Very Likely | Minor    | Low       | No Treatment                                  | Split rail fence was completely burned and needs to be replaced, but it does not serve as a safety barrier to either vehicles or people.  |
| Hydrology  | Resources                                  | Hydrologic<br>function as it<br>pertains to<br>water quality in<br>creeks and<br>streams                          | Erosion and<br>transport of soils,<br>ash and/or debris<br>from increased<br>post-fire flows   | Likely      | Moderate | High      | Road<br>treatments and<br>Trail<br>treatments | No individual channel treatments identified. See Road treatments for descriptions.  |

| Watershed | Resources          | Soil<br>Productivity<br>and<br>Hydrologic<br>Function | Loss of soil productivity and degraded water quality due to increased post-fire surface runoff and erosion from high and moderate burn severity areas. | Possible  | Moderate | Intermediate | No Treatment   | Cost benefit ratio does not justify treatment. Soil erosion expected to occur in isolated areas with no effective treatment justified.  |
|-----------|--------------------|---|--|---|----------|--------------|--|---|
| Botany    | Resources          | Botany  | Probability of<br>damage or loss<br>of the native<br>plant community   | Likely - Based<br>on burn severity,<br>miles of dozer<br>line, and other<br>suppression<br>activities | Moderate | High         | Invasive species Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) treatments. Hand pulling and herbicide. (L1 EDRR) | See botany BAER report. Several species and sites throughout the complex.   |
| Hydrology | Life and<br>Safety | Human Life<br>and Safety                              | Post-Fire<br>flooding or debris<br>flows impacts to<br>downstream<br>communities or<br>residences.   | Unlikely  | Major    | Intermediate | No treatments proposed   | Residences along Elliott Creek (Joe Bar) are situated on elevated terraces, and did not receive flooding during previous period of record flood events, such as the 1997 floods across the Pacific Northwest. For those areas downstream of Applegate reservoir, the flood control capacity of the reservoir will help mitigate any potential downstream impacts. |

| Hydrology  | Property<br>and<br>Resources    | Blue Ledge<br>Mine and<br>Aquatics/Water<br>Quality | Post fire runoff<br>and potential<br>erosion of<br>repositories with<br>contaminated<br>material              | Unlikely                         | Major                    | Intermediate | No treatments<br>proposed.<br>Coordination<br>with EPA<br>recommended   | The Blue Ledge mine CERCLA reclamation project has two repositories of contaminated materials within the Abney fire, both located near the end of FSR 1060-400. One location is near a minor shoulder ridge with minimal upslope drainage area, with armored ditches diverting flow around the site. Understory burn has occurred on the hillslopes above and monitoring should take place to ensure the cap is not compromised by post-fire runoff. The other repository is at the end of FSR 1060-400 and upslope drainage does not appear to be an issue at this location. |  |
|------------|---------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---|---|--|
| Hydrology  | Property                        | Applegate<br>Reservoir                              | Post fire flooding, sedimentation, and floatable woody debris inputs to reservoir until burned areas recover. | Possible                         | Moderate                 | Intermediate | No treatments<br>proposed on<br>NFS land.<br>Coordination<br>with US Army<br>Corps of<br>Engineers<br>recommended | Applegate Reservoir is managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Elevated runoff, sedimentation, and inputs of floatable woody debris are possible into the Applegate reservoir until the burned areas recover. Coordinate with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers related to any potential issues with the management of the dam, spillway works, or reservoir downstream of the Abney and Creedence fires.   |  |
| BURNT PEAK |                                 |   |   |                                  |                          |              |   |   |  |
| Category   | Life/<br>Property/<br>Resources | Value at Risk                                       | Threat to Value at Risk   | Probability of<br>Damage or Loss | Magnitude of Consequence | Risk         | Treatment   | Notes   |  |

| Roads    | Life and<br>Safety      | Human Life<br>and Safety of<br>Road Use   | Road Side Danger Trees along FS road system within burn areas pose threat to Human Life and Safety.                                       | Possible    | Major    | High | Road Hazard signs<br>(PS1)  | Signs shall be placed at Jct of 1090 and 1095 to cover all access to Burnt Peak Fire.  |
|----------|-------------------------|---|---|-------------|----------|------|-----------------------------|--|
| Roads    | Property/<br>Resources  | FS Road<br>System 1090  | Increased flood magnitude and hydrologic response resulting in loss or damage to roads and subsequent degradation of water quality        | Likely      | Moderate | High | Storm Proofing<br>(R1)      | Storm Proofing measures such as adding rolling dips and armoring road fills will improve road drainage and increase the ability of the road system to adequately handle anticipated post-fire flows in areas adjacent to and/or downslope of high/moderate soil burn severity areas. |
| Roads    | Property /<br>Resources | Roads within<br>the fire<br>perimeter<br>below high and<br>moderate soil<br>burn severity | Increased flood magnitude and hydrologic response resulting in loss or damage to roads and subsequent degradation of hydrologic function. | Very Likely | Moderate | High | Storm Patrol (R2)           | Concentrate on Forest Service Roads<br>that are at high risk of damage. These<br>include FS roads 1090   |
| Cultural | Resources               | 6102000429  | Damage or loss<br>of qualifying<br>characteristics<br>site<br>characteristics<br>from erosion   | Possible    | Minor    | Low  | No Treatment<br>Recommended | Eligible Cultural Resource Site. Site has been assessed in the field.  |

| Cultural | Resources | 6102000430  | Damage or loss of qualifying characteristics site characteristics from erosion                      | Possible | Minor    | Low  | No Treatment<br>Recommended               | Eligible Cultural Resource Site. Site has been assessed in the field. |
|----------|-----------|-------------|---|----------|----------|------|---|---|
| Cultural | Resources | 6102000431  | Damage or loss<br>of qualifying<br>characteristics<br>site<br>characteristics<br>from erosion       | Likely   | Moderate | High | Resource<br>Protection<br>Monitoring (C1) | Eligible Cultural Resource Site. Site has been assessed in the field. |
| Cultural | Resources | 6102000434  | Damage or loss<br>of qualifying<br>characteristics<br>site<br>characteristics<br>from erosion       | Possible | Minor    | Low  | No Treatment<br>Recommended               | Eligible Cultural Resource Site. Site has been assessed in the field. |
| Cultural | Resources | 06102000436 | Damage or irreversible loss of qualifying site characteristics from erosion or unauthorized removal | Likely   | Moderate | High | Resource<br>Protection<br>Monitoring (C1) | Eligible Cultural Resource Site. Site has been assessed in the field. |
| Cultural | Resources | 06102000445 | Damage or loss of qualifying characteristics site characteristics from erosion/Looting              | Possible | Minor    | Low  | No Treatment<br>Recommended               | Eligible Cultural Resource Site. Site has been assessed in the field. |

| Cultural  | Resources | 06102000448  | Damage or loss of qualifying characteristics site characteristics from erosion   | Possible  | Minor    | Low          | No Treatment<br>Recommended   | Eligible Cultural Resource Site. Site has been assessed in the field.  |
|-----------|-----------|--|--|---|----------|--------------|---|--|
| Hydrology | Resources | Hydrologic<br>function as it<br>pertains to<br>water quality in<br>creeks and<br>streams | Erosion and<br>transport of soils,<br>ash and/or debris<br>from increased<br>post-fire flows   | Likely  | Moderate | High         | Road treatments<br>and Trail<br>treatments. See<br>Notes  | No individual channel treatments<br>identified. See Road treatments for<br>descriptions.   |
| Watershed | Resources | Soil<br>Productivity<br>and<br>Hydrologic<br>Function                                    | Loss of soil productivity and degraded water quality due to increased post-fire surface runoff and erosion from high and moderate burn severity areas. | Possible  | Moderate | Intermediate | No Treatment  | Cost benefit ratio does not justify treatment. Soil erosion expected to occur in isolated areas with no effective treatment justified. |
| Botany    | Resources | Botany   | Probability of<br>damage or loss<br>of the native<br>plant community   | Likely - Based<br>on burn severity,<br>miles of dozer<br>line, and other<br>suppression<br>activities | Moderate | High         | Invasive species Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) treatments. Hand pulling and herbicide. (L1) | See botany BAER report. Several species and sites throughout the complex.  |

| Hydrology                   | Life and<br>Safety | Human Life<br>and Safety | Post-Fire<br>flooding or debris<br>flows impacts to<br>downstream<br>communities or<br>residences.     | Unlikely | Major | Intermediate | No treatments proposed      | Residences downslope of the Burnt peak fire appear to be situated on terraces and away from the direct drainage paths coming from the burned area. |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--|----------|-------|--------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Critical<br>Fish<br>Habitat | Resources          | SONCC                    | Degradation of occupied SONCC Coho Salmon habitat from post-fire sedimentation and ash in Palmer Creek | Unlikely | Minor | Very Low     | No Treatment<br>Recommended | Only 1% of high severity and 6% of moderate soil burn severity in the watershed, with almost all low severity in the vicinity of Palmer Creek.     |

# **CREEDENCE FIRE**

| Category | Life/<br>Property/<br>Resources | Value at Risk          | Threat to Value<br>at Risk   | Probability of<br>Damage or<br>Loss | Magnitude of<br>Consequence | Risk | Treatment              | Notes  |
|----------|---------------------------------|------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------|------------------------|--|
| Roads    | Property                        | FS Road<br>System 1020 | Increased flood magnitude and hydrologic response resulting in loss or damage to roads and subsequent degradation of water quality | Likely                              | Moderate                    | High | Storm Proofing<br>(R1) | Storm Proofing measures such as adding rolling dips and armoring road fills will improve road drainage and increase the ability of the road system to adequately handle anticipated post-fire flows in areas adjacent to and/or downslope of high/moderate soil burn severity areas. FSR 1020 on the SE corner of Creedence fire |

| Roads    | Property /<br>Resources | Roads within<br>the fire<br>perimeter<br>below high and<br>moderate soil<br>burn severity | Increased flood magnitude and hydrologic response resulting in loss or damage to roads and subsequent degradation of hydrologic function. | Very Likely | Moderate | High      | Storm Patrol (R2)   | Concentrate on Forest Service Roads that are at high risk of damage. These include FS roads 1020, 1020-500  |
|----------|-------------------------|---|---|-------------|----------|-----------|---|---|
| Roads    | Life and<br>Safety      | Human Life<br>and Safety of<br>Road Use   | Road Side Danger Trees along FS road system within burn areas pose threat to Human Life and Safety.                                       | Likely      | Major    | Very High | Gate Installation<br>(PS3)<br>with Hazard<br>Warning Signs<br>(PS1) | This gate is for FS Road 1020-500. This is an interior fire road and has extensive roadside danger trees as defined by R6 policy. Warning signs shall be placed with the gates as public may walk in and may prevent vandalism to gate. |
| Roads    | Life and<br>Safety      | Human Life<br>and Safety of<br>Road Use   | Road Side<br>Danger Trees<br>along FS road<br>system within<br>burn areas pose<br>threat to Human<br>Life and Safety.                     | Possible    | Major    | High      | Hazard Warning<br>Signs<br>( <b>PS1)</b>                            | This warning sign is for the FS Road 1005-300 as it travels along a low intensity burn corner of the fire.  |
| Cultural | Resources               | Historic 1857<br>Sturgis Mining<br>Ditch<br>(aka<br>Thompson<br>Irrigation Ditch)         | Damage or irreversible loss of qualifying site characteristics from erosion, and increased flows.   | Possible    | Minor    | Low       | No Treatment<br>Recommended   | Eligible cultural resource site. Site has been assessed in the field.   |

| Recreation | Life and<br>Safety             | Human Life<br>associated<br>with Boundary<br>Trail #1207<br>and O'Brien<br>Creek Trail<br>#900                      | Hazards such as falling trees, rocks and debris pose a threat to Human Life and Safety   | Possible | Major | High      | Trail Hazard Signs<br>( <b>PS2</b> )   | The section of the Boundary Trail and O' Brien Creek Trail that was burned in moderate to high severity is accessed by the Sturgis Fork Trailhead, Elk Creek Trailhead, Grayback Mountain Trailhead and O' Brien Creek Trailhead. Trail hazard warning signs (4) are proposed to be installed at these locations.   |
|------------|--------------------------------|---|--|----------|-------|-----------|--|---|
| Recreation | Life and<br>Safety<br>Property | Human Life<br>associated<br>collapsed trail<br>tread<br>Forest Service<br>Infrastructure<br>Boundary Trail<br>#1207 | Collapsed trail tread on National Forest System trails due to tree stumps and roots burned at moderate and high severity in and adjacent to the trail tread prism. | Likely   | Major | Very High | Trail Storm<br>Proofing<br><b>(T1)</b> | Approximately 3/4 mile of the Boundary Trail burned in moderate to high fire severity areas. Locations where the trail tread has collapsed will be filled with locally available rock and soil to level the tread. In some locations the downhill side of the trail would need to be shored up using existing down timbers or rock if necessary and where present. Soil adjacent to the trail would be used to fill the area that has collapsed to level the tread. This activity includes clearing downed trees blocking access and mitigation of only those imminent hazard trees at trail treatment locations. Includes monitoring of treatments in the spring to determine treatment effectiveness. |
| Cultural   | Resources                      | Cultural<br>Resource Sites<br>- Classified<br>information   | Damage or loss<br>of resource data<br>from erosion or<br>unauthorized<br>removal   | Unlikely | Major | Low       | No Treatment                           | Twenty nine (29) Eligible Cultural Resource Sites that have been reviewed in the field and the concern for these sites is low. All are within moderate to high burn severity including State Hwy 242. Ongoing monitoring of this route and repairs to be coordinated with ODOT  |

| Hydrology | Resources | Hydrologic<br>function as it<br>pertains to<br>water quality in<br>creeks and<br>streams | Erosion and<br>transport of soils,<br>ash and/or debris<br>from increased<br>post-fire flows   | Likely                          | Moderate                                 | High | Road treatments<br>and Trail<br>treatments   | No individual channel treatments identified. See Road treatments for descriptions.  |
|-----------|-----------|--|--|---------------------------------|--|------|--|---|
| Watershed | Resources | Soil<br>Productivity<br>and<br>Hydrologic<br>Function                                    | Loss of soil productivity and degraded water quality due to increased post-fire surface runoff and erosion from high and moderate burn severity areas. | Possible                        | sible Moderate Intermediate No Treatment |      | Cost benefit ratio does not justify treatment. Soil erosion expected to occur in isolated areas with no effective treatment justified. |   |
| Botany    | Resources | Botany   | Probability of<br>damage or loss<br>of the native<br>plant community   | Likely                          | Moderate                                 | High | Invasive species Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) treatments. Hand pulling and herbicide. (L1)                                    | Likely - Based on burn severity, miles of dozer line, and other suppression activities. See botany BAER report. Several species and sites throughout the complex.   |
| Hydrology | Property  | Applegate<br>Reservoir   | Post fire flooding, sedimentation, and floatable woody debris inputs to reservoir until burned areas recover.  | Unlikely from<br>Creedence Fire | Moderate                                 | Low  | No treatments<br>proposed on NFS<br>land. Coordination<br>with US Army<br>Corps of Engineers<br>recommended                            | Applegate Reservoir is managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Elevated runoff, sedimentation, and inputs of floatable woody debris are possible into the Applegate reservoir until the burned areas recover. Coordinate with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers related to any potential issues with the management of the dam, spillway works, or reservoir downstream of the Abney and Creedence fires. |

| Critical<br>Fish<br>Habitat | Resources | SONCC | Degradation of<br>occupied<br>SONCC Coho<br>Salmon habitat<br>from post-fire<br>sedimentation<br>and ash in<br>Grayback Creek | Unlikely | Minor | Very Low | No Treatment<br>Recommended | Less than 1% of the Grayback watershed experienced any burn, with only 6 acres in moderate or high severity in the extreme headwaters. |
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|                             |           |       |   |          |       |          |                             |  |

# **Miller Complex - All Fires**

| Category | Life/<br>Property/<br>Resources | Value at Risk   | Threat to Value at Risk     | Probability of<br>Damage or<br>Loss | Magnitude of<br>Consequence             | Risk | Treatment    | Notes   |
|----------|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|------|--------------|---|
| Wildlife | Resource                        | Critical habitat<br>and nest<br>patches for TE<br>Northern<br>Spotted Owl | Loss of critical<br>habitat | Possible/Unlikely                   | Minor, but with<br>long term<br>effects | Low  | No Treatment | The Miller Complex includes Critical Habitat for Northern spotted owls and 13 historic Northern Spotted Owl Activity Centers. The fires only burned 2,273 acres of dispersal and 2,579 acres of Nesting, Roosting, Foraging (NRF) across the entire complex, less than 1 percent of the dispersal and NRF habitat in these CHUs, and much of that was at a moderate intensity which likely resulted in a majority of the habitats to continue to function after the fires. The magnitude of consequences would be minor for both, with considerable long term effects. This results in a low risk rating; however no emergency BAER treatments would be effective at reducing this risk in 1-3 years. |
|          |                                 |   |                             |                                     |   |      |              |   |

# **B.** Emergency Treatment Objectives:

The primary objective of this Burned Area Emergency Response Report is to recommend prompt actions deemed reasonable and necessary to effectively protect, reduce or minimize significant threats to human life and property and prevent unacceptable degradation to natural and cultural resources. The application of these BAER treatments are expected to minimize on-site and downstream damages to the identified values at risk previously mentioned. The emergency treatments being recommended by the Miller Complex BAER Team are specifically designed to achieve the following results.

## **Proposed Land Treatments**

The objective of the land treatments are to:

1. Reduce the potential for establishment of non-native invasive plant infestations in native or naturalized communities, particularly establishment of infestations in highly susceptible burned areas or dozer lines, prevent spread of existing infestations, and decrease rate of spread of non-native invasive plant density from existing infestations. (L1).

#### Proposed Road and Trail Treatments

The objective of the road and trail treatments are to:

- 1. Protect road and trail investments from becoming impassible and damaged due to increased post-fire runoff. (R1, R2, T1, T2)
- 2. Reduce sedimentation into streams degrading water quality (R2, R3, T1, T2)
- 3. Improve road drainage by increasing ditch and catchment basin capacity to reduce the potential for road failure due to increased flows (R1, R2)

### **Proposed Protection/Safety Treatments:**

The objective of the protection/safety treatments are to:

- 1. Protect human life and safety by raising awareness through posting hazard warning signs at recreation sites, trailheads, and when entering the burn area on roads. (PS1, PS2).
- 2. Protect human life and safety by installation of gates on roads through high and moderate soil burn severity where extensive hazards exist such as snags, rocks and other debris (**PS3**).
- 3. Protect public safety by repairing collapsed and eroded trail segments that received damage in burn areas. Segments of these trails have burned over tread and burned vegetation/roots compromising the integrity of the tread edge and pose a high risk to recreationists. These trails are important to the local and regional community and there is a significant importance to upholding the character of these trails. Work also includes tree felling of snags that pose risk to workers. (T1)

# Proposed Cultural Site Treatments:

The objectives of the cultural site treatments are to:

- 1. Protect cultural features of the site from being impacted from falling fire killed trees, or covered with soil and debris. To prevent cultural features from being covered with soil and debris, or impacted from dead falling trees, archaeological monitoring will occur following the first fall precipitation event and in the spring to assess conditions, to remove materials from atop cultural features, and/or to prescribe erosion control protection measures, if necessary. If signs of erosion are noted during monitoring, the site should be mapped to preserve and record structural information before it is lost to potential impacts from post fire processes. (C1).
- 2. Protection of sites associated with emergency stabilization and rehabilitation activities and consultation obligations to area tribes, and to State Historic Preservation officers (CA and OR SHPOs). Survey, inspect and/or monitor, and complete emergency compliance documentation for proposed emergency stabilization action that are subject to Section 106 of the NHPA. Portions of the Abney Fire are located in the State of California, and are subject to following 36CFR 800 regulation. Actions proposed in Oregon would be completed in accordance to the programmatic agreement between Region 6 and Oregon SHPO and advisory council. (C2)

# **Proposed Channel Treatments:**

There are no proposed channel treatments.

C. Probability of Completing Treatment Prior to Damaging Storm or Event:

Land NA (only weeds) \_ % Channel N/A % Roads/Trails 75 % Protection/Safety 85 %

D. Probability of Treatment Success

|                   | Years | Years after Treatment |    |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|-------|-----------------------|----|--|--|--|--|
|                   | 1     | 3                     | 5  |  |  |  |  |
| Land              | 70    | 75                    | 80 |  |  |  |  |
|                   |       |                       |    |  |  |  |  |
| Channel           | NA    | NA                    | NA |  |  |  |  |
|                   |       |                       |    |  |  |  |  |
| Roads/Trails      | 90    | 90                    | 90 |  |  |  |  |
|                   |       |                       |    |  |  |  |  |
| Protection/Safety | 85    | 90                    | 95 |  |  |  |  |
|                   |       |                       |    |  |  |  |  |

E. Cost of No-Action (Including Loss): Critical values identified in Section A would be damaged or lost. Cost of the no action is estimated to be \$15,268,000. (This assumes a value on human life and safety of \$10,000,000, when really priceless).

F. Cost of Selected Alternative (Including Loss): Total cost of the action alternative (including loss) is \$3,238,119.

| G. | [X] Hydrology   | [X] Soils    | [] Geology           | [] Range        | [X] Recreation        |
|----|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|    | [] Forestry     | [X] Wildlife | [] Fire Mgmt.        | [X] Engineering | [] Public Information |
|    | [ ] Contracting | [X] Ecology  | [X] Botany/Invasives | [X] Archaeology | [X] Hydrology         |
|    | [X] Fisheries   | [ ] Research | [] Landscape Arch    | IXI GIS         |                       |

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### H. Treatment Narrative:

#### **Land Treatments:**

## L1- Non-native Invasive Plant Monitoring. Detection and Treatment (EDRR)

Prevention, combined with early detection and rapid response, is the most effective means of controlling noxious weeds and protecting native plant communities. Post-fire non-native invasive plant detection monitoring is recommended the first year "to determine the post-fire presence of invasive species" on fire lines, etc. This is consistent with Forest Service Manual direction of BAER treatment of invasive plants. (FSM2523.3) (USDA Forest Service, 2004). Objective is to prevent invasive plants from spreading into fire-exposed moderate to high severity burned soils. Targeted species are Oregon Department of Agriculture designated invasive plants that the RRSNF has prioritized for management. Particular attention will be given to high potential habitat for the federally endangered plant *Fritillaria gentneri* within the lower furthest east portion of the Burnt Peak fire.

Follow-up chemical and manual weed control would occur in order to reduce the potential for spread of weeds within the fire perimeter. This is possible under the "Early Detection Rapid Response" guidelines.

Based on this analysis of known invasive plant populations, potential seed rain from nearby populations and the mixed severity nature of these fires it is recommended that a EDRR invasive plant treatment effort be implemented in order to abate negative effects to native plant communities within the fire. The Siskiyou Mountains, particularly the areas where these fires burned, are renowned in the nation as having some of the highest levels of plant biodiversity and endemic plant species. This is attested to by the fact that three designated botanical areas were burned during these fires. The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest has gone to great lengths to manage invasive plant species in this area because of the high value native plant natural resource that is found here. It is imperative that this effort is doubled down on now that large scale fires have left many acres vulnerable to colonization to the invasive plant species discussed in this report. In addition, there is potential habitat in the Burnt Peak fire for the federally endangered plant *Fritillaria gentneri* that is at high risk for invasion by aggressive species such as Armenian blackberry. Considering all this it is strongly recommended that EDRR efforts are fully funded and implemented for at least the next season. Based on the efficacy of treatments in 2018 there may be a need to ask for additional funds in 2019 and 2020.

Refer to BAER treatment map for specific locations.

EDRR will occur on approximately 1,600 acres and estimated invasive plant treatments to occur across 100 acres.

| Treatment                                      | Units | Unit Cost | # of Units                        | Total Cost |
|--|-------|-----------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Invasive Plant Surveys/detection and treatment | Acres | \$23      | 1600 ac EDRR, 100 ac<br>treatment | \$36,352   |

#### **Road and Trail Treatments:**

**R1 Storm Proofing Roads**: Storm proofing drainage features were identified in areas with high and moderate burn severity. Activity will include cleaning culverts and increasing ditch and catchment basin capacity where they exist and installing drain dips and additional water bars as necessary to handle short-term post-fire flows, sediment and debris.

Roads that are a priority for treatment include: Forest Roads 1005, 1020, 1035, 1040, 1050, 1060, 1090, 1095 and associated road spurs. Refer to BAER treatment map for specific locations.

| Treatment  | Units         | Unit Cost | # of Units | Total Cost |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Stormproofing, Rolling Dips                                | Each          | \$2,250   | 18         | \$40,500   |
| Stormproofing, Culvert cleanout and improved road drainage | Miles         | \$750     | 22         | \$16,500   |
| Culvert Replacement  | Each          | \$6,000   | 1          | \$6,000    |
| Roadside Danger Tree                                       |               | \$2,500   | 1          | \$2,500    |
| Mitigation at work sites                                   | Lump estimate |           |            |            |
| Contractor Mobilization                                    | Lump estimate | \$5,000   | 1          | \$5,000    |
| Contract Administration                                    | Each          | \$6,000   | 1          | \$6,000    |
| TOTAL  |               |           |            | \$76,500   |

**R2 Storm Patrol Roads:** The roads at risk from increased stormflow runoff and erosion within the burned area are primarily located below areas of high to moderate burn severity. There is an immediate and future threat to travelers along the roads within the burned area due to the increased potential for culverts to plug with sediment and debris which could washout sections of the roads. With the loss of vegetation, normal storm frequencies and magnitudes can more easily initiate erosion on the slopes, and it is likely that this runoff will inundate the roads or cause washouts at drainage facilities (culverts) or stream crossings. These events create hazardous conditions on forest roads and put the safety of users at risk.

Monitor road drainage structures and debris flow treatment structures after significant storm events to ensure the maximum drainage capacity is maintained until the natural re-vegetation of the burned area has occurred. Maintain and/or repair any damage to road surfaces. Remove sediment and debris from drainage and treatment structures and repair head-cutting in streams and drainages to prevent further degradation of channels. Monitor the movement of large woody debris and determine whether the material should be removed before it contacts bridge piers, abutments, or culverts. Mitigate hazard trees at treatment locations to provide for worker safety.

Targeted roads include Forest Roads 1005, 1020, 1035, 1040, 1050, 1055, 1060, 1090, 1095, and associated road spurs.

| Treatment        | Units         | Unit    | # of  | Total Cost |
|------------------|---------------|---------|-------|------------|
|                  |               | Cost    | Units |            |
| Storm Patrol and | Day           | \$432   | 20    | \$8,640    |
| Storm Response,  | Hours         | \$110   | 100   | \$11,000   |
| Contractor       |               |         |       |            |
| Equipment        |               |         |       |            |
| Contractor       | Lump estimate | \$5,000 | 1     | \$5,000    |
| Mobilization     |               |         |       |            |
| TOTAL            |               |         |       | \$24,640   |

**T1 Trail Storm Proofing:** The overall purpose of this treatment is to reduce risks to human life and safety by reconstructing portions of National Forest System trail tread that have collapsed due to tree root systems being burned. In addition, the treatment will prevent erosion and further failure of the trail tread which would be considered a loss of Forest Service property.

Collapsed trail tread will be filled with locally available rock and soil to level the tread. In some locations the downhill side of the trail would need to be shored up using existing down timbers or rock if necessary and where present. Soil adjacent to the trail would be used to fill the area that has

collapsed to level the tread. Other segments may require completely reconstructing the tread to prevent continued slope erosion and additional tread loss.

Areas of trail storm proofing will be monitored during the winter and spring for effectiveness of treatments to assure trail tread protections are adequate, and determine if more treatments are needed to prevent loss.

Sections of trail with moderate side slopes within moderate to high severity burn areas (estimate: 3 cumulative miles along sections of the O'Brien Creek Trail, Boundary Trail, Middle Fork Trail, Cook and Green Trail, Horse Camp Trail, Butte Fork Trail and Tin Cup Trail). Refer to BAER treatment map for specific locations.

| Treatment                                   | Units | Unit<br>Cost | # of<br>Units | Total Cost |
|---|-------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| Trail Storm Proofing & Treatment Monitoring | Miles | \$4,971      | 3             | \$14,913   |

#### **Protection/Safety Treatments:**

**PS1 Hazard Warning Signs - Roads:** Signs will inform users of the dangers associated with entering and recreating within the burned area. Purchase and installation of 'Entering Burned Area" hazard warning signs at 12 locations, primarily at roads or road intersections that access the burned area. Signs are to be installed in visible locations on uphill side of roads. Signs will be installed consistent with FHWA Standard Specifications for Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects (FP-03) with Forest Service supplemental specifications and follow sign and poster guidelines for the Forest Service EM7100-15. Refer to BAER Treatment map for specific locations.

| Treatment                      | Units | Unit  | # of  | Total Cost |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
|                                |       | Cost  | Units |            |
| PS1 Hazard Warning Signs-Roads | Each  | \$200 | 12    | \$2,400    |

**PS2 Hazard Warning Signs – Trails :** Signs will inform users of the dangers associated with entering and recreating within the burned area. Purchase and installation of 'Entering Burned Area" hazard warning signs at 10 locations, primarily at trailheads and trail intersections that access the burned area. Signs are to be installed in visible locations on uphill side of trail.

Place signs at: Upper O'Brien Creek Trailhead (1), Upper and Lower Cook and Green Trailheads (2), Middle Fork Trailhead (2), Horse Camp/ Butte Fork Trailhead (1), Sturgis Fork Trailhead- access to Boundary Trail (1), Tin Cup Trailhead (1), Elk Creek Trailhead (1) and Grayback Trailhead (1). Refer to BAER Treatment map for specific locations.

| Treatment                         | Units | Unit<br>Cost | # of<br>Units | Total Cost |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| PS2 Hazard Warning Signs - Trails | Each  | \$277        | 10            | \$2,770    |

**PS3 Road Closures:** The following locations were identified as gate closure sites with BAER warning signs: Install new gates on FSR 1020-500, 1035, 1050, and add signage to the gate on FSR 1060. Each gate will receive new BAER warning signs. See treatment map for more detail locations.

| Treatment         | Units | Unit    | # of  | Total Cost |
|-------------------|-------|---------|-------|------------|
|                   |       | Cost    | Units |            |
| PS3 Road Closures | Each  | \$5,500 | 4     | \$22,000   |

#### **Cultural Treatments**

#### **C1 Cultural Site Monitoring**

Four sites that were impacted by the fires of the Miller Complex will be monitored after storm events for signs of erosion, exposure and looting. If monitoring results determine that erosion is having a significant effect and that stabilization treatments could be effective, an interim BAER request would be proposed to stabilize hillslopes and reduce the risk of damage to these sites.

| Treatment                                    | Units | Unit<br>Cost | # of<br>Units | Total Cost |
|--|-------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| C1 Cultural Site Monitoring – Miller Complex | Site  | \$1240       | 4             | \$4,960    |

#### C2 Section 106 Clearance

Cultural resource Section 106 clearances required for ground disturbing activities associated with Miller BAER emergency treatments. Protection of sites associated with emergency stabilization and rehabilitation activities and consultation obligations to area tribes, and to State Historic Preservation officers (CA and OR SHPOs). Survey, inspect and/or monitor, and complete emergency compliance documentation for proposed emergency stabilization action that are subject to Section 106 of the NHPA. Portions of the Abney Fire are located in the State of California, and are subject to following 36CFR 800 regulation. Actions proposed in Oregon would be completed in accordance to the programmatic agreement between Region 6 and Oregon SHPO and advisory council.

| Treatment   | Units | Unit<br>Cost | # of<br>Units | Total Cost |
|---|-------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| C2 Section 106 Clearance on other BAER Treatments | Hours | \$50.22      | 40            | \$2,009    |

#### I. Monitoring Narrative:

<u>Implementation</u>: Implementation monitoring and documentation will be conducted for each treatment to ensure that it is implemented correctly following specifications. Results of this monitoring will be submitted in an Interim or Final 2500-8, Accomplishment Report.

|                           | Units | Unit Cost | # of Units | Total Cost |
|---------------------------|-------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Implementation Tracking & | Days  | \$331     | 5          | \$1,655    |
| Reporting                 |       |           |            |            |

**Interagency Coordination:** On going interagency coordination for the Miller Complex is considered essential for keeping city, county, state, and other agencies informed and relaying the BAER assessment findings, particularly with the EPA in regards to the Blue Ledge Mine CIRCLA site and Army Corps of Engineers in regards to Applegate Reservoir (Includes 5 days each for engineering, hydrology and soils).

| Treatment                | Units | Unit Cost | # of Units | Total Cost |
|--------------------------|-------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Interagency Coordination | Days  | \$400     | 15         | \$6,000    |

Part VI – Emergency Stabilization Treatments and Source of Funds

|                                    |          |                | NFS Lar | nds  |                 |       | Other L        | ands  |                   | All   |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------------|---------|--|-----------------|-------|----------------|-------|-------------------|---|
|                                    |          | Unit           | # of    |  | Other           | # of  | Fed            | # of  | Non Fed           | Total   |
| Line Items                         | Units    | Cost           | Units   | BAER \$  | \$              | units | \$             | Units | \$                | \$  |
|                                    |          |                |         |  |                 |       |                |       |                   |   |
| A. Land Treatments                 |          |                |         |  |                 |       |                |       |                   |   |
| L1 EDRR                            | Acres    | \$23           | 1600    | \$36,352                                       | \$0             |       | \$0            |       | \$0               | \$36,352  |
| C1 Cultural Site                   |          | ·              |         | . ,  |                 |       |                |       |                   | . ,   |
| monitoring                         | Site     | \$1,240        | 4       | \$4,960  |                 |       |                |       |                   |   |
| C2 Cultural Sect.106               |          | . ,            |         | . ,  |                 |       |                |       |                   |   |
| Clearance                          | Hrs      | \$50           | 40      | \$2,009  | \$0             |       | \$0            |       | \$0               | \$2,009   |
| Subtotal Land Treatments           |          | ·              |         | \$43,321                                       | \$0             |       | \$0            |       | \$0               | \$2,009   |
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| Subtotal Channel Treat.            |          |                |         | \$0  | \$0             |       | \$0            |       | \$0               | \$0   |
| C. Road and Trails                 |          |                |         |  |                 |       | 1              |       |                   |   |
| R1 Road                            |          | <b>Ф70 гоо</b> |         | <b>Ф70 гоо</b>                                 | ΦO              |       | Φ0             |       | Φ0                | ф <b>7</b> 0 <b>г</b> 00                          |
| Stormproofing                      | lump sum | \$76,500       | 1       | \$76,500                                       | \$0             |       | \$0            |       | \$0               | \$76,500  |
| DO Decelous Detect                 |          | 004040         |         | 004040   | Φ0              |       | •              |       | 0.0               | <b>#</b> 04.040                                   |
| R2 Road Storm Patrol               | lump sum | \$24,640       | 1       | \$24,640                                       | \$0             |       | \$0            |       | \$0               | \$24,640  |
| T1 Trail                           | l        | <b>* -</b> .   |         | <b>**</b> * * * * * *                          | •               |       |                |       |                   | <b>*</b>  |
| Stormproofing                      | miles    | \$4,971        | 3       | \$14,913                                       | \$0             |       | \$0            |       | \$0               | \$14,913  |
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| Subtotal Road & Trails             |          |                |         | \$116,053                                      | \$0             |       | \$0            |       | \$0               | \$116,053   |
|                                    |          |                |         |  |                 |       |                |       |                   |   |
| D. Protection/Safety               |          |                |         |  |                 |       |                | 1     |                   |   |
| PS-1 Road Hazard                   | _        |                |         |  |                 |       |                |       |                   |   |
| Warning signs                      | each     | \$200          | 12      | \$2,400  | \$0             |       | \$0            |       | \$0               | \$2,400   |
| PS-2 Trail Hazard                  |          |                |         |  |                 |       |                |       |                   |   |
| Warning Signs                      | each     | \$277          | 10      | \$2,770  | \$0             |       | \$0            |       | \$0               | \$2,770   |
| PS-3 Road Closures                 | gates    | 5500           | 4       | \$22,000                                       | \$0             |       | \$0            |       | \$0               | \$22,000  |
|                                    |          |                |         |  |                 |       |                |       |                   |   |
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| Subtotal Structures                |          |                |         | \$27,170                                       | \$0             |       | \$0            |       | \$0               | \$27,170  |
| E. BAER Evaluation                 |          |                |         | ,  |                 |       |                |       |                   | ,   |
| Assessment Team                    | Report   |                |         |  | \$75,000        |       | \$0            |       | \$0               | \$75,000  |
| Interim Assessment                 | Report   |                |         |  | ,               |       |                |       |                   | ,   |
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| Subtotal Evaluation                |          |                |         |  | \$0<br>\$75,000 |       | \$0<br>\$0     |       | \$0<br><b>\$0</b> | \$0<br>\$75,000                                   |
| F. Monitoring                      |          |                |         |  | φιο,υυυ         |       | φυ             |       | ΦU                | φι 3,000  |
| Monitoring Report                  | Report   | \$1,655        | 1       | ¢1 cee   | \$0             |       | \$0            |       | \$0               | \$1,655   |
| Interagency                        | ινεμοιι  | φ1,000         | - 1     | \$1,655  | ΦΟ              |       | φυ             |       | φυ                | φ1,033  |
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| Subtotal Monitoring                |          |                |         | \$7,655  | \$0             |       | \$0            |       | \$0               | \$7,655   |
|                                    |          |                |         |  |                 |       |                |       |                   |   |
| G. Totals                          |          |                |         | \$194,199                                      | \$75,000        |       | \$0            |       | \$0               | \$227,887   |
| Previously approved                |          |                |         |  |                 |       |                |       |                   |   |
| Total for this request             |          |                |         | \$194,199                                      |                 |       |                |       |                   |   |

# PART VII - APPROVALS

| 1. | /s/ Robert G. MacWhorter      | 10/9/2017 |
|----|-------------------------------|-----------|
|    | Forest Supervisor (signature) | Date      |
|    |                               |           |
| 2. |                               |           |
|    | Regional Forester (signature) | Date      |