

Sierra Nevada Adaptive Management Project Annual Meeting
 October 29th, 2013; 10am to 3:30pm

American River Ranger District (Last Chance Project)

Treatment Implementation Status

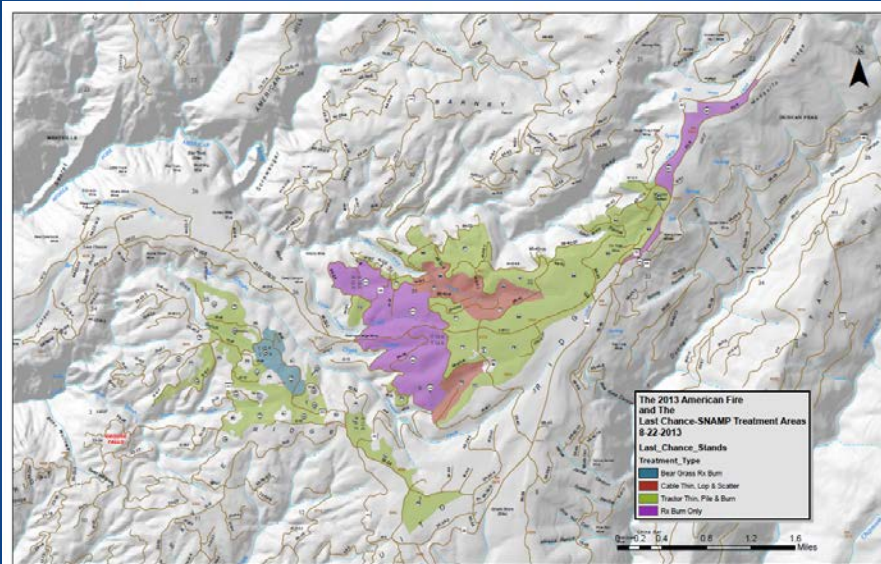
Commercial harvest was completed this summer, 2013.

Post-harvest surface fuel treatment (pile burning, 300 acres) was completed in January, 2013.

Activity fuel treatment (pile burning and biomass utilization) is ongoing. A few landing piles remain. Some piles slated for biomass utilization were "lost" in the American Fire. The remaining landing piles will be conditionally burned, or utilized for biomass.

Approximately 475 of 575 acres of prescribed burning are completed. The remaining portion is "on hold" pending a more detailed evaluation of the American Fire.

Effects of the American Fire on treated areas will undoubtedly influence future fuels management decisions for the remainder of the project area.



American Fire Update

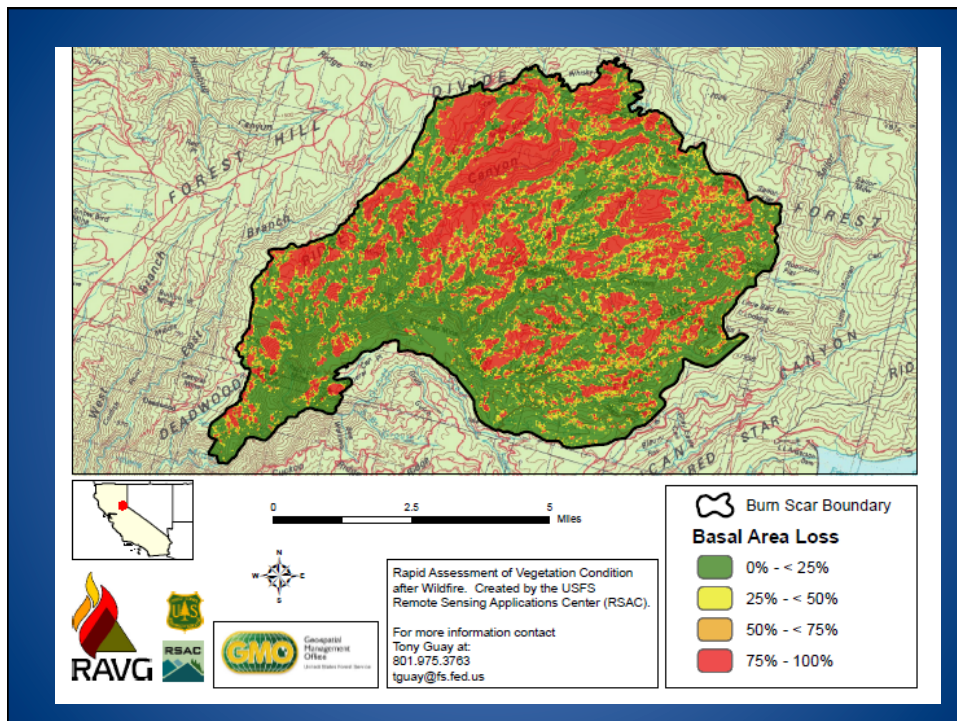
The American Fire started on August 10, 2013 and burned 27,440 acres. The fire was declared controlled on October 8. The fire will not be declared out until significant precipitation occurs over the area.

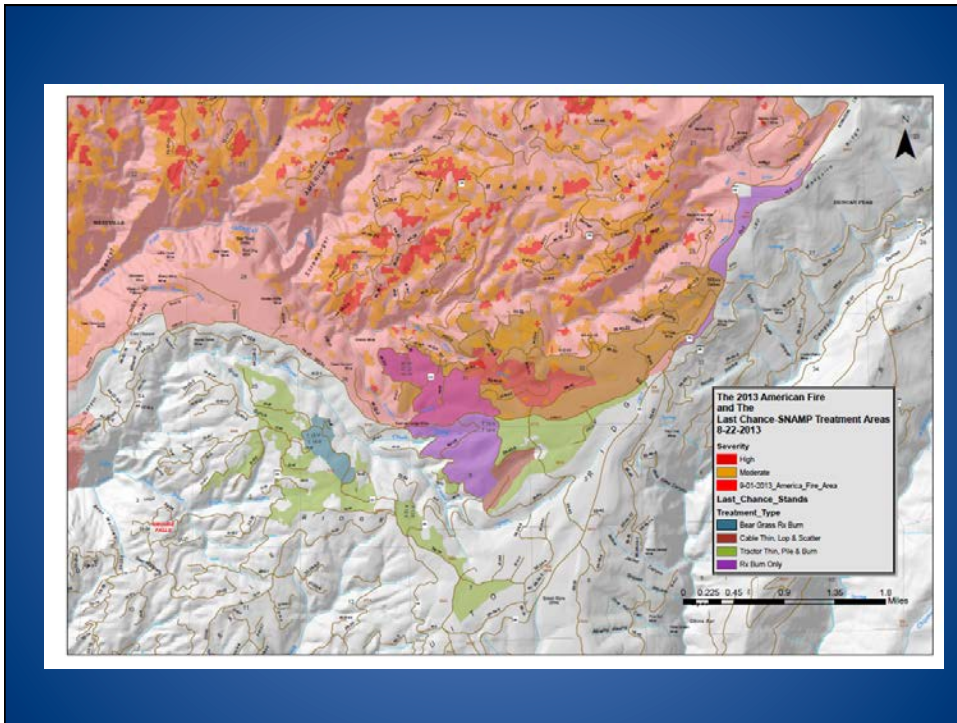
Entry into the burned area is currently restricted. Check with the district ranger before entering.

The initial Burn Area Emergency Repair (BAER) assessment identified overall fire severity as 38% low severity, 43% moderate severity and 14% high severity.

The decision to backfire through the middle of the Last Chance Project was a direct result of the project's location and post treatment fuel profile.

Roughly half (1100 of 2380 acres) of the Last Chance Project, including completed thinning and prescribed burning units were burned in the American Fire. Some of this area was intentionally backfired, some of it burned in the wildfire. The vast majority of the treated area burned with low intensity.





Worldview-2 Pan Sharpened Multispectral Image

