

Photos taken 5/13/04 by R. Elston

**TOOLBOX FIRE RECOVERY PROJECT
FUELS TREATMENT OUTSIDE OF COMMERCIAL
SALVAGE UNITS**



These pictures, taken about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mi. north of the pictures on pg. 2, show areas that (since April 28) have received “mastication” - a non-commercial fuels reduction aimed at less than 9” dbh material. It was done with a “slash-buster” (low ground pressure equipment with grinding head). This is part of the 4,500 acres of **fuels treatment outside commercial salvage units** covered by the Emergency Situation Determination. The ROD authorized 7,374 acres of this type of fuels treatment, outside of commercial salvage units. It also authorized 2,362 acres of prescribed fire, another form of fuels treatment – mostly outside commercial areas. Once the remaining 9”+ snags become a hazard to planting (as per OSHA) many of the remaining trees may need to be felled prior to planting. This would incorporate the snag retention strategy described in the EIS. This scenario is fully analyzed in the EIS. It’s our aim to get as many acres planted before such hazard develops. Alt. G includes more non-commercial fuels reductions than other alternatives. This activity is located just off Road 3038 north of Indian Creek.

T 31 S. R 13 E. Section 2



**Areas Authorized for FUELS TREATMENT
OUTSIDE OF COMMERCIAL SALVAGE UNITS
(not yet treated)**

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The above 4 pictures show areas in the Silver Fire (of the Toolbox Complex) that **have not yet received fuels reduction/site-prep treatments.**

Most are located in areas that are scheduled (in Alternative G and G Modified) for a non-commercial fuels treatment, as a part of the ¼ mile buffer (proximity to private lands) design element that is unique to Alternative G and G Modified.

T 31 S, R 13 E, Section 11