

POST-WILDFIRE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Answers for IDL grazing lessees following wildfire



BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING...

Before repairing improvements, moving livestock onto other state lands, or operating outside of the terms of your lease, contact your IDL Area Office. *We can help identify what approvals may be needed and what assistance may be available.*



GETTING BACK ON THE LANDSCAPE

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When can I turn livestock back out?

There is no one-size-fits-all answer, IDL will work with you to evaluate conditions and determine when grazing can resume.

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How long will I have to stay off burned areas?

Rest may be necessary depending on fire severity, lease location, rehabilitation needs, vegetation recovery, and other site-specific conditions. IDL area staff will be able to make these determinations after they can assess the damage and regeneration.

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How will I know when the land is ready?

IDL Area Office will conduct range readiness reviews on the area to determine conditions and communicate with you when the lease is grazable.



FENCES & IMPROVEMENTS

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Who is responsible for range improvement replacement?

In general, IDL lessees are responsible for range improvements and maintenance on their leases.

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Is financial or material assistance available?

IDL's funding is extremely limited and is for statewide requests that are ranked based on benefit to the endowments. Contact your area office staff about submitting proposals.

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Do I need approval before rebuilding?

Yes, all new improvements and replacements need to be permitted. Contact your IDL area office before making changes or replacing improvements on state land.



REHABILITATION

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What can we expect as far as post-fire rehab?

Rehab needs will be assessed after the fire is out and it is safe to evaluate the damage. IDL funding is extremely limited, but we often work with partners to leverage those funds for a larger rehab effort, generally where habitat value is highest.



MY LEASE

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Does my lease change after a wildfire?

IDL may need to amend your lease to address changes in use, access, or other terms.

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What happens if I lose AUMs?

Available forage and authorized AUMs may need to be evaluated based on fire impacts. Contact your Area Office to discuss your situation.

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Do I need a lease amendment?

If you are unable to access your AUM's as a result of a fire, we can amend your lease based on useable AUMs. If there is a complete loss, we will reduce your rent to our \$50 minimum until you are able to turn out again.



I NEED SOMEWHERE TO PUT CATTLE

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Does IDL have other grazing available?

Most of our land is leased, but IDL is looking into available leases or areas that are being under utilized for potential grass banks.

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Are there other programs that may have forage available?

There are a few programs that can assist with alternative forage, these are not IDL programs. More information about these programs can be found using the QR code below.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



EVERY FIRE IS DIFFERENT

Your IDL Area Office is your best resource for site-specific guidance and available assistance.



CONTACT YOUR IDL AREA OFFICE

Visit: idl.idaho.gov

