Fire Regime Condition Class (FRCC) Interagency Handbook
Reference Conditions

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Potential Natural Vegetation Group: Ponderosa pine-Douglas-fir

Geographic Area: Central Rockies

Description: Generally found in upper montane zone on steep to gentle slopes and all aspects, especially southerly.

Fire Regime Description: Primarily Fire regime group I, but includes surface and mixed severity fires at varying intervals (MFIs range from 7-65 years). Occasional replacement fires may also occur.

Vegetation Type and Structure

Class	Percent of Landscape	Description
A: post replacement	15	Openings with grass, shrub, and forbs created after replacement fire. May have seedlings of ponderosa pine or other species (e.g., Larix occidentalis, Pseudotsuga menzesii, Abies spp.)
B: mid-development closed	10	>30% canopy cover of sapling or pole Douglas-fir and ponderosa pine.
C: mid- open	20	<30% canopy cover of sapling or pole ponderosa pine with some Douglas-fir.
D: late- open	45	<30% canopy cover of mature ponderosa pine with occasional Douglas-fir in patches. Other species (Abies spp., Larix occidentalis) may be present.
E: late- closed	10	>30% canopy cover of mature Douglas-fir with ponderosa pine and other species (Abies spp.) present.
Total	100	

Fire Frequency and Severity

Fire Frequency-Severity	Modeled Probability	Percent, All Fires	Description
Replacement Fire	.005	15	Occasional stand-replacement fires, mostly in B and E.
Non-Replacement Fire	.025	85	Frequent (15-65 year) surface and mosaic fires in B, C, D, and E. Fires generally maintain open types and decrease density in closed types.
All Fire Frequency*	.03	100	

*Sum of replacement fire and non-replacement fire probabilities.

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