



FCCS & Consume Exercises

Using Fuel and Fire Tools- FFT

Mixed Conifer Thinning/Rx





Mixed Conifer FB 208

FFT Exercise



Situation

A fuels hazard team would like to assess the fuel bed characteristics and the potential treatment opportunities to reduce fire hazard on a grand fir/Douglas-fir forest that has been protected from wildfire for 80 years. The area is near summer homes and cabins.





Step 1: Find a representative fuel bed:

- Open the Fuel and Fire Tools (FFT)
- Select the Baileys ecoregion (temperate steppe 330; temperate desert 340)
- Select vegetation form (conifer)
- Search for fuelbeds



Unit Fuelbed Selector Version: 2.0.1020

You can create your set of fuelbeds in three ways:

1. Select from the list below. Filter list of all fuelbeds by:

Ecoregion: Temperate Steppe
Vegetation Form: Conifer Forest

Cover Type:
Structural Class:
Change Agent:

Reference fuelbeds: 22 To create custom fuelbeds, right click on a reference fuelbed to make copies

4: Douglas-fir/ceanothus forest
18: Douglas-fir/oceanspray forest
21: Young lodgepole pine forest
22: Mature lodgepole pine forest
23: Mature lodgepole pine forest with bark beetle damage
24: Pacific ponderosa pine-Douglas-fir forest
27: Ponderosa pine-two needle pinyon-Utah juniper forest
29: Interior ponderosa pine-Engelmann spruce-Douglas-fir forest
34: Interior Douglas-fir-interior ponderosa pine/gambel oak forest
53: Pacific ponderosa pine forest
59: Subalpine fir-Engelmann spruce-Douglas-fir-lodgepole pine forest
61: Whitebark pine/subalpine fir forest
67: Interior ponderosa pine-Douglas-fir forest
70: Subalpine fir-lodgepole pine-whitebark pine-Engelmann spruce forest
208: Grand fir-Douglas-fir forest
210: Pinyon-Utah juniper woodland
212: Ponderosa pine forest - post thin
273: Engelmann spruce-Douglas-fir-white fir-ponderosa pine forest

2. Browse your file system to select fuelbed (.xml) or LANDFIRE fuelbed list (.lf) files:

3. Load a saved unit:
MixedConifer | 1000 | 3 fuelbed(s)

Selected Fuelbeds:

You can move single fuelbeds between boxes by double-clicking.
Use Ctrl and Shift keys to select multiple fuelbeds and use the >> button.

For this exercise we will assume only 1 fuelbed represents the site:

FCCS Fuelbed 208: Grand-fir/Douglas-fir forest



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Temperate Steppe

[Vegetation Form:](#)

Conifer Forest

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Selected Fuelbeds: Use metric units

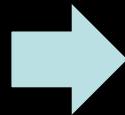
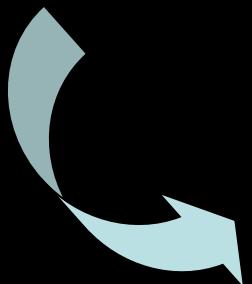
Next: Specify Environmental Inputs ▶



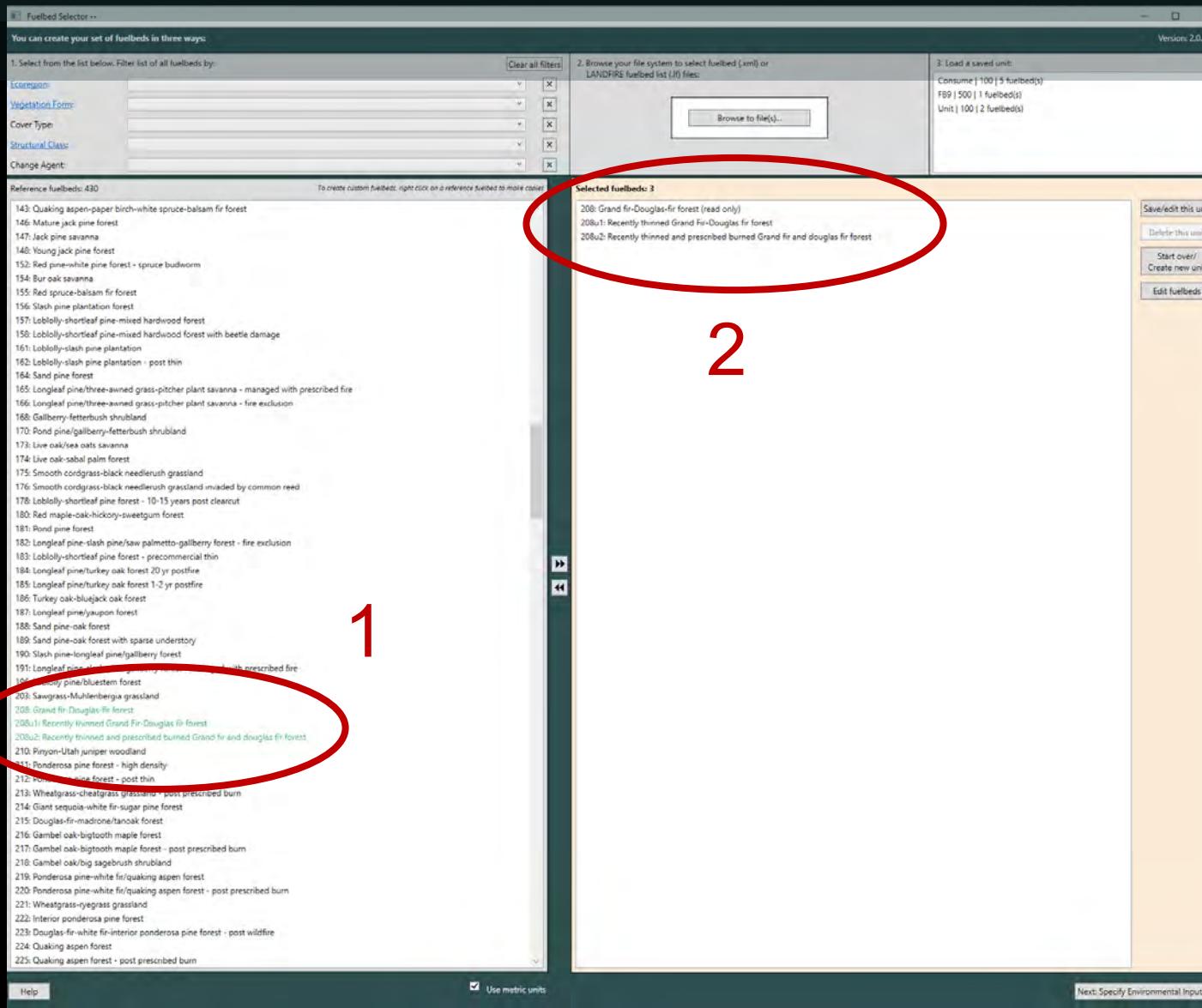
Mixed Conifer FB 208

Since we are evaluating two fuel treatments, let's make two copies of this fuelbed to represent :

- 1) Thin from below, no treatment
- 2) Thin from below + Rx + Rx



Make 2 copies of FCCS 208 and move to right box



Copy fuelbed to:

Original Filename:
FB_0208_FCCS.xml

New Filename:

Original Fuelbed Description:
Grand fir-Douglas-fir forest

New Fuelbed Description:

Cancel

OK

**Right-click on 208 and
make a copy (repeat)**

1) 208Thin

2) 208ThinRx

Copy fuelbed to:

Original Filename:
FB_0208_FCCS.xml

New Filename:
208Thin.xml

Original Fuelbed Description:
Grand fir-Douglas-fir forest

New Fuelbed Description:
Recently thinned Grand Fir-Douglas fir forest

Cancel

OK

Copy fuelbed to:

Original Filename:
208Thin.xml

New Filename:
208ThinRx.xml

Original Fuelbed Description:
Recently thinned Grand Fir-Douglas fir forest

New Fuelbed Description:
Recently thinned and prescribed burned Grand fir and doug

Cancel

OK

Step 1. Edit fuelbeds to represent treatment scenarios

Thin from below with no follow-up fuels treatment



Thin from below followed by prescribed fire



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Structural Class:

Change Agent:

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- 286: Limber pine-ponderosa pine forest
- 304: Engelmann spruce-subalpine fir/horsetail forest
- 314: Limber pine-bristlecone pine forest
- 320: Western larch forest

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Selected fuelbeds: 3

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- 208u2: Grand fir-Douglas-fir forest

Input Data

OVERSTORY	Total Cover	Percent Cover (%)	Height (ft)	HLC (ft)	Density (tree/acre)	DBH (in)	CLASS 2 SNAG Density (#/acre)	CLASS 3 SNAG Density (#/acre)	Ladder Fuels
Fuelbed 208	75	20	115	35	24	27	30	40	Yes
Fuelbed 208_Thin	40	15	80	45	20	25	10	10	No
Fuelbed 208_Rx	40	15	80	45	20	25	10	10	No

MIDSTORY		Percent Cover (%)	Height (ft)	HLC (ft)	Density (tree/acre)	DBH (in)
Fuelbed 208		40	75	30	90	15
Fuelbed 208_Thin		5	65	35	10	12
Fuelbed 208_Rx		5	65	35	10	12

SOUND & ROTTEN WOOD	Fine Wood Cover (%)	Fine Wood Depth (in)	Sound					Rotten			
			1-hr (t/a)	10-hr (t/a)	100-hr (t/a)	1000-hr (t/a)	10,000-hr (t/a)	>10,000-hr (t/a)	1000-hr (t/a)	10,000-hr (t/a)	>10,000-hr (t/a)
Fuelbed 208	81	4	0.5	1.6	3.3	4.3	8.9	3.4	0.8	1.6	0.6
Fuelbed 208_Thin	95	8	2.5	5	6	10	12	4	5	11	0.5
Fuelbed 208_Rx	5	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.2	3	7.8	3.8	1.5	7.2	0.5

LITTER/DUFF	Litter		Upper duff		Lower duff		
	Percent Cover (%)	Depth (in)	Percent Cover (%)	Depth (in)	Percent Cover (%)	Depth (in)	
Fuelbed 208	89	0.4	89	1	89	1	
Fuelbed 208_Thin	95	0.6	89	0.9	89	0.9	
Fuelbed 208_Rx	10	0.0	70	0.4	80	0.7	

Fuelbed Editor

x

[General](#) [Canopy](#) [Shrub](#) [Herb](#) [Wood](#) [Litter-Lichen-Moss](#) [Ground Fuel](#)[Upper duff](#) [Lower duff](#) [Basal accumulations](#) [Squirrel middens](#)

Filename	Cover (%)	Depth (inches)	Type	Loading (optional) (tons/acre)	Present
FB_0208_FCCS	89	1	Fully decomposed moss and	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FB_0208_FCCSu01					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Save changed files... C:\Users\agandreu\Documents\AnneWork\FFT_Testing_10-8-18\FFT_10-01-18\UserFiles [x](#)

Filename	Filename (generated)	Fuelbed name (editable)
FB_0208_FCCSu01	FB_0208_FCCSu01.xml	208_thin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FB_0208_FCCSu02	FB_0208_FCCSu02.xml	208_thinRx <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1. Select back to fuelbed selector
2. Select save marked items

[Save None](#)[Save Marked Items](#)[Help](#)[Open Digital Photo Series](#)[◀ Back to Fuelbed Selector](#)[Save](#)

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 Use metric units

FCCS Instructions for Fire Behavior Outputs

Step 1: Specify environmental variables (keep defaults)

Environmental Inputs -- x

Select Environmental Scenario for '' (an FCCS-only unit):

Edit Selected Environmental Scenario:

Environmental Scenario Name: FCCS Benchmark Inputs

Select tool/pathway:

FCCS

Fuel Moistures (%): [Select FM Scenario](#)

Herbaceous:	60
Shrub:	90
Crown:	90
1-hr:	6
10-hr:	7
100-hr:	8
Slope (%):	0
Windspeed (mph):	4

Consume (FCCS > Consume)

Fuel Moistures (%):

1000-hr:	
Duff:	
Litter:	

Shrub Consumption (%):

Canopy Consumption (%):

Pile Consumption (%):

Season: Fall

Inputs needed for activity-fuels only:

Days Since Rain:

Length of Ignition (min.):

Source of 1000-hr FM:

Harvest w/in past 3 months?:

FEPS (FCCS > Consume > FEPS)

Air Temp (°F):	Min	Max
Relative Humidity (%):		
Midflame Windspeed (mph):		
Transport Windspeed (mph):		
Fire Shape:		
Sunrise (0-23 hr):		
Midday (0-23 hr):		
Sunset (0-23 hr):		
Fire Start (0-23 hr):		
Fire Stop (1-71 hr):		

Run FCCS **Run Consume** **Run FEPS** **Run FEPS w/Files**

Help **Save Scenario** **Delete Scenario** **Clear Form** **Back to Fuelbed Selector**

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Fire Potentials

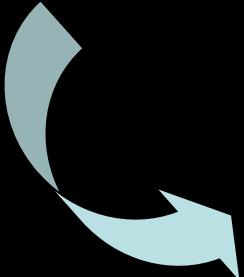
Variable	Fuelbed 208	Fuelbed 208_Thin	Fuelbed 208_Thin_Rx
	Potentials (0-9)	Potentials (0-9)	Potentials (0-9)
Surface Fire Behavior Potential	5	7	1
Reaction	3.8	5.9	2.0
Spread	5.1	6.6	1.4
Flame length	3.8	5.4	1.5
Crown Fire Potential	5	3	1
Crown fire initiation	3.6	3.3	1.1
Crown-to-crown transmissivity	8.5	0.0	0.0
Crown fire spread	5.2	2.7	0.9
Available Fuel Potential	9	9	6
Flame Available	3.7	3.6	1.6
Smolder Available	2.8	3.5	1.8
Residual Available	5.0	2.9	2.3
FCC Potential	559	739	116

Surface Fire Behavior Potential at Benchmark Conditions

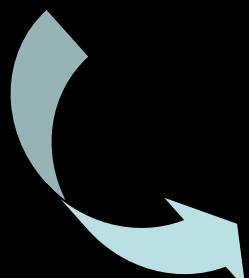
Variable	Fuelbed 208	Fuelbed 208_Thin	Fuelbed 208_Thin_Rx
Rate of Spread (ft/min)	6.6	10.8	0.5
Flame Length (ft)	3.5	7.4	0.5
Reaction Intensity BTUs/ft ² -min	2,270	5,381	653
FBFM (original 13)	9 (Timber)	12 (Slash)	8 (Timber)
Standard 40	TL9 (Timber-Litter)	SB3 (Slash)	TL3 (Timber-Litter)



No treatment



Thin_only



Final Fire Assessment

A photograph of a forest floor covered in fallen logs and branches. In the foreground, there is a small, active fire with bright orange flames. The background consists of tall, healthy evergreen trees, some with thick trunks and others more slender. The overall atmosphere is one of a natural environment that has been disturbed.

Consume 4.2:

Predicting consumption & emissions

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MixedConifer | 1000 | 3 fuelbed(s)

MixedConifer2 | 1000 | 3 fuelbed(s)

MixedConifer2's fuelbeds: 3

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208u1: Grand fir-Douglas-fir forest

208u2: Grand fir-Douglas-fir forest

 Use metric units

Next: Specify Environmental Inputs ▶

Consume Instructions

Step 1: Create a burn unit (MixedConifer)

- **Size = 1000 acres**

Save/Edit Unit

Unit Properties

*Name:	MixedConifer
*Size (ac.):	1000
*Burn type:	Prescribed
Burn date:	(mm/dd/yyyy)
Permit No.:	
Project:	
Notes:	

1

Select the consumption equation sets that are most representative of your burn unit (activity = recent logging slash, boreal = boreal fuelbeds, southern = southeastern fuelbeds, and western = western pine)

Apply selected consumption equation to all fuelbeds:

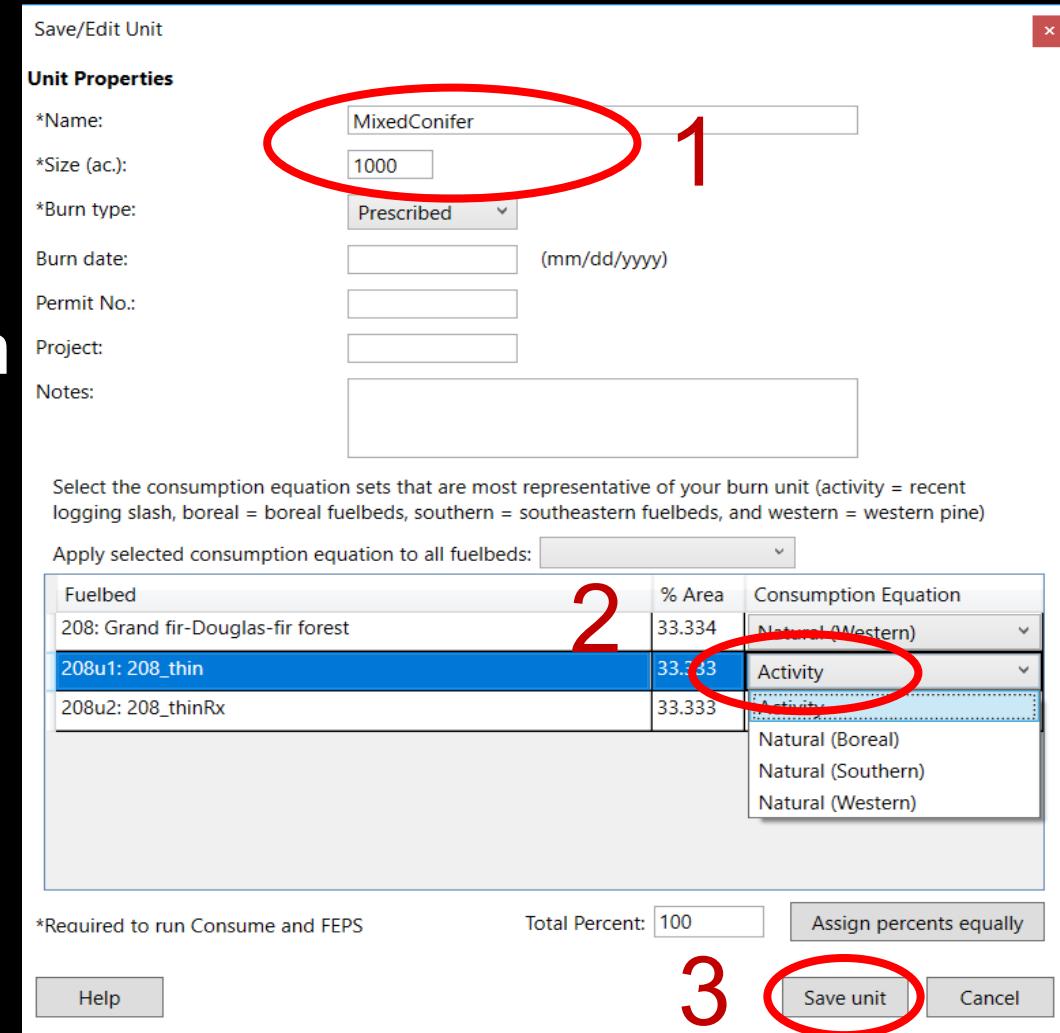
Fuelbed	% Area	Consumption Equation
208: Grand fir-Douglas-fir forest	33.334	Natural (Western)
208u1: 208_thin	33.333	Activity
208u2: 208_thinRx	33.333	Natural (Boreal) Natural (Southern) Natural (Western)

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*Required to run Consume and FEPS Total Percent: 100 Assign percents equally

Help Save unit Cancel

3



Consume Instructions

Step 2: Enter environmental variables

FCCS	INPUT	CONSUME	INPUT
Herb FM (%)	30	1000-hr FM (%)	20
Shrub FM (%)	60	Duff FM (%)	30
Crown FM (%)	60	Litter FM (%)	30
1-hr FM (%)	6	Shrub cons (%)	100
10-hr FM (%)	8	Canopy cons (%)	10
100-hr FM (%)	10	Pile cons (%)	90
		Season	Spring
Slope (%)	10		
Wind (mph)	4	Days since rain	5
		Length ignition (min)	100
		Source 1000-hr FM	Meas-Th
		Harvest within 3 months?	Unchecked (no)

Consume Instructions

Step 3:

- Save Scenario as Mixed Conifer
- Run Consume

Environmental Inputs -- MixedConifer2

1

Edit Selected Environmental Scenario:

Environmental Scenario Name:

Select Environmental Scenario for 'MixedConifer2':

- FCCS Benchmark Inputs
 - MC_100%ThHr_20%Litter
 - MC_20%ThHr100%Litter
 - MC_Duff30_ThHr20_Litter95
 - MC_Duff95_ThHr20_Litter20

Select tool/pathway:

FCCS

Fuel Moistures (%): [\[Select FM Scenario\]](#)

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Consume (FCCS > Consume)

Fuel Moistures (%):

1000-hr:	20
Duff:	30
Litter:	30

Shrub Consumption (%): 100

Canopy Consumption (%): 10

Pile Consumption (%): 90

Season: Spring

Inputs needed for activity-fuels only:

Days Since Rain: 5

Length of Ignition (min.): 100

Source of 1000-hr FM: MEAS-Th

Harvest w/in past 3 months?:

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FCCS Consume PEPS

Print-friendly Reports (.pdf)

Fuelbed

[Fuel Consumption](#)

[Emissions \(All Pollutants\)](#)

Emissions by Fuelbed Stratum:

[CH4](#)

[CO](#)

[CO2](#)

[NMHC](#)

[PM](#)

[PM10](#)

[PM2.5](#)

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Fuelbed

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[CO Emissions](#)

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[PM Emissions](#)

[PM10 Emissions](#)

[PM2.5 Emissions](#)

Output Tables (.csv)

[All Results](#)

Help

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Fuel Consumption

Variable	Fuelbed 208	Fuelbed 208 Thin	Fuelbed 208 ThinRx
Preburn loading (tons/acre)	131.14	111.07	69.16
Total Consumption (tons/acre)	31.77	44.99	20.96
Canopy (tons/acre)	2.71	0.87	0.87
Shrub (tons/acre)	2.21	2.21	2.21
Herb (tons/acre)	0.06	0.06	0.06
Wood (tons/acre)	12.5	32.31	11.17
LLM (tons/acre)	0.65	1.74	0.0
Ground fuels (tons/acre)	13.66	7.8	6.66

Pollutant Emissions

Variable	Fuelbed 208	Fuelbed 208 Thin	Fuelbed 208 ThinRx
CH4 (lbs/acre)	331	289	235
CO (lbs/acre)	6,810	4,698	4,762
CO2 (lbs/acre)	99,318	150,990	64,928
NMHC (lbs/acre)	236	249	164
PM total (lbs/acre)	1,203	1,112	835
PM 10 (lbs/acre)	878	670	614
PM 2.5 (lbs/acre)	810	579	568

A photograph of a forest scene. In the foreground, a large, charred log lies horizontally, with bright orange and red flames visible at its left end. The ground is covered with ash and burnt vegetation. Several tall pine trees stand in the background, their branches reaching towards the top of the frame. The sky is filled with a hazy, greyish-white smoke, suggesting a wildfire or controlled burn. The overall atmosphere is one of destruction and natural power.

Questions?