

80 Years of Change in a Ponderosa Pine Forest

These photos, all taken from the same point, show changes resulting from fire exclusion and harvesting of large pines. Fire scars show that, between 1600 and 1895, low-intensity fires burned through this forest every 3 to 30 years. Fires have been excluded from the area since 1895.



About half of the large pines were harvested from this site before this photo was taken.



About a third of the remaining large trees were harvested in the 1950's, including this large pine.

