

Trout Fire and Affected Trails

For those who are wondering what happened to this great network of trails, below is an update sent from the [Forest Service BAER team](#).

The highest-impacted trail will be Allie Canyon. High severity burn in the upper watershed is projected to see the most outflow once that area gets significant rain. It's already rained well over 2" on that area, and we've seen considerable flood damage in the canyon bottom. The access road from 35 is currently impassable.

Other impacts include the CDT near the Black Peak/Lockney Road area. We will definitely see an expansion of the locust patch from the Signal Fire footprint. Some areas in high-severity burns appear likely to experience erosion impacts.

Another area of potential issues is the upper section of the Woodhaul Wagon Road Trail, where the old roadbed has some insloping and berming that will be an issue with significant rainfall. There is also a spot that will probably blow out if we get a big enough rain event before we can do any kind of treatment.

Another big takeaway is that the soil burn severity map does not match up with the mortality of trees in the "low severity" areas. The trees were already stressed due to the drought conditions, so it's likely that deadfall will be a consistent issue on the CDT south of Sapillo in the years following this fire.

Overall, the effects of this fire on our trails system are pronounced but not nearly on the scale we've seen with some of our past fires.