

FIRE AND THE PONDEROSA PINE (STUDENT PAGE)

Fire contributes to biodiversity in a very unique way – at times the absence of fire can contribute to a lack of diversity. Look to your right and left as you wander along the trail and try to answer the questions below. Use the clinometer and tape measure to take biometric readings.

Can you see and describe any signs of a past fire?

What causes fire in the wilderness?

What role do you think fire plays in the cycle of life?

How are the conditions near the picnic area good for the sprouting of seeds?

Why is fire necessary to the life of a Ponderosa Pine?

Circumference of a tree:

Height of a tree:

Leave No Trace . . . Be Careful With Fire

“My heart is tuned to the quietness that the stillness of nature inspires.”

H.I. Khan