

Answers:

1. The Mountain Home Ranchers had the fire under control, what happened that made the 5-15 acre fire grow to be a 40,000 acre fire?
The BLM came and dismissed the ranchers, allowing the land to burn.
2. According to Charlie Lyons, a Mountain Home Rancher, why is it important for ranchers to take care of the land and stop wildfires?
They (ranchers) make a living off of the land.
3. What is fire frequency in Mt. Home related to? (list 4)
People throwing cigarettes out the window of vehicles on I-84, flaming bits of rubber from flat tires, careless target-shooting practices, & cheat grass.
4. What occurred in 1995 that resulted in ranchers not being allowed to come on a fire?
Two Kuna firefighters were killed, which resulted in a lawsuit filed against the BLM.
5. How many hours of wildfire training did the ranchers receive?
40 hours
6. After completing the training, what did the ranchers receive?
Official firefighting gear, communications equipment, and resources for fighting fires (red fire engine)
7. In July, Ranchers helped the BLM fire officials stop a fire. What was its name?
Scout Fire
8. How many acres did this fire burn?
12,000 acres
9. Why did the rancher, Charlie Lyons, lament about the rocky foothills north of Mountain Home burning up for the 3rd time in the past 10 years?
The rocky foothills north of Mountain Home were his spring range & wildlife habitat.
10. According to the ranchers, why are rangeland fires a waste of resources?
Burned up land is useless because it can't be inhabited / grazed by wildlife or livestock.
11. How many acres of unprotected land is there in southern Idaho?
2 million acres