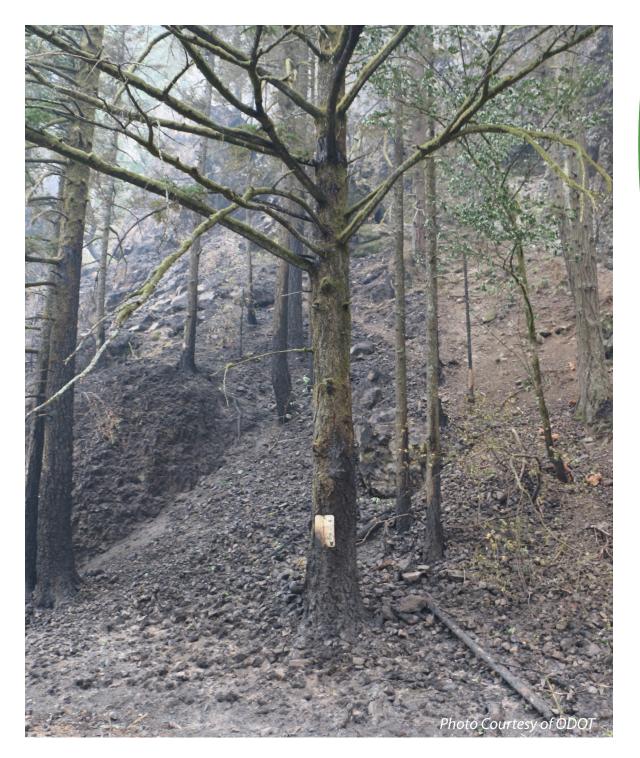
columbia river gorge NATIONAL SCENIC AREA



Know Before You Go Entering Burned Areas



What You Need to Know

Recreation involves inherent risks. Those risks are higher in areas where fire has recently burned. On the Gorge's steep slopes, the risks are even greater.



Risks Include:



Falling snags (dead trees) Falling limbs from standing trees Stump holes Difficulty navigating trails obscured by downed trees Unstable ground due to burned root systems Falling rocks from unstable slopes Debris flows Landslides

Be Alert, Know When Not To Go:

- If wind is forecasted at speeds greater than 30 mph, DON'T GO INTO A BURNED AREA.
- If wind picks up while in an area, LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.
- If trail signs are missing, know your comfort level navigating the area. TURN BACK IF NECESSARY.
- If visiting during a winter or rain storm event, BE AWARE OF A HEIGHTENED RISK OF MOVING EARTH.
- If unsure of recreation site status, CHECK CONDITIONS BEFORE YOU GO.



YOUR SAFETY IS IN YOUR HANDS:

SCAN for overhead hazards. LISTEN for falling trees, limbs, and rocks. WATCH OUT for stump holes and increased stream flows. STAY on established trails. LEAVE when windy. STAY OUT of closed areas.

