

HATCHERY HIGHLIGHTS



Hagerman National Fish Hatchery Oster Lake Fire Restoration

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Oster Lake Fire Burns 196 acres of Fish and Wildlife Service land surrounding Hagerman National Fish Hatchery



Much of the dry land habitat burned in the fire is managed by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game under a Cooperative Agreement with the Service as part of the Hagerman Wildlife Management Area.

Restoration efforts focused on controlling cheat grass and establishment of native grasses.

Spraying Cheat Grass



A rangeland drill was used on gentle ground to plant native grasses and shrubs which are key to restoring the watershed and keeping unwanted and non-native invaders like cheat-grass out of the ecosystem.

Range Land drill supplied by Bureau of Land Management



Seed bed covered with straw to conserve moisture



Wildland restoration is not easy

With the work done it's up to Mother Nature to supply the moisture. Tumble mustard, Russian thistle and cheat grass are formidable foes in wildland restoration.



Take a closer look and in the drill rows you can see Indian rice grass, blue bunch wheat grass, and thickspike wheat grass.

Indian rice grass appears to be most successful

Restoration efforts were coordinated with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game



Quail, dove and deer are making use of the area

Wayne Patton, BAER Plan Implementation Coordinator, sees successes and some failures.



Willows planted along Riley Creek



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