



Caution: Avoid the burn area when windy due to tree fall, and beware of unstable footing.

Find these in the 416 burn area?

- A place where the fire burned in the tree crowns (the bushy tops of the trees). Are these trees still alive? What kind of tree is it?
- A tree that burned but did not die. What type of tree is it? How do you know it burned? How do you know it is still alive?
- Animal tracks. Draw them on the back. What kind of animal made these tracks? What might they have been doing?
- A spot where fire just burned on the ground in grass, shrub, or needles. Do you see any signs of regrowth?
- A shrub or small plant that sprouted after the fire.
- A place where an animal has made a hole in a tree. Is the tree dead or alive? Why did an animal make this hole?
- A "snag" - a dead tree that is still standing. Snags make excellent habitat. Inspect for signs of insects or birds using the snag. Describe what you observe. BEWARE: snag may fall, especially in the wind.
- Observe both sides of the Animas Valley south of Hermosa, which burned during the 2002 Missionary Ridge fire. Notice how the forest has recovered, changed, and is still impacted from the fire. These observations may need to be from the road on the way in or out.
- If you have seed balls: Find a place that looks severely burned and throw your native seed balls. Come back in a year and see what grew!



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