



Fire on the Rim

The forest around you burned in spring 2000, when a prescribed burn, ignited intentionally to reduce dense understory vegetation, got out of control. Driven by high winds, the fire leaped the road here and continued burning north and east toward Point Imperial.

You can observe effects of fire on the environment as you explore the scenic roads to Point Imperial and Cape Royal. As you encounter the mosaic of forests and meadows that was altered by the fire you will witness the cycle of change and rebirth that will affect this environment for years to come.

April 27, 2000

The Outlet Fire begins as a prescribed burn five miles southwest of here during normal weather conditions.

May 10, 2000

The Outlet Fire escapes control and develops into a wildland fire as winds gust to more than 55 miles per hour.

June 15, 2000

The fire burns forests and meadows within a 14,383-acre perimeter before hundreds of firefighters

contain it. The fire is contained nine miles away from here, north of Saddle Mountain.

