Comparing the Potential Impacts of Healthy and Unhealthy Forests



Sporadic small trees and brush, comparatively more large and older trees, 40-60 trees per acre

- Smaller and less intense wildfires.
- Increased forest resilience to pests, drought, and disease.
- Greater mitigation against climate change.
- Protected and potentially increased water supply.



Prevalent small trees and brush, comparatively fewer large and older trees, 100-200 trees per acre

- · Increased risk of severe forest fires.
- · Less resilient forests, large numbers of dead trees.
- · Loss of carbon sequestration benefits, potential increase in emissions.
- Threats to water supply and quality, and to hydropower generation.