



2013 Wildfires: Game Management Unit and Access Impacts

August 22, 2013

New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting
Grants, NM

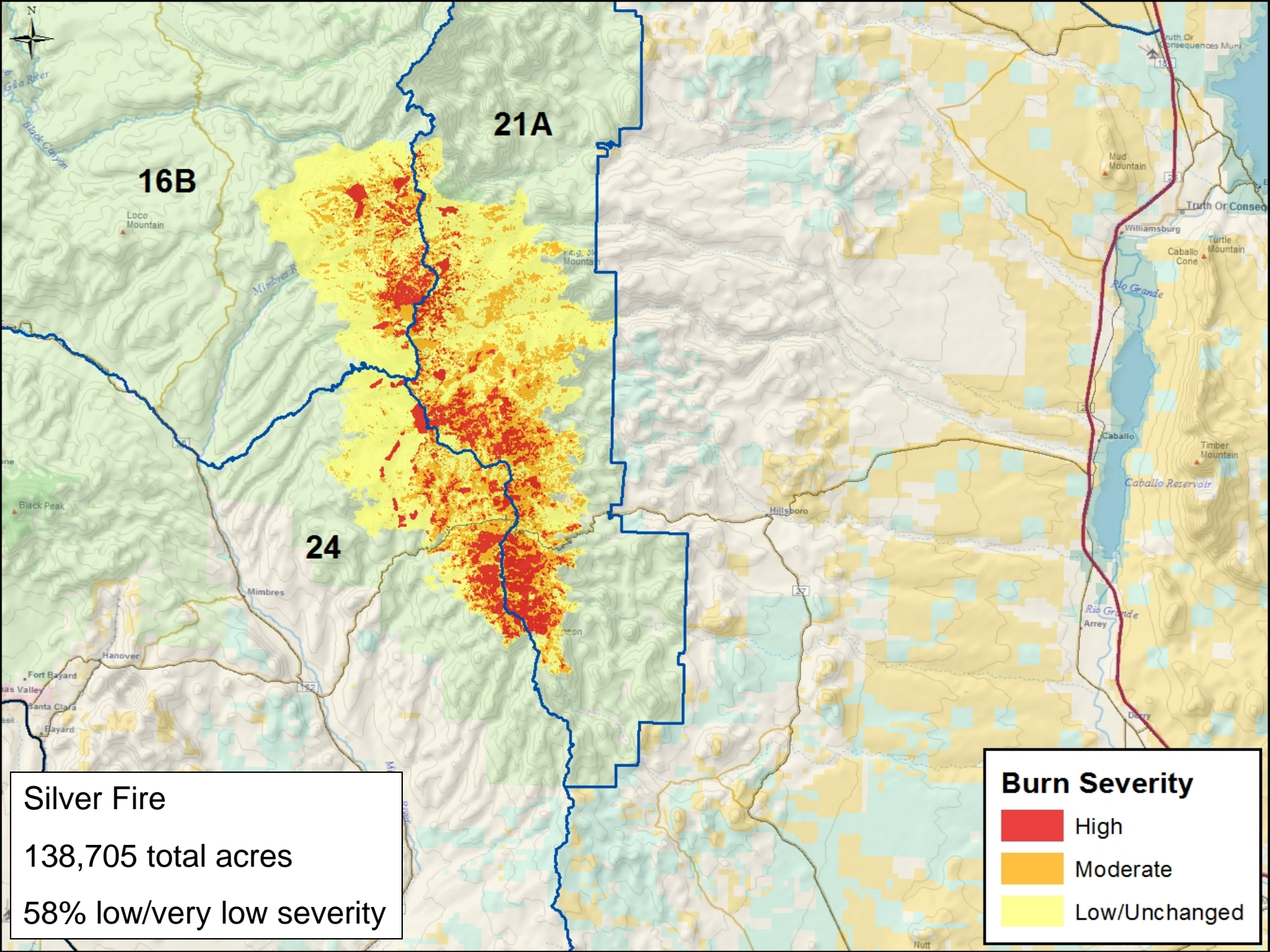


Wildlife Habitat

- **Increase in habitat diversity that will provide better conditions for wildlife**
- **Riparian and aquatic habitat degradation in areas of high fire intensity and areas downstream of high fire intensity (siltation, scouring, incision)**







16B

21A

24

Burn Severity

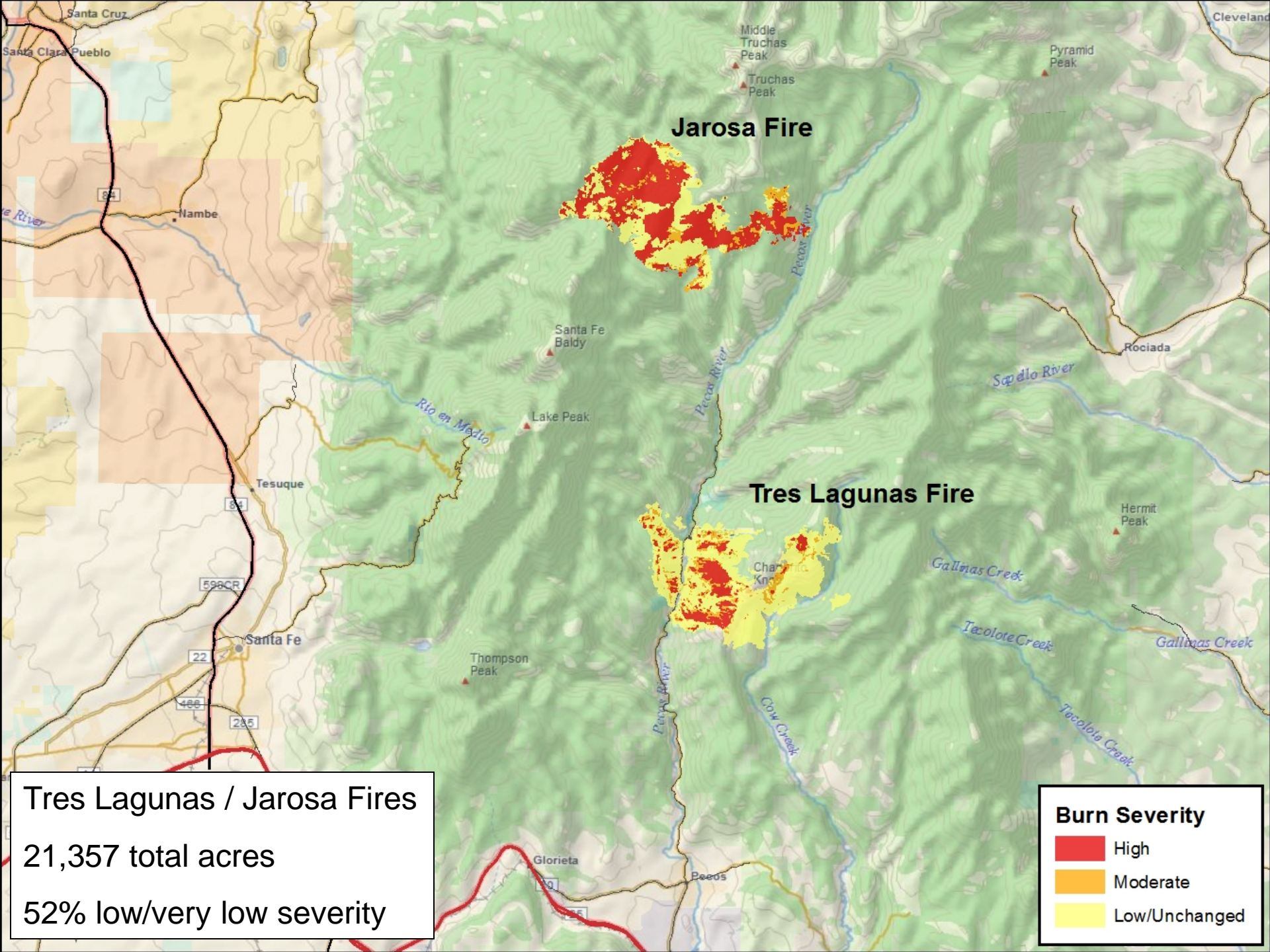
- High
- Moderate
- Low/Unchanged

Silver Fire
138,705 total acres
58% low/very low severity

Silver Fire – August 20, 2013







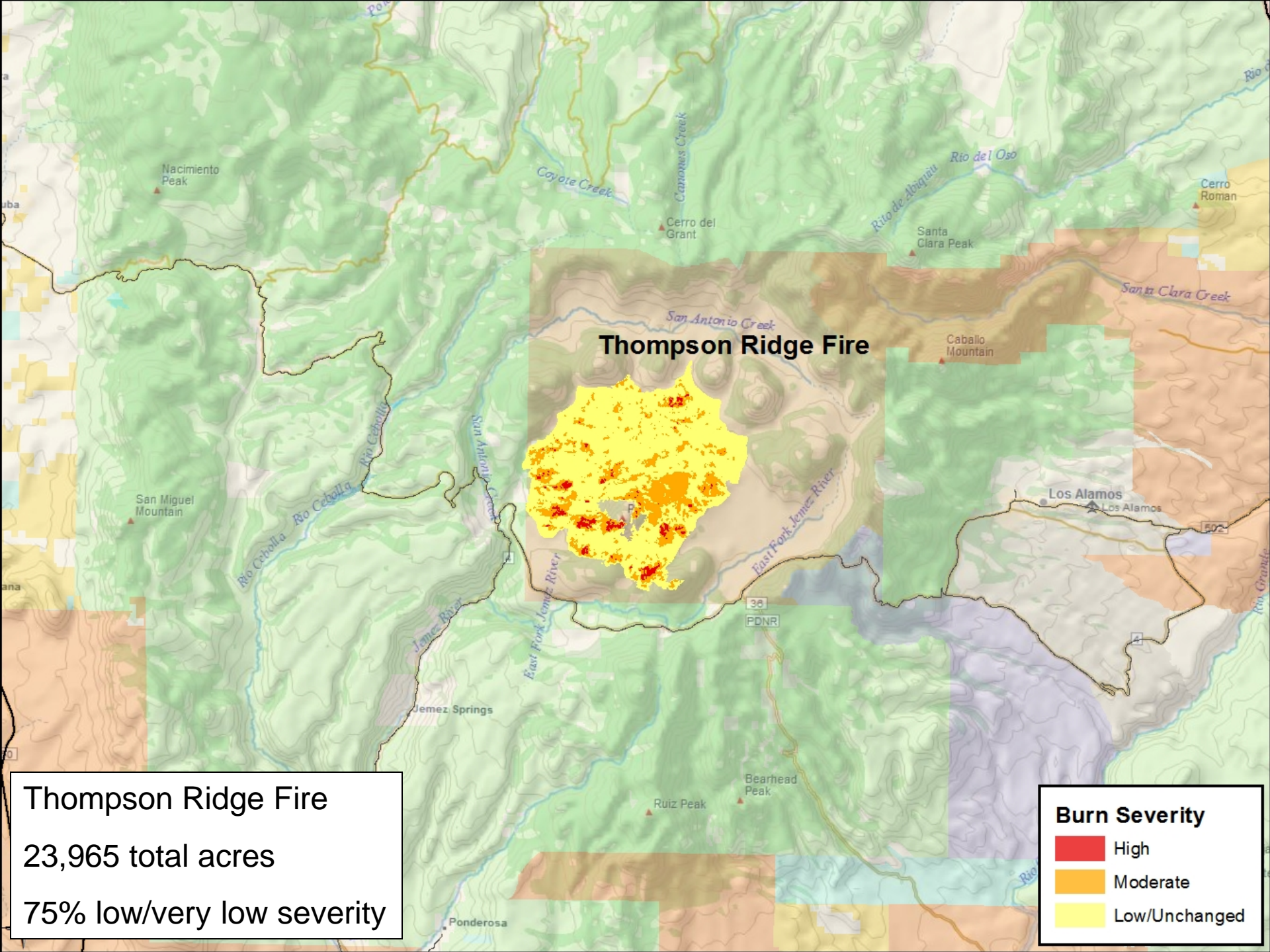
Jarosa Fire

Tres Lagunas Fire

Tres Lagunas / Jarosa Fires
21,357 total acres
52% low/very low severity

Burn Severity

- High
- Moderate
- Low/Unchanged



Thompson Ridge Fire

Thompson Ridge Fire
23,965 total acres
75% low/very low severity

Burn Severity	
Red	High
Orange	Moderate
Yellow	Low/Unchanged



Closures & Access

The Department actively works with the US Forest Service to limit the effects of wildfire closures on hunter access and hunting seasons.

As of August 9, the US Forest Service has opened much of the Forest within and around these wildfire areas.

A photograph of a forest fire. In the foreground, there are green pine trees and some dry, grey branches. In the middle ground, a large fire is burning, with bright orange and yellow flames rising from the ground. The background is filled with smoke and more trees, some of which are partially obscured by the smoke. The overall scene is hazy and dramatic.

Questions?