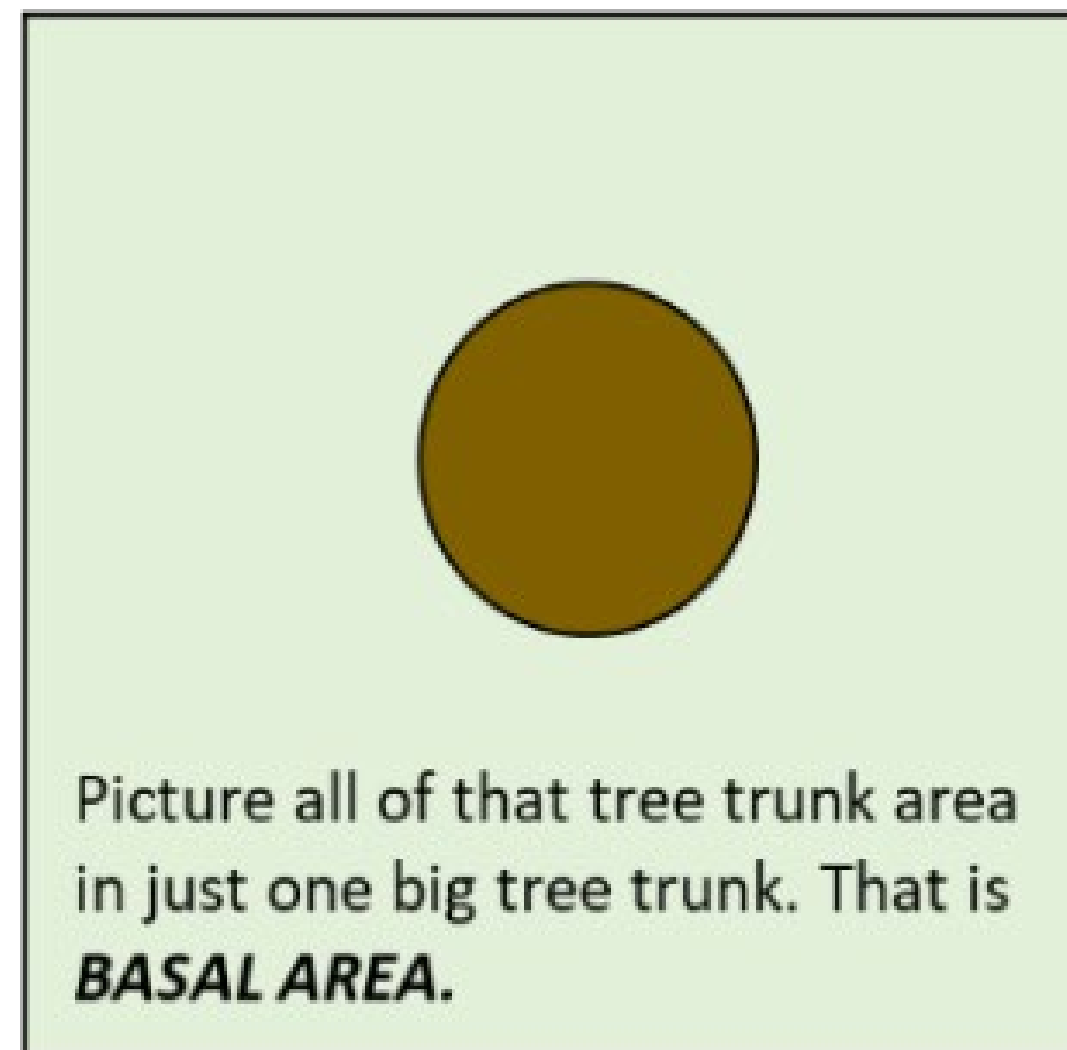
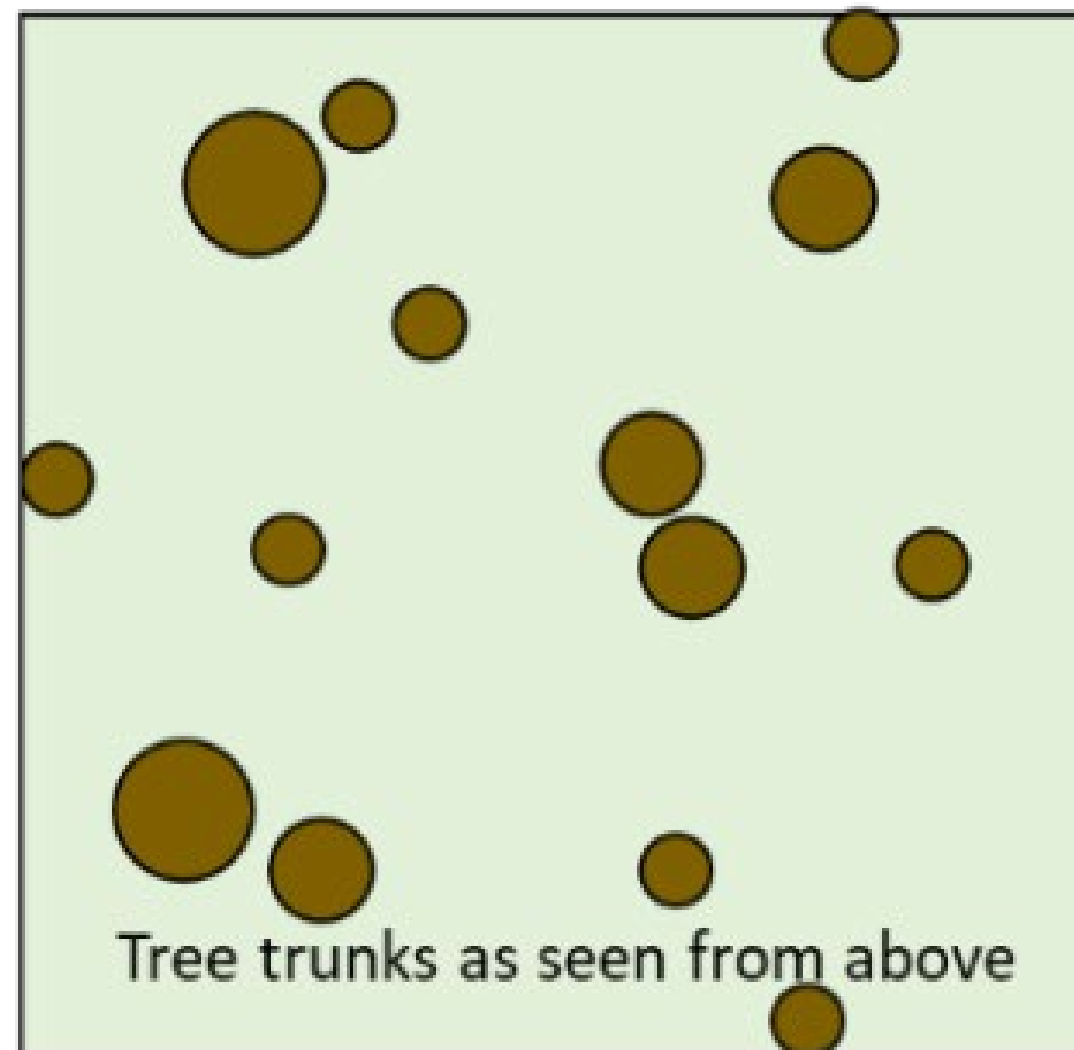


Tree Mortality in the area burned by the Lolo Creek Fire

Tree mortality is indicated by loss in *basal area*. Basal area is the area of the ground covered by the boles of living trees*. Think of it as the space covered by tree trunks if you brought them all together into one big tree trunk.

*measured 4.5' above the ground.



Basal area loss of 25% means that the area covered by living tree trunks BEFORE the fire has been REDUCED BY ONE-FOURTH.

