

Handout H01-2.

Name: _____

Instructions: Please use *“What We Don’t Know About Wildfire Can Hurt Us”* by Jane Braxton Little to answer the following questions in complete sentences.

Paragraph #1:
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. When did the Storrie Fire start and how many acres did it burn?2. Describe the location and terrain of the Storrie Fire.3. Explain how some people felt about the Storrie Fire.4. Even though the author’s “on-the-ground exploration” suggested “far less catastrophe” than mourned by locals, what negative ecological impacts did she reveal?
Paragraph #2:
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Describe the Storrie Fire area immediately after the fire.2. Describe the Storrie Fire area the following spring.3. Explain how the fire created open spaces.4. Why are open spaces ecologically important?
Paragraph #3:
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Describe the veteran trees after the Storrie Fire.2. How did the Storrie Fire impact ground litter?3. What does the author mean when she says it was no “nuclear winter”?4. What percentage burned intensely and what portion burned with “creeping” fire?
Paragraph #4:
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What does the author mean by a “dearth of data”?2. What does the author say that forest management policies are ignoring?3. Why does the author think it is now essential to manage wildland fire?4. What does the author hope will change if people have greater understanding of the effects of wildland fire?
Use your expertise: The author says, “federal officials may never quell the public controversy over fire”. Describe one issue about fire that you think is controversial.