

**\*\*11/4/03 DRAFT\*\***

**Fire Regime Condition Class (FRCC) Interagency Handbook  
Reference Conditions**

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**Date:** 8/13/03    **PNVG Code:** FHWO1

**Potential Natural Vegetation Group:** Fir-Hemlock (forest variant).

**Geographic Area:** Cascades of Oregon and Washington.

**Description:** PNVG occurs on flat ground to steep slopes in the subalpine belt of the Washington and Oregon Cascade Mountains. It is found on virtually all regoliths in this belt. This belt is characterized by deep winter snow packs several meters deep. Annual snowfall is typically greater than 10m. This variant is for the closed forest communities found below the parkland area of the subalpine belt.

**Fire Regime Description:** Fire Regime V, primarily long-interval (e.g., 500-1000 yr) stand replacement fires.

**Vegetation Type and Structure**

Class	Percent of Landscape	Description
A: post replacement	15	Dense forb cover such as beargrass, and many ericaceous shrubs such as heather or huckleberry. Abundant tree seedlings.
B: mid-development closed	25	Dense, slow growing pole and sapling stands of mountain hemlock, silver fir, and other species. Abundant ericaceous shrubs.
C: mid- open	5	Open parklands of mixed shrublands, and meadows and sapling and pole stands.
D: late- open	10	Open parklands of mixed shrublands, and meadows and stands of trees.
E: late- closed	45	Dense multi-layered stands of hemlock and fir species. Undergrowth primarily of low shrubs and forbs.
Total	100	

**Fire Frequency and Severity**

Fire Frequency-Severity	Modeled Probability	Pct, All Fires	Description
Replacement Fire	.0011	85	
Non-Replacement Fire	.002	15	

All Fire Frequency\* .0013 100

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\*Sum of replacement fire and non-replacement fire probabilities.

## References

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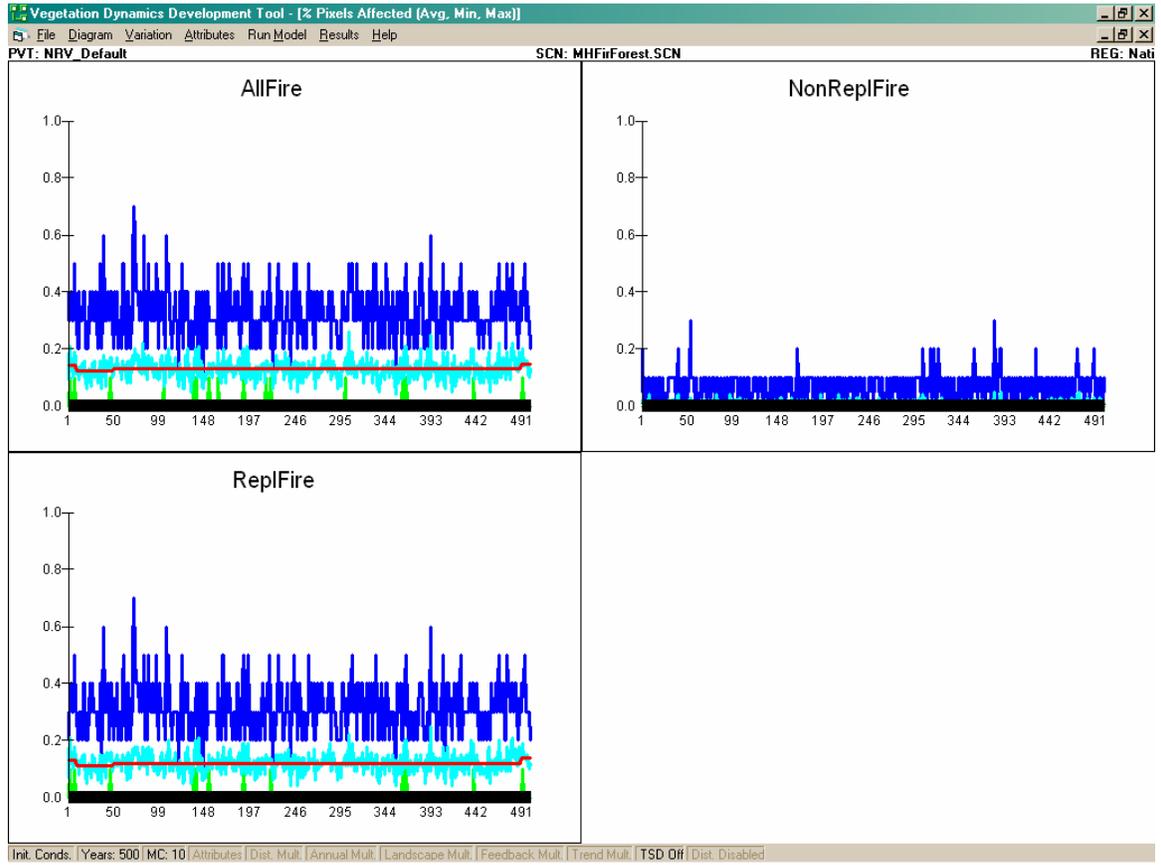
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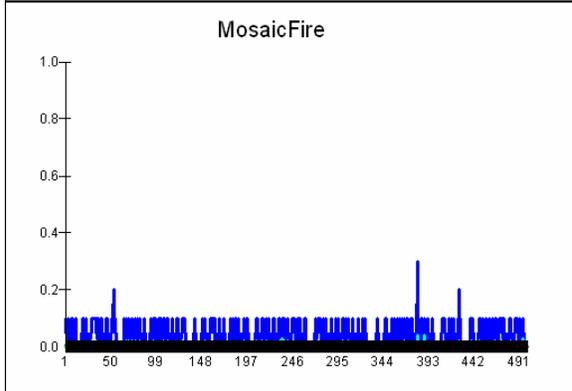
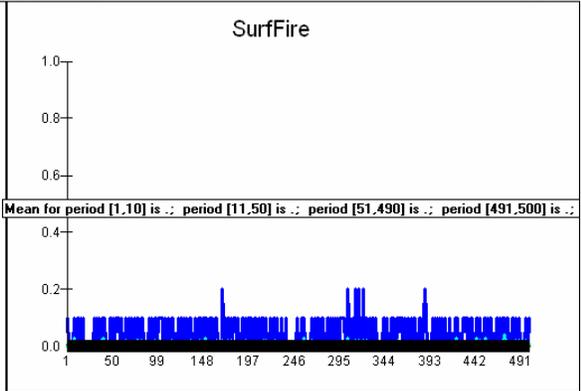
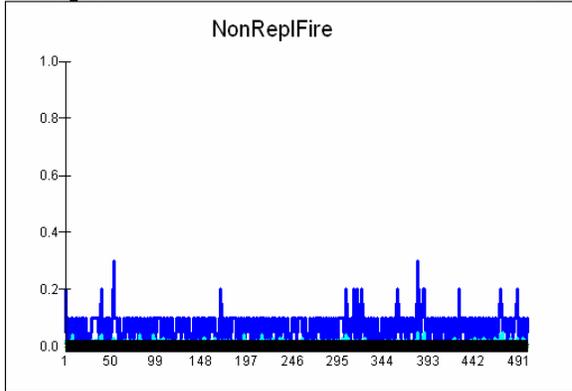
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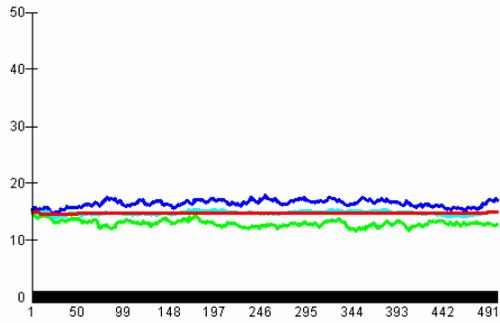
**MODELER FIELD REVIEWS (if applicable):**

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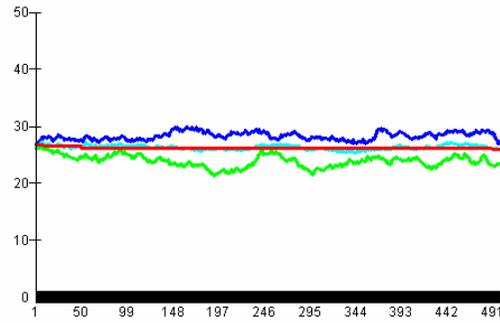




Class A: Early-Develop, PstRpl



Class B: Mid-Develop, Clsd



Class E: Late-Develop, Clsd

