

Flood After Fire



Wildfires increase the risk of floods.

The risk of flooding remains high until vegetation returns – which can take up to **5 YEARS.**



Large-scale burn areas can become floodplains.



Properties located below burn areas are at highest risk.



Flood after fire is often more severe, as debris and ash left from the fire can form mudflows.



DANGERS TO CONSIDER:

DEGREE OF LAND SLOPE

Sloped land increases the speed at which water can flow.

FLASH FLOODS

Heavy rainfall can flood lower lying areas in less than 6 hours.

MUDFLOWS

Heavy rains and brush loss can lead to dangerous flowing mud.