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Table S1. Scale used to rank fire severity at field sites.

0	unburned
1	light patchy burn pattern, very little overstory mortality, groups of
	surviving shrubs/saplings
2	lightly burned, isolated (<30%) overstory mortality, most saplings/shrubs
	dead
3	moderately burned, mixed (<75%) overstory mortality, understory mostly
	burned to ground
4	high severity, significant proportion (>75%) of overstory killed, dead
	needles remaining on trees 1 year later
5	very high severity burn, total/near total (>90%) mortality of overstory,
	most needles consumed in fire

Table S2. Species list of lichens from all study plots.
Ahtiana sphaerosporella
Bryoria fuscescens
Bryoria fremontii
Candelaria concolor
Cetraria chlorophylla
Cetraria merrellii
Cetraria platyphyllla
Hypogymnia imshaugii
Letharia columbiana
Letharia vulpina
Melanohalea elegantula
Melanohalea exasperata
Melanohalea subolivacea
Nodobryoria abbreviata
Parmelia hygrophila
Xanthoria sp.

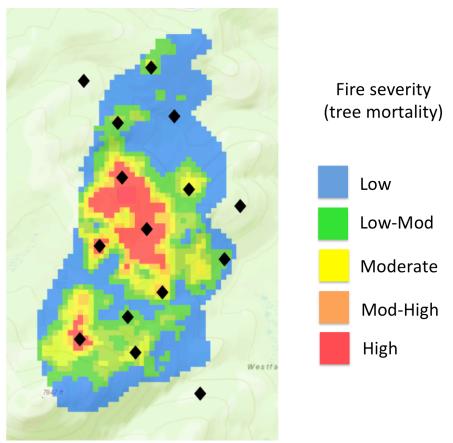


Figure S1. Conceptual example of study plot layout within a post-fire landscape.

Plots were distributed across the full spectrum of fire severity, including unburned plots outside of the fire perimeter, at each of the five fires we sampled.