

## **Reseeding for erosion control after a catastrophic forest fire is NOT always effective & should be only considered on a case by case basis**

- Research shows not as effective as previously thought.
- Cost – Expensive: Using the right seed for the right place is critical. Many erosion control seed mixes consist of exotic annuals. Although these are inexpensive, they might not be appropriate in all areas. Native seed mixes can be expensive.
- Seeding by itself is not effective the first season. Plants will not be established well enough to prevent erosion during most critical period the first storms of the season. Research shows that covering the ground with straw mulch can be more effective. Make sure to use weed free sources
- Reseeding is often ineffective on steep slopes
- Reseeding with plants that don't occur at the site may outcompete and displace native plants already on-site.