

Title: Burning To Heal

Tagline: Working With Fire, Renewing Community

Website: <https://www.springfedmedia.net/burningtotoheal>

Synopsis:

The Alameda Fire blew through Southern Oregon burning over 2,500 homes. Just three years later, a landowner, fire professionals, and community members are working to bring fire back to the land in a positive way. "Burning to Heal" is a short documentary examining our relationship with fire, and how that relationship could evolve into the future.

Fire is a part of where we live, but there is much more to learn. How do we keep the land healthy while still protecting our communities from fire? Can we have a positive relationship with fire after seeing how destructive it can be? How do we tackle the insurmountable workload needed to prepare for fires?

Follow the local Prescribed Burn Association as they lead a community-prescribed burn returning fire to the landscape with all of the benefits it brings, while also aiming to understand and work through the challenges surrounding fire.

Producer, Director, Cinematographer, Editor: Michael Sherman

Associate Producer: Ralph Bloemers

Audio Mixing: aVideoMaker.com

TRT: 13 minutes, 18 seconds

Filmmaker Bio:

With a background in wildland firefighting, Michael Sherman has a passion for forest fires and the ecological balance they provide to the landscape. Having grown up along the McKenzie River, which was also greatly impacted by the 2020 Labor Day Fires in Oregon, he understands and feels the weight fire can put onto our communities.

A major goal for Michael and his work is to help others better understand the nuances of forest fires and the benefits that fire can bring. Instead of seeking to control fire and nature, hopefully we can find a way to work with these unbounding elements so that all can thrive.

Director's Statement:

Having grown up along the McKenzie River in Oregon, I have seen firsthand how the Labor Day Fires of 2020 impacted communities. When I heard about this story evolving with The Rogue Valley PBA in Southern Oregon after their fire in 2020, I was extremely passionate about learning more and wanting to share it with others.

With my background in wildland fire fighting, I have a strong relationship with fire but I realize many others do not. My goal with this film is to help everyone better understand the intricate role fire has on the landscape and also conceptualize what a positive future with fire could look like.

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