

BEARSKIN GROVE

BEARSKIN GROVE OVERVIEW

Relative Overall Vulnerability

LOW
2.3

This grove is ranked **LOW** for Relative Overall Vulnerability due to:

Wildfire Vulnerability

LOW - 2.3

Regen Vulnerability

LOW - 1.4

See the [Grove Health & Resilience](#) section below for more information.

Relative Management Priority

LOW
2.3

This grove is ranked **LOW** for Relative Management Priority due to:

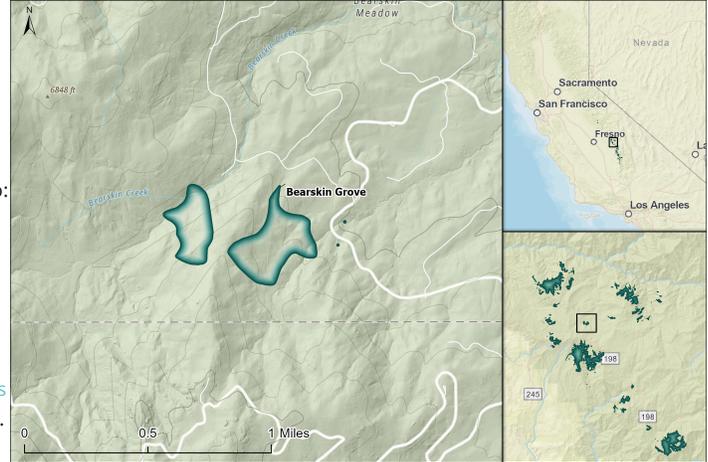
Overall Vulnerability

LOW - 2.3

Treatment Feasibility

GOOD - 10.0

See the [Management Considerations](#) section below for more information.



Grove Map - click map for more detailed spatial information

Grove Information

Grove Size (Acres)	69
Location	Kings River Watershed, Fresno County
Management Unit(s)	Giant Sequoia National Monument / Sequoia National Forest
Land Steward(s)	USFS SQF GSNM

About Bearskin Grove

Bearskin Grove is a 69-acre grove in the Kings River Watershed region situated between 5,985 - 6,579 feet elevation at 36.74605 °N. It is managed by Giant Sequoia National Monument/Sequoia National Forest. The grove is separated into two units, a larger east unit and a west unit. They are on opposite sides of a low ridge southeast of Bearskin Creek, tributary to Ten Mile Creek, in the Kings River watershed. The grove has several outliers, including a group along Bearskin Creek. There were two sequoia and mixed conifer plantations in this grove from the 1970s - 1980s that were involved in experiments testing to see how much fire it took to achieve surviving natural regeneration. The area experienced heavy logging in the 1980s, but most mature sequoias were left untouched. At least 85 mature sequoias remain today.

BEARSKIN GROVE HEALTH & RESILIENCE

LOW
2.3

Bearskin Grove is ranked **Low** for Relative Overall Vulnerability because it is at a **Low** risk of being negatively impacted by the effects of severe wildfire and at **Low** risk for inadequate natural regeneration.

Relative Overall Vulnerability

Additionally, Bearskin Grove is at **Low** risk for negative impacts from drought stress, **Low** levels of tree mortality have been detected in the grove, and the presence and activity of beetles in the grove is **Unknown**. 0% of Bearskin Grove has burned in large fires since 1984. See below for more detailed information.

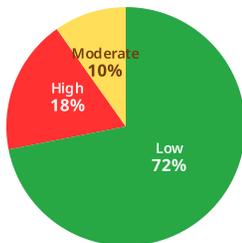
Components of Relative Overall Vulnerability

Relative Overall Vulnerability is based on **Wildfire Vulnerability** and **Regeneration Vulnerability** using an area-weighted calculation. See [Grove Assessment Analysis Methods](#) for more details.

The pie charts below provide the percentage of the grove with high, medium, and low vulnerabilities. Click on the charts to view interactive maps of these vulnerabilities within the grove.

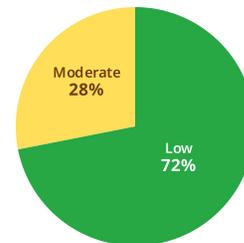
Wildfire Vulnerability

LOW - 2.3



Regeneration Vulnerability

LOW - 1.4

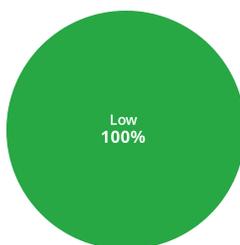


Additional Grove Health & Resilience Information

Below is additional information about Bearskin Grove's Health & Resilience. These data, their inputs, and any available notes and updates may be found in the [Grove Resilience Datasheet](#).

Relative Drought Stress

LOW



Relative Drought Stress in Bearskin Grove is Low based on an area-weighted average. Click on the chart for an interactive map.

Beetle Activity

UNKNOWN

Beetle Activity in Bearskin Grove has not been determined. Please see the [Grove Resilience Datasheet](#) for details.

Tree Mortality

LOW

Tree Mortality in Bearskin Grove is Low according to the most current available USFS dead canopy data.

Please see the [Grove Resilience Datasheet](#) for details.

Wildfire History

The table below provides information about large wildfires in this grove recorded since 1984. See this [map of wildfires and locations of high severity fire](#).

% of grove burned	0%
% of grove unburned	100%
Fire Return Interval Departure	High

MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

LOW
2.3

**Relative Management
Priority**

Bearskin Grove is ranked **Low** for Relative Management Priority because it has **Low** Relative Overall Vulnerability and **Good** feasibility for implementing management actions toward restoration goals.

Additionally, the grove is 1.9 miles from a community and is 0.9 miles from recreational infrastructure. Bearskin Grove experiences a high volume of day-use recreation. There is a California Spotted Owl PAC; nesting in this grove has occurred for years. There are two prehistoric sites in the grove. See below for more detailed information.

Components of Relative Management Priority

Relative Management Priority is determined by combining the **Relative Overall Vulnerability** and **Treatment Feasibility** ranks. See [Grove Assessment Analysis Methods](#) for more details.

Relative Overall Vulnerability

LOW - 2.3

See the [Health & Resilience section](#) above for the component metrics for the Relative Overall Vulnerability rank.

Treatment Feasibility

GOOD - 10.0

Special Land Designation	None
Grove Manager Opinion	Fuel Treatments are Possible
Remote	No

Additional Management Considerations

Below is additional information relevant to Bearskin Grove's Management Considerations. These data, their inputs, and any available notes and updates may be found in the [Grove Resilience Datasheet](#).

Treatment History

The table below lists treatment projects in and 90 meters around this grove implemented **since 2022**. See this [map of grove treatments](#).

Treatment Type	% of Grove	Acres
Mechanical Treatments	0%	0
Prescribed Fire	0%	0
Pile Treatments	24.7%	41.8
Pile Burns	10.5%	17.8
Replanting	0%	0

Management Recommendations

The table below provides an estimate of the percentage and acreage of the grove that are recommended for evaluation for treatment based on the Vulnerability Models. See this [map of Grove Vulnerability Models](#).

Treatment Need	% of Grove	Acres
Fuels Reduction/Restoration	18.3%	12.627
Reforestation	0%	0

BEARSKIN GROVE REFERENCES

Willard, D. 1994. Giant Sequoia Groves of the Sierra Nevada: A Reference Guide.
Giant Sequoia Health & Resilience Assessment [Glossary](#) 
[How to Use the Giant Sequoia Health & Resilience Assessment](#) 
[Giant Sequoia Health & Resilience Assessment Analysis Methods](#) 

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DISCLAIMER

The information presented in the Giant Sequoia Grove Health & Resilience Assessment is intended to supplement on-the-ground knowledge of giant sequoia groves for use in conjunction with current on-the-ground knowledge of grove condition and management activities when planning fuel treatment and reforestation projects. It should not be considered the only source of information about the condition of groves.