Estimating and Monitoring Effects off Area Burned and Fire Severity on Carbon Cycling, Emissions, and Forest Health and Sustainability in Central Siberia

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Background

Over 30% of global terrestrial biomass is in boreal forests, 2/3 of this in Russia.

Globally there are about 1.2 billion ha of boreal forest and woodlands.

Wildland fire affects some 14 to 15 million ha of boreal forest annually.

Average burned areas, 1990-1999	
(million ha)	
Canada	2.7
USA (w/o Alaska)	1.5
Russia	5-12

Siberia/Mongolia border

NW Ontario, Canada





