

LTWC rehabbed bear emerges from hibernation

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Along with many of Washington's black bears, Cinder has emerged from hibernation at an Idaho rehabilitation center where she spent the winter, preparing for her return to the Methow Valley.

She is reported to be making continued progress in her recovery from severely burned paws she sustained as a result of the Carlton Complex Fire last summer.

"She's doing great. Her coat is looking really good. She's moving all around her enclosure and she's been climbing all round," said Sally Maughan, founder and president of Idaho Black Bear Rehabilitation near Boise.

Cinder was brought to IBBR last fall after spending the summer being treated for burns to her feet, chest and face at Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care. She was transported by private plane to Lake Tahoe after she was found, barely able to walk, in French Creek about two weeks after wildfires roared through the area.

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