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Memories are all that remain

Memories are all that remain of the building at 10290 U.S. Highway 12 that has housed a number of businesses over the years beginning with an A & W Drive-in.

Saturday fire fighters from several local departments burned the structure at the request of its owner, City of Orofino. It had been mostly empty since August when the lease expired for its last tenant, Fords Creek Pump. That business has moved to a new location.

Orofino Fire Chief Mike Lee said it was built in the late 1960s or early 1970s after the highway was moved to the south side of the airport. An older A & W had been located near the west end of the airport.



Flames engulf the structure.

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Fire fighters observe the corner of the roof that they knocked down.



Flames continue to lick at the flammable parts of the building



Parts of the roof cave-in as their supports fail.



Flames have burned through the flooring and the basement is opened to view.

Have any special memories you would like to share of the A & W Drive-in or other businesses that were there?



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