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Comments: Greetings Ann:

What comes to mind immediately is what I complained about in the 1990's during the spotted owl fracas, and lasted for

their spite until 2008 when I retired.....

The problem mainly is the trees east of snowman's summit that shade the highway in winter. This created ice patches

that claimed one car per year, but they missed me...tough luck, Hupp. Anyway, that is the really big safety hazard on the

entire stretch from MS to MC. There are a few hazard trees or snags here and there that should come out of the R/W,

only if they might hit the road.

The other problem was some over-thinning done in the 90's again, and my input was simply "too much, too open, you

will make a dense under story, and promote brush!!! Looks nice a few years, but you just create a long-term

problem. The foresters ignored me and they did. Go take a look around in the Bartle area. Too much thinning, and see

what you get. A worse fire hazard than before. Don't believe it? just wait awhile.

My solution? Leave a 70% canopy and prune up the trees to about 8', aim for about 80-90% canopy. You can even see

the deer coming better, instead of having one dive out of the brush onto your car.

Also release and preserve all oak, aspen, and berry/cherry bushes. Wild crafting is growing fast. Notably, service berry.

Favor to leave Douglas fir due to denser canopy shading out the brush, and yes, it is a more valued LOG, TO, so grow

bigger ones. You really aren't that desperate for a productivity award....or are you?

I said it 20 years ago, here it is again.....want to discuss more? Go see with me?

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