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Comments: Good morning,

Deschutes County Commissioners have already send in a letter from the three of us regarding the 21 inch rule from the 1990's. This letter is to point out that OREGONIANS are now removing approximately 500,000 burned trees due to the many fires we recently had all over our state. We have had over one million acres burn with almost 4,000 homes destroyed.

Many of the 500,000 burned trees next to the state highways were always too close together. Particularly Eastern Oregon needs to have our trees further apart due to our climate.

It is about time that the "temporary" 21 inch rule be reevaluated. Trees don't live forever and keeping them healthier should be a forest service goal.

Most sincerely,

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