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Comments:

Past observations in my area (Thomas Creek in the Carson Ranger District) is that a lot of useful wood and valuable wood has been piled and needlessly and wastefully burned. Why not make it available to woodcutters?

Also, there is a perception that controlled burns are conducted as almost a fundraising activity to maintain or increase annual budgets. A case where all the budget needs to be spent to avoid future budget cuts so controlled burns are conducted whether needed or not. There is too much politics and not enough science and fire fighting wisdom applied to controlled burns.