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Comments: Please keep in mind the importance of our forests, on so many levels. We live in one of the most beautiful areas in the US with nature, and all it holds, so close to us. A major fire in our area will degrade the scenic beauty (as it has done on Tumwater Canyon) and have a negative impact on values. With the recent over tourism in our area and Leavenworth our forests are even at higher risk. Also, with a fire, safety during the fire is a huge concern but also safety for years after with land erosion, land slides, mud etc. The entire ecosystem is at risk if our forests are not managed well.

In case of a fire, what are the plans for evacuation? We have a fire road across from us but it is barely maintained. Many communities are one way in and the same way out, leaving it difficult for evacuation along with fire equipment accessing the area.

Our fire department and community does a lot with Fire Wise. The forest department should also, wisely do the same and encourage everyone to do so.

Thank you