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Comments: Our home is surrounded by State Forest Land on 2 sides. It is beautiful and also concerning because I see on State Forest land, just within 100 feet of our home, at least 13 dead trees still standing and 3-4 of those leaning/balancing on other trees. This past summer, we had the Lake Wenatchee Fire Department come out to teach us about fire safety and what we can do to reduce the risk on our property. We want to do everything we can to help on our side.

The fire department confirmed those trees are fire risks, especially the leaners. Our family put in a lot of hours of brush clearing on our land, but I cannot do this with Forest Service Land even if it is within 100 ft of my home. I probably called 5-6 times trying to get a hold of someone that could provide me with information or guidance on the best steps to take these trees down. I know Forest Service does not get funded like they should and I totally respect this department. And, this is still a fire risk and like so many more pockets like this that I see within just a few hiking miles around us.

I am concerned with the impacts of increased heat and dryness in the summer time and what could happen in these forested areas that are in such poor health. This land needs attention.

I support the Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project to help restore forest health, reduce wild fire risk and support forest biodiversity. Our community greatly needs this protection!