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Comments: I am opposed to cutting, logging, and removing thousands of "hazard" trees (both living and dead trees that burned over past fire seasons) along roads, trails, and facilities in 10 National Forests that are part of this plan. It is unclear to me whether Wilderness Areas are part of this scoping letter; USFS maps are confusing.

Dead and dying trees should be left alone in any Wilderness. I believe Wilderness visitors should face the risks of being in danger if they choose to be in such areas where dead and dying trees exist from fire activities. I'm particularly against logging any old growth anywhere in these forests, especially trees that may have their lower trunks scarred and burned but their crowns are still alive.

We are in a Climate Crisis! Old growth trees in particular sequester so much carbon that is absolutely wrong to cut them down if there's any chance that they are still alive.

The USFS is over-reacting with this "hazard tree removal" plan on these 10 forests and on other forests in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. We must stop this! It's worse than the Amazon. And COP-26 just ended with an agreement for ending deforestation.

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard.

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