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Comments: While I understand that it is necessary to cut down trees adjacent to essential roads to ensure safety, trees that pose no danger must be left alone. Far too often, forest fires are used as an excuse to clearcut much larger areas than what is ecologically sustainable. Last spring and summer, photos from burnt areas of the Willamette National Forest showed countless old growth snags, and even live green trees, felled in the aftermath of the 2020 fires. I hope that the Forest Service decommissions as many roads as is possible and that no necessary clearcutting takes place. A forest cannot regenerate properly if insufficient snags are left in place.