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Comments: I believe you have an opportunity here to reexamine the ecological impacts of forest roads that are exacerbated by recent fires, especially impacts to salmon and drinking water. The Mt. Hood National Forest road system is oversized, and the agency did not have funding to maintain it even before the fires. Reducing the open road network could address economic and ecological challenges the agency faces.

All management activities within these river corridors must protect and or enhance the identified outstandingly remarkable values for those segments. Furthermore, this project spans Late Successional Reserves and Critical Habitat for the northern spotted owl, which often use burned patches for foraging. A full analysis on current and proposed impacts to wildlife and available habitat should be completed before this project is approved.

Maintaining access to cultural resources requires meaningful consultation with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs and the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde. Mt. Hood's management plan provides direction on honoring treaty rights, and traditional areas that are covered by the American Indian Religious Freedom Act.