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Comments: I know the Forest Service has dealt with many obstacles related to reopening the forest. Thank you for your commitment to do a full environmental analysis of the current road system and the roadside abatement being considered there. 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.

My understanding is that 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.

Danger tree removal would not make sense on roads that are currently closed or decommissioned, have previous decisions to be closed or decommissioned, or on roads identified in the analysis for future closure or decommissioning.

Please maintain access to cultural resources through 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.

Thank you.