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Comments: Nothing but respect and thanks for the efforts of all the great and well intentioned people in the forest service for taking care of the damage along 224 east of Estacada in the aftermath of the 2020 fires. However, it is very troubling that the closure of this road continues for no credible reason. The pictures we have seen, the reports from the forest service and ODOT (mostly non-specific and unconvincing), the hear say from those who have travelled that corridor, all point toward the fact that the area bordering the road is really not all that bad right now; certainly not bad enough to continue closing off one of the most cherished and important areas of public land to Oregonians. By comparison, the Mollala corridor,(managed by the BLM) which burned at least as badly as the clackamas corridor, has been open for months with no apparent ill effects. The continued closure of this public resource is damaging Oregonian's faith and trust in the stewards of that region - the forest service and ODOT. It really does seem that the issue preventing opening of the road is not any inherent danger or complex engineering tasks incompatible with recreational use of the land. We can only guess that the real issue is that with both ODOT and the forest service together in charge, the responsibility of signing off on the opening of the corridor is falling through the cracks, with on one willing to get the ball rolling.