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Comments: Our organization, Siskiyou Land Conservancy, was founded along the Klamath River to protect the wildland of that watershed. We now serve the five northwestern counties of California. We strongly oppose any and all so-called "salvage logging" of ancient forest anywhere in California. Following wildfires, the safest and most ecologically important thing to do is to LEAVE trees, not take them, from the burn site. Burned trees provide shade for early successional-stage plants; they provide important habitat for all manner of wildlife; and, when they fall, they provide soil stability, retain moisture, and break down into important nutrient. Our roadless areas and old-growth forests must remain off-limits to industrial incursions of any sort, ESPECIALLY once they burn. WE are 100 percent against this "salvage" plan and will continue to oppose it.