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Comments: Thankyou for allowing me to comment on this project.

First, I am very disappointed that this project didn't go through as a categorical exclusion. As a retired BLM timber sale forester I know that all resource specialists need to sign off that this action will not significantly impact the environment. By comparison the Willamette National Forest used to harvest millions

of board of old growth yearly. This is a drop in the bucket by comparison. I believe this project is a "white hat" project and should be implemented as expeditiously as possible.

Second, what is the driver behind not allowing public to access roads with fire killed trees. Is the USFS worried about a tort claim arising from a member of the public getting hurt on these roads? I know lawyers like to go after deep pockets and the US governments are deep.

Lastly thankyou for your efforts in expeditiously implementing this project.

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