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Comments: Public Comment on 2020 Fire Affected Road System Risk Reduction Project

Dear 2020 Fire Affected Road System Risk Reduction Project Elsbeth Gustavson,

Here in Klamath County I have been dismayed at the way-over-aggressive cutting of "unsafe" trees. What a shame! Many large Ponderosa Pines, in a very big hurry and seemingly slap-dash manner [carelessly at best] were designated as "bad" and cut down. Many landowners as well as we who love our forest lands are not happy at losing these beauties.

As to you plan, leave no longer used roads, old logging roads, etc. alone. Let nature permanently close them to vehicles...and all the human caused damage coming in by humans.

Roads that are in use, cut only the dead trees that can reach the road when they fall. Many singed or partly burned trees do not die. Same thing with trees which could land on buildings.

Dead trees that can not reach onto active roads or buildings should be left standing. Their value to wildlife and, later, soil quality is way more than salvage, cut rate sales.

Forest Service should require an on-site committee review of the tree cutting before a cut is sold. This committee review should include folks not making their living off logging in the mix.

Forest Service spending my tax dollars to defend and losing in court your defective, logging-biased plans must end. Non-consumptive values need to be protected in all future harvest planning. Stop wasting time and money losing court decisions because of shoddy work!

Forest Service at all levels needs to enter the modern era that National Forests are not tree farms only to benefit logging companies. Recreation, tourist based businesses and natural resources values [like quality water sheds, air sheds and view sheds] need to be added to the management equation with equal weight.

In fact, un-logged, burned forests regrow better without salvage logging [as per the study the timber industry tried so hard to hide some years ago.]

Please do some modern, ecosystem values planning and management.

Sincerely,

Mr. Dave Potter