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Comments: I believe the Bitterroot Front Project ignores the substantial impacts that removing these trees will have on carbon storage and wildlife habitat. It will not effectively preclude large wildfires occurring under extreme fire weather events, most of which, are being caused by climate change.

A conclusion reached by the Oregon Global Warming Commission and Oregon State University, states that one of the most significant contributors to greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon was the result of logging. How telling.

Other research has shown that "active forest management" increases fire spread under extreme fire weather conditions and that forests with higher levels of protection had lower severity values, even though they were identified as having the highest overall levels of biomass and fuel loading, stating that logging promotes the production of fine fuels, opens the canopy, thus allowing greater sunlight and wind penetration, resulting in dryer conditions and greater fire potential.

Snag forests are natural and critical to the survival of numerous species, especially now with the ecological crises. Dead trees and insects are part of the natural processes that have occurred throughout millennia. Nature is dynamic and resilient if allowed to recover. Perhaps the government ought to take climate change more seriously and work to reduce those factors that are instrumental in its cause.

We are in dire need of new approaches and paradigms with respect to how the forests are cared for. The endless reasons given to justify more logging in my opinion have little to do with benefitting wildlife and more to do with maintaining the status quo. For all these reasons, I am opposed to this project.