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Comments: Please help preserve our forest lands for human recreation, wildlife, and the environment! Logging companies in Oregon have a documented recent history of saying that they will remove trees which are damaged and safety concerns, but then remove huge swaths of forest which include damaged trees and healthy trees. This is not acceptable for reforestation or for safety from future wildfires. Recent studies dispel the myth that logging companies have put out that clearcutting and logging helps prevent wildfires. The opposite is in fact true areas which aren't logged - especially old growth forests - are much more resilient to forest fires. Old growth trees survive forest fires (this can plainly be seen when visiting an old growth forest - you will often see 1000 year old trees with fire marks on them from hundreds of years ago). Old growth forest, and forests which follow nature's cycle of burn and regrowth are much more resistant to future wildfires because they also create their own mutually beneficial ecosystems and biomes. These biomes (especially with old growth forests) often create their own weather patterns, where trees and plants release moisture into the environment, shade other plants and lower temperatures, safeguarding from the dangers of the droughts we are experiencing with climate change. It is vital that we preserve natural forest systems for our economies, for our air quality, for resistance to climate change and to prevent mega-wildfires which have been exacerbated by the logging industries practices. Please do not let logging lobbyists make a small profit for a few individuals and clearcut huge sections of the Clackamas River area affected by wildfire. Please preserve these sections of forest for our health, air quality, tourism, to prevent future mega wildfires, and for all Oregonians economic interests. Thank you for listening!