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Comments: My comments are as follows:

- 1) Please limit the proposed removal of "danger trees" to dying danger trees that have a high probability of failure within 5 years and are within striking distance of the road. Trees that have a low probability of failure within 10 years should not be considered for removal.
- 2) The Forest Service should use its own reference materials for identifying trees for removal, specifically that Douglas Fir > 20" diameter at breast height should be retained so that they may become habitat trees for species such as northern spotted owl and red tree vole.
- 3) All management activities within congressionally designated Wild and Scenic Rivers river corridors must protect and or enhance the identified outstandingly remarkable values for those segments. The Forest Service is strongly encouraged to strictly follow danger tree criteria and project design criteria to minimize impacts in these areas
- 4) Maintaining access to cultural resources requires meaningful consultation with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs and the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde. Mt. Hood's management plan provides direction on honoring treaty rights, and traditional areas that are covered by the American Indian Religious Freedom Act.