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Comments: First, I am sorry for what you have all had to go through. I was a seasonal on the Clackamas District for a few seasons and left before Riverside happened. I lived at the bunkhouses above Ripplebrook. I cant imagine what it looks like now.

That being said; I couldnt escape fires burning down my district, as my new Forest was heavily affected by Caldor last year. We have resources and priorities that you guys didnt have and were able to get logging operations going on as the fire was still going. We hit it hard and fast in order to try to get things going. And from what I have read in this assessment you guys want to be able to hit it hard since you couldnt hit it fast. Its time to get creative with logging contracts. It will be time to keep firewood permits free for the foreseeable future. Consider all options. Hit it hard. You guys know what is best for your forest. You know what would be the safest for everyone. I think my only critique is closing roads down for good, I know that sometimes you have to open them back up to access the lightning strike fires that is common up there. Its a pain to open and close them up again, and people generally find ways of getting back into them anyways. Perhaps consider where you may be doing future salvage logging and make sure that the roads that would be good access roads for crew or loggers wouldnt be impacted by closure or decommission. Also, I see where some commenters dont want live trees to be cut, but I'm sure you have all taken into consideration the hazard marking and percent live/dead crown and the invitation for beetles to continue to decimate live stressed trees. Consider the local impacts of your area and projected climate in the next ten years I guess and see what may live the next 5.

We have partnered with the Univeristy of Wisconsin to deploy devices that record our own California SPotted Owl in different areas within the fire scar in order to determine if our PAC's still have owl presense or not so our biologist may be able to retire PAC's for activities or move them as needed. I'm looking forward to this pilot study and wanted to drop them into this so you may also be able to reach out to them and see if its something you are interested in. UoW has been doing a greater Sierra study but we are focusing in on burned areas that are going to impact salvage operations.

I think my parting thought is that you guys need to get the hazards out of the woods one way or another fast before the value goes down further and you cant get buyers. We heavily used Sennebogen chippers and chipped a lot of our salvage logging for ground cover as long as it was 3-4 inches deep max. Stuff is already popping up! Get creative and hit it hard like your EA says. Good luck