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Comments: The USFS needs to stop converting timberlands to brush fields after catastrophic wildfire. In other words, manage the land! Millions of acres of forest land are being converted to brush fields after wildfire due to the lack of management by the USFS. Not only are forested acres lost but the fuel loads allowed to develop following wildfire become much worse due to the lack of salvage and reforestation efforts.

The burnt timber needs to be dealt with in some manner. Litigation is a major problem

I know, but allowing those burnt stands to fall down on their own only creates a greater fuel hazard down the road, not to mention a hazard to humans and wildlife. Salvage, biomassing, hand or machine falling in combination with mechanical piling or mulching must be considered to reduce long term fuel hazards. The Forest Service needs to fight against the litigation to be able to use all tools necessary.

The USFS needs to reforest these burned areas and manage the vegetation, including the use of herbicides! No reforestation or fuels management project on a large scale will be successful without the use of herbicides. At some point the Forest Service needs to get back to actually managing and doing what's best for the land, and stop bowing down to uneducated public opinion. Walking away from these fires without salvaging or reforesting these areas should be criminal. Make the effort!