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Comments: Regarding the Cedar Gales Roadside Risk Reduction, I would like to request a longer comment period. If the Forest Service would please consider the holiday season and generously grant a couple more weeks, that would be appreciated.

I've been wandering, foraging, and recreating the Willamette National Forest all my life and am concerned about roadside logging.

The Willamette National Forest should set a size and age limit for trees to be felled and/or removed within 300 feet of the proposed 70 miles of logging roads inside the Cedar Creek Fire perimeter and the 20 miles of forest roads inside the Gales Creek fire area perimeter. All trees greater than 30 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH) and /or trees greater than 100 years old should remain on site to provide soil stability, water storage and filtration (hydrologic function) as well as erosion control on the 2600 acres proposed. These thousands of large snags and downed logs should remain onsite to create large woody barriers to slow future wild fires, create wildlife habitat for hundreds of species over their life, and store vast amounts carbon in the logs themselves as well as the creation of soils for hundreds of years into the future.

Applying a leave tree size limit of greater than 30 inches in diameter (DBH) would set a clear and verifiable result for agency personnel as well as active citizens who have questioned the motive for such logging in the recent past.

Thank you for your time and consideration.