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Comments: The implications of forest fires to the transportation network is significant in this area. We recently had a section of US-6 above Helper wash out due to a debris flow from a burn scar. Burn scars exacerbate the immediate threat that an active fire poses to the traveling public by prolonging the impact for several years following. The Department is supportive of this effort for this reason, in addition to those noted in the September 21, 2023 stakeholder letter that we received from Forest Supervisor Ryan Nehl.