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Comments: I graduated from Oregon State University in 1974. During college I worked for the USFS on the Willamette NF. During those 4 summers I was employed on the Rigdon RD fire crew. Thanks to sustainable forestry the district sold timber sales to provide logs for area mills and provide employment for loggers. We had very few fires as a result of management. Since 1993 the harvest on Western federal forests have dropped by 90% and the number of catastrophic fires have increased tremendously. Forests need to be managed with removal of overstocked conifer stands and dying old growth. The Willamette NF has lost over 500,000 acres of 150+ year old conifer to fires since 2020 thanks to poor management practices. Preventing future harvest of older stands will lead to more fires. Please reject this proposal and go back to sustainable management