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Comments: As a National Forest Neighbor (The Deschutes National Forest boundary is 50 feet away from me as I type this) I know what and how effective Active Forest Management is. Thinning, controlled burns and brush management are not abstract ideas to me. I've been woken up in the morning to the sound of chainsaws at work thinning the forest. I've kept my windows closed as a controlled burn was ignited and managed over the period of several weeks. I've looked out my windows at what is, frankly an ugly sight of a freshly burned forest. I can now walk out my back door and see the rabbit brush starting to return after the burn and the grasses sprouting.

Fire has been part of the life cycle of the forest for millennia and should continue to be so. It makes for a healthier forest and a safer urban-wild lands interface. ANYTHING that stands in the way of this process will result in a forest that is less healthy for the creatures and plants that live there and those of us who enjoy hiking the trails and hills therein.