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Comments: I am against this due to the fact that it creates temporary hazards for local animals, such as elk, deer, grizzly bears, and forest birds. These are the hardships and they are pretty severe:

* Temporary displacement. Heavy machinery, chainsaws, and human crews create noise and activity that will likely push wildlife out of the immediate work zone while treatments are underway.
* Loss of dense cover. Thinning trees and clearing brush reduces thick forest canopy, which temporarily lowers hiding and thermal cover for species like elk and lynx.
* Road and traffic impacts. Commercial timber removal and equipment transport can increase vehicle traffic on forest roads, slightly raising the risk of vehicle collisions and fragmenting quiet habitat.
* Prescribed fire smoke. If pile burning or controlled burns are used to clear debris, localized smoke and heat can temporarily disturb nesting birds or small ground-dwelling animals.

Something else must be done, or leave it alone. I am against this proposal 100%!