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I absolutely oppose any tree or undergrowth removal that goes beyond Actually Dead Plant Material.

We have seen recent/ongoing large-scale logging activity by the BLM to supposedly "thin" struggling low elevation Douglas Fir and mitigate fire danger in the Applegate area of southern Oregon.

Especially the horrific destruction of the Ben Johnson Mountain ??? forest on Burton Butte Road, which is directly above my beloved home in Jacksonville/Ruch 97530!

What they have Actually done is to increase fire danger and massively damage the entire ecosystem by CLEAR CUTTING the Douglas Fir, and ALL the other trees as well - the Oaks, the Madrones and Ponderosa Pine.

Essentially leaving hillsides of dry dirt where our thriving public forests have been for many, many years.

And they are planning another similar project just to the north in the Gold Hill area.

The logging permits sold/issued by the BLM did not include Douglas Fir clear-cutting -- or removal of the hardwood trees -- and I have great fear that the USFS will do the same in this Austin project -- and all other current and proposed tree-removal plans.

Please do what you can to save our precious trees, forests, and public lands! Sending your comments and concerns is very helpful.

Thank you very sincerely ??.

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Photos of Devastating clear-cutting, and felling of healthy Madrones, on Burton Butte Road on Ben Johnson Mountain BLM land in Jacksonville/Ruch , Oregon 97530