

Senate Committee on Nat.Res. and Wildfire Recovery

The Oregon wildfires of 2021 were dreadful. We need to reduce the vulnerability to fire of the towns in heavily forested areas. This will involve jobs for local workers to remove firestock from the areas around housing. Thinning may be useful in reducing fire at any location; but reducing fire vulnerability of communities is the much greater need.

Salvage logging after fire is a different question where the issue involves net increased release of new green house gases over shorttime while leaving the burn injured forest natural will release green house gas much more slowly and total amount will be less by the amount of fossil fuel burned to harvest, transport, mill and transport wood product to market.

Please pass this legislation to reduce high fire risk to forested Oregon towns.

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