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Re: Little Canyon Mt. EA #OR-054-02-083 (Comments)

Mr. Tippy:

my choice to alternatives is alternative "F" with the following modifications:

- ① the Doug fir dominated stand should have the Basal area reduced to 70 to 80 BA and not be as high as 100 due to the presence of Douglas-fir Bark Beetles - (Pg 64)
- ② little canyon mountain has become a wintering area for both deer and elk - I feel that removing mountain mahogany from the area is detrimental to wintering big game and that it should not be removed. (you cut the bitterbrush when you did the 70 acre thinning last year - this was wrong. It force the deer and elk to move into town and into peoples yards for winter forage) Juniper is also a favorite winter food of mule deer and elk so should not be totally removed from the area.

- ③ My suggestion would be to leave an uneven aged stand well spaced and of different tree species. Do not cut all the small trees and leave just the larger ones. Concentrate on removing the dead and dying trees.
- ④ I feel that more ground based skidding can be accomplished by using the old roads and ditches as skid trails and low standard temp roads.
5. The existing road to the canyon mt trail head is in need of some work - I do not feel that the road needs relocated as it has never had any ill effect on Little Pine Creek. Some areas need some pit run rock to firm up the sub grade and a few rotted drain dips. (do not use crushed rock as it will not stay in place)

Sincerely
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