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Subject: City of White Salmon Wildfire Community Protection Project

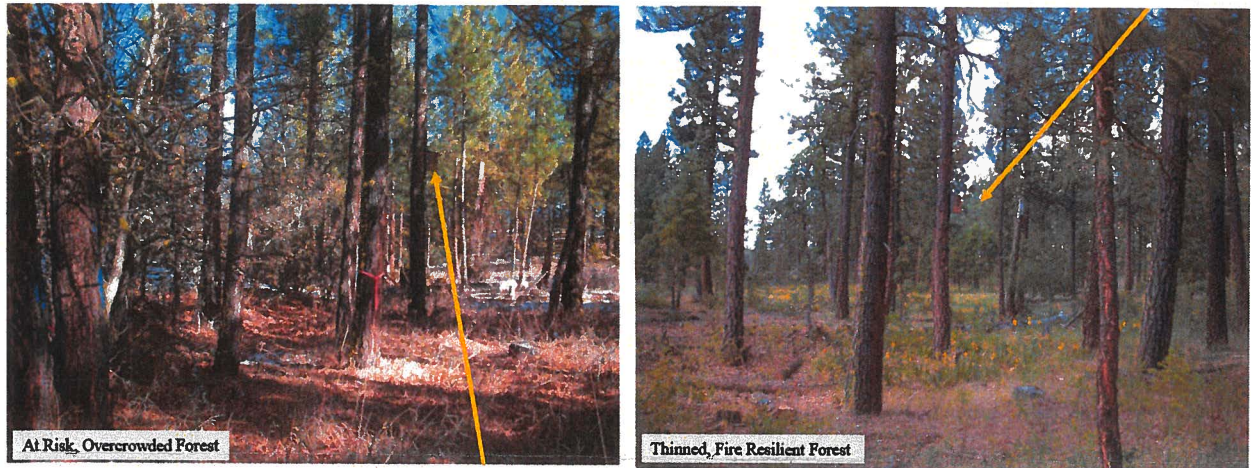
Dear City of White Salmon :

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service is looking at the feasibility of offering a state and federally funded program that will give eligible landowners the opportunity to have fire-susceptible, over stocked small trees and brush removed from their property free of charge. This process will create a 100 foot shaded fuel break along the shared access within the Jewett Creek drainage and recreational corridor. This fuel break will allow local fire-fighting resources the ability to mount an effective defense against a wildfire that may threaten the community and will enhance the safe ingress/egress for emergency resources and landowners.

The feasibility of this project is dependent on the participation of multiple landowners. We are writing you because you are a recorded landowner who owns property on which we would like to locate part of this fuels reduction project. This area was selected because of the vulnerability of the community to wildfires and is part of a larger planning process to install strategic fuel breaks across the landscape to protect communities.

The contractors will not remove any live trees larger than 8 inches in diameter unless they pose a safety risk to the workers. The material will be chipped or masticated and spread on site. **It is NOT a clear-cut or commercial harvest.**

Please see the attached map and contract specifications to help you understand the scope of the project.



**We are asking you to contribute to this project in the following ways:**

1. Meet and/or allow DNR Fuels Management staff on your property to verify metrics for inclusion and to answer questions about the project.
2. Agree to the proposed scope of activities slated to avoid conflicts following treatment.
3. If your property is within the proposed units, give your consent to the project coordinator to include your land into the contract.
4. Sign the letter of access to your property with contract prescription included in this packet, and return it to the Washington DNR.

We are anxious to talk to you about the project and answer questions you might have regarding your participation. We can be reached at the number shown on the letterhead or below.

***Please respond by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 so we can discuss this project and we can answer any questions you have. Tentatively the work would be scheduled to begin in the summer of 2021.***

Sincerely,

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Landowner Assistance Forester  
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Landowner Assistance Coordinator  
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# White Salmon Wildfire Risk Mitigation Project

## Purpose & Scope

The purpose of this project is to promote forest health, reduce wildfire hazard, and assist in fire suppression activities in the event of a wildland fire. Areas to be treated generally follow the Jewett Creek drainage system from the power transfer station by the hospital to Gaddis Park. Specific areas identified for treatment will be decided upon through consultation between the individual landowners and the Lead Project Forester.

## Project Specifications

The following activities will be generally followed for all identified project areas, 100 feet either side of roads:

1. Dead and down material up to 8 inches in diameter will be chipped or masticated and the material scattered over the work site.
2. The limbs of dead and down trees will be removed and chipped or masticated and the remaining trunk will be left in place unless several trees have created a piled concentration. In this case, the remaining tree trunks will be separated by at least 10 feet from any other logs and left on site.
3. Standing dead trees that pose a hazard to workers and/or are within 1.5 tree lengths of roads shall be felled and treated using the dead and down prescription as required in item 1 and 2 above.
4. Standing dead trees less than 8" DBH shall be felled and treated using the dead and down prescription as required in item 1 and 2 above.
5. The Contractor will not cut any green trees from the premises that are greater than 8-inch diameter at breast height without prior approval from the Landowner.
6. Trees 8 inches and greater in diameter (DBH) will be pruned (live and dead limbs) up to a height of 10 feet. No pruning will be done to a height greater than 50% of total tree height. The cut limbs will be chipped or masticated on site.
7. Trees less than 8 inches DBH will be spaced leaving 10 feet between crowns. Live and dead limbs will be pruned up to a height of 10 feet. No pruning will be done to a height greater than 50% of total tree height. The cut trunks will be chipped or masticated on site or made available to the landowner as firewood as approved by the DNR forester. Trees 10 feet in height or less do not require pruning.
8. All trees < 8 inches DBH will be removed within 5' of the road edge and chipped or masticated as in item 7 above.
9. Brush will be cut and chipped or masticated on site unless islands are pre-designated or agreed to by the contract administrator or their designee.
10. Ground rutting from machinery use shall not exceed 15% on each acre and berms, ruts and other operator caused ground disturbance will be smoothed out to original contours before leaving the immediate work area.
11. Cut stump heights will be made as close to the ground as possible, not to extend more than 6 inches above closest terrain. Flat cuts will be made so that it does not create a sharp stump.

**The work will be completed at no charge to the landowner.**

**NOTE:** The Department of Natural Resources and its contractors do not make any express or implied warranties, including but not limited to any implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. In no event will the Department of Natural Resources or its agents be liable to you or any other person or entity for any incidental or indirect damages, special or consequential damages whatsoever, arising out of the services provided hereunder, even if they are foreseeable or you have been advised of the possibility of such damages.

I hereby authorize the Lead Project Forester to enter onto my property for the purpose of conducting said work. I will work with the Lead Project Forester to identify the boundaries of the work and certify that I am the owner of the property on which the work is to be performed. I will maintain the fuels modification for a minimum of 15 years or until I sell this property, whichever is sooner.

Please sign and return to Lead Project Forester: Greg Houle Phone: 509-261-1961 Email: greg.houle@dnr.wa.gov  
Washington State Department of Natural Resources - SE Region, 713 Bowers Rd. Ellensburg, WA 98926-9301

**Print Name:** City of White Salmon

**Landowner Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_





# White Salmon FB Phase 1



