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How is there no detail regarding existing recreational opportunities in this area and/or how they will be managed? A vague copy/paste statement is not specific enough for effective public comment/feedback.

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It sounds to me that the only economic benefits listed in this POR has to do with timber revenue. Surely there are other economic benefits?

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N/A

Do you have any other input you would like ODF to consider?

Please provide specific proposed management of existing recreational opportunities in this area. How/When will the existing trails in this area be recovered so that their associated local economic benefits can be restored?

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Over time, public access, informational signs, guided tours. Videos showing rehabilitative efforts.

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Your work is impressive, scientifically based, and responsive to this situation. A long term approach.  
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Open the entire Shellburg trail system as soon as possible with interpretive signage discussing post-fire recovery projects and historical use of the area. Will the campground re-open? Partner with OPRD for the trail connection to Silver Falls.

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It looks like many board feet will be generated from this project.

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Post-fire projects are crucial to restore the canopy, protect the watershed and riparian areas, and restore wildlife habitat. We need to provide shade to reduce temperatures, mitigate erosion and runoff into streams, and capture carbon.

Do you have any other input you would like ODF to consider?

Use this area as a model for fire recovery. Create interpretive signage to explain past, present and future goals and uses of this area. Provide safe public access as soon as possible and promote ways for local residents to get involved in the restoration.

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