

# Crown Pacific

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Ms. Carolyn Wisdom  
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Re: Toolbox Fire Recovery Project

**Dear Ms. Wisdom:**

Please accept the following in response to your request for scoping comments on the above-referenced project:

1. The proposed salvage of fire damaged trees should proceed as expeditiously as possible. As I am sure you are aware, the quality of fire damaged timber begins to deteriorate rapidly and the resulting loss in value limits your ability to adequately address the likelihood of future high intensity wildfires. I suggest that timber salvage operations begin no later than early spring 2003 in order to minimize the degradation of the burned timber.
2. In order to facilitate the preparation of salvage sales on such a large scale, I suggest that you use designation by description, sample marking or some other means of limiting the amount of field preparation, and thus time, required to prepare salvage sales.
3. The salvage of fire damaged timber should not be limited to trees less than 21 " dbh. **In** fact, if salvage sales are limited to trees less than 21 " dbh, the likelihood of actually selling such a sale is minimal due to the more rapid deterioration of small trees.
4. If helicopter logging is to be used to salvage timber, offer those units as a separate timber sale from the units to be logged with ground-based systems. Additionally, every effort should be made to maximize the size of offered timber in helicopter units.
5. Provide maximum operational flexibility with respect to seasonal operating restrictions, road use restrictions and painting/branding requirements.

6. Salvage sales should minimize the deposits for slash disposal and road use.
7. Provide for the optional removal of smaller diameter timber by designating all trees under 16" dbh as timber subject to agreement.
8. The minimum merchantability standard for sawlog material on the sale(s) should be a 16' log to a 10" dib top size.
9. In order to expedite removal of salvage timber, allow purchasers to extend the expiration date, periodic payment schedule and operating schedule of any sale( s) of similar volume under contract in Forest Service regions 5 and 6.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please feel free to contact me at 541-433-2222 (office), or 541480-9430 (cellular).

Sincerely,

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Log Procurement Forester