

# Mt. Hood National Forest

## Safer roads - and more . . .

. . . *in your national forest!*



### The Challenges

After ten years of drought, insects, and disease it's inevitable that some trees are going to die. And when they are along roads, they can be hazardous. Meanwhile declining timber harvest has led to a shortage of firewood for personal use. Is there a connection?

### The Opportunity

Barlow Ranger District is improving safety – and providing firewood while reducing fuel build-up, in a unique project funded by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 and recommended by the Hood-Willamette Resource Advisory Committee.



The project pays professional fallers to remove hazardous dead and dying trees from along national forest roads – and gives the public access to the material as firewood for personal use. To date, 5,000 hazardous trees – about 1,700 cords of firewood -- along Forest roads have been felled. Another 2,000 hazardous trees this year should provide another 500 cords of firewood.

To know more, contact Jim Rice, 503-668-1733, or Cheryl Sonnabend, 541-467-5130.

*Less danger. Reduced fuel-build up. More firewood.*



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