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Date: June 1, 2021

To: Santiam Canyon Property Owners

From: Marion County Public Works

RE: Removal of Wildfire-Damaged Hazard Trees Adjacent to County Roads

Dear Santiam Canyon Property Owners:

You are receiving this letter because one or more properties owned by you contains wildfire-damaged trees that may become a hazard to a county road. I am reaching out to you now to offer free removal of wildfire damaged trees that currently pose a hazard to the road or may be expected to develop into a hazard in the near future. Standing timber that is dead, dying, has internal fire damage or compromised root systems can fall onto the road with little or no warning, creating a road hazard for motorists and potential financial liability for the property owner. The removal of fire damaged trees mitigates these risks.

The proposed tree removal service will include the following:

1. Fire damaged trees located within 1.0 tree height of the county road right of way will be evaluated by a licensed arborist to determine if the tree is dead or is likely to die and create a fall hazard within the next 3 to 5 years. Hazard trees will be marked and available for your inspection before tree removal begins.
2. Removal of hazard trees located within 1.0 tree height of the county road right of way. Sound timber that does not conflict with tree removal work will be left standing
3. All trees felled during this program remain the possession of the property owner. Merchantable logs will be limbed, cut to marketable length (24' minimum) and decked on your property for sale or salvage by you. Non-merchantable logs will be left on site for fire wood salvage by you.
4. Slash will be chipped and spread on any ground disturbed during tree removal. Slash will not be burned.
5. Tree removal work will be performed by the Oregon Department of Transportation with coordination provided by Marion County.

Participation in this free hazard tree removal program is voluntary and property owners must submit a Right of Entry agreement to Marion County by **June 30, 2021**, to opt into the program. I have attached a copy of the Right of Entry agreement for your review. Please feel free to contact Chuck Williams, Marion County Wildfire

To: Santiam Canyon Property Owners
From: Marion County Emergency Management
RE: June 30th Deadline To Apply For Wildfire Debris Cleanup Program
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Debris Removal Coordinator, at (503) 365-3110 or cwilliams@co.marion.or.us to discuss any questions you have about this hazard tree removal program, the attached Right of Entry agreement or any special coordination needs associated with your property.

Property owners have two options for submitting a Right of Entry agreement:

Option #1 – Online Submittal

Simply go to the following website and complete the Right of Entry form online. Note, you will need the Assessor's Parcel Number(s) (APN) associated with your property(ies) to complete the online agreement. You will find these parcel numbers on the envelope in which this letter was sent.

www.tfaforms.com/4909623

Option #2 – Hardcopy Submittal

Simply return a completed, signed copy of the attached agreement to:

Marion County Public Works
Building 1
5155 Silverton Road NE
Salem, OR 97305

I am hoping all property owners that have not already made plans for hazard tree removal will consider opting into this free hazard tree removal program. I invite you to contact me at (503) 588-7943 or bnicholas@co.marion.or.us if you'd like to speak to me directly about any hazard tree questions or concerns you have.

Sincerely,



Brian Nicholas, Director
Marion County Public Works