

# FOREST LANDOWNERS

## Forest management options post-fire

When wildfire burns your forested property, there are often numerous decisions that need to be made, including how to manage fire-weakened and damaged trees. Management decisions differ between landowners and there is no “one size fits all” approach. Although salvage logging is one way to manage fire damaged forest on your property, while also potentially generating additional income, it is not always the right decision for all landowners. Sometimes, leaving dead or damaged trees might align better with your land management and conservation goals.



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To get advice on what options might be best for you, it is recommended that you reach out to either your [local Conservation District](#), a [DNR Forester](#), or [NRCS office](#) in your area, as they will be able to give you the most up to date and location specific information.

### No Action

At times, the best decision for your land might be to leave fire damaged and weakened trees as they are. Snags provide vital wildlife habitat and standing dead can be used for firewood.

**Heads Up!** Consider any impacts to future reforestation or fuel treatment efforts, the possibility of insect infection, and safety hazards.

### Fuel Treatment

In some cases, there may be an increased future wildfire risk from residual woody fuels. A forester can help you determine whether further fuel treatment is necessary.

### Remove Damaged or Weakened Trees

Trees that pose a safety risk to life or property should be removed. [Read more here.](#)

### Salvage Log

Salvage logging is an option to remove fire damaged trees while potentially generating income. See page two for more information on deciding whether or not you should salvage log.

### Reforestation

Reforestation will be required after salvage logging. It may also be a good idea even if there is no salvage logging and presents a great opportunity to create a forest management plan for your land.

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## Salvage Logging

Determining whether or not you should salvage log is dependant on several factors, including your land management goals, economic considerations, mill and operator availability, tree specis and regional best practices, and reforestation requirements.

### Is salvage logging right for me?

