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Forest Fires have done an immense amount of harm among the timber of the West and Northwest during the past month. "It is a questionable matter at this time as to whether the present fires are doing more damage on account of the keeping of fires out of the forests for years than of letting fires burn over every spring," said a TRIBUNE reader the other day. Well we know that fires are not run over the forests every year nor were they ever burned over every year. Some years are much dryer than others and it behooves the friends of our forests to exert every precaution in keeping fires out of the dense accumulations of debres that have gathered for years, for as stated before these places are not burned over every year and accumulations heap up and make more intense heat than if burned over every year which will make more damage. It stands to reason and cannot be easily refuted. It is well to learn a lesson from the destruction by fires to the forests this dry year and do what we can to save the forests, for posterity will need them badly.