Both the reading and the lecture talk about salvage logging in the northwestern US. The reading thinks that this way is beneficial both to a damaged forest and to the economy, which is completely different with the occasion in the lecture.

First, the lecture believes that cleaning up a forest after a fire or storm does not necessarily create the right conditions for tree growth, explaining that dead wood enriches the soil and makes it more suitable for future generations of tree and salvage logging would reduce the nutrients in the soil. Such a situation is presented quite differently in the reading. The reading holds that salvage logging is likely to help forest areas recover from the disaster, because removing the remains of dead trees makes room for fresh growth.

Second, the lecture claims salvage logging may end up doing more harm to forests than harmful insects do, saying that spruce bark beetles have lived in Alaskan forest for nearly hundred years without major damage; dead trees are also used by some other animals like birds and insects that are important contributors to the health of the forest. It again challenges what is stated in the reading. The reading harbors the idea that dead trees do dmore than just take up space, because decaying wood is a highly suitable habitat for insects such as the spruce bark beetles which in large numbers can damage live, healthy spruce trees.

Finally, the lecture puts forward that the economic benefits of salvage logging are small and don’t last very long, pointing out that much of the lumber can be recovered only by using helicopters and other vehicles that are expensive to use and maintain; jobs created in the salage logging are only temporary and are often filled with experienced workers rather than local residents. The reading however provides an alternative explanation in this point. The reading asserts that salvage logging has economic benefits and creates jobs for local residents, because trees damaged still can provide much wood that is usable by industries and salvage logging requires more workers than traditional logging operations do.