

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 11/12/2021 9:07:07 PM

First name: Carol

Last name: Hoke

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I would like to submit the following points regarding the R5 Post-Disturbance Hazardous Tree Management Project for the Pacific Southwest Region (Region 5):

*I strongly oppose the use of chainsaws to clear trails in wilderness areas. The noise generated by chainsaws would be extremely upsetting to wildlife.

*Dead and dying trees should be left alone in wild areas. Natural processes will be at work to deal with these, as nature has always done.

*The Forest Service should use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to clear trails of only fallen trees that must be removed to permit safe passage.

*Wilderness visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that this may entail.

*The Forest Service must exclude ALL wilderness areas from this project.