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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.