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Comments: I am writing to be sure because I'm concerned about your proposal concerning hazardous tree management.

The FS doesn't mention Wilderness anywhere in your project's scoping letter, but the maps are unclear as to whether Wilderness is included. We urge you to take action by the November 15 comment deadline.

There are many trails and roads included that abut wilderness boundaries, making the impacts to Wilderness unclear. Potentially, the Marble Mountains, Trinity Alps, Kaiser, Ansel Adams, John Muir, Golden Trout, Monarch, Jennie Lakes, Domeland, Yolla Bolly Middle Eel, Snow Mountain, Yuki, and Bucks Lake Wildernesses could be affected by logging and other clearing, although the Forest Service isn't revealing any details in its scoping documents.

In case Wilderness areas could end up being impacted, I feel strongly about the following points:

I oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness.

Dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness.

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

Wilderness visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that entails.

The Forest Service needs to exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries.

Thank you for considering my comments.