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Comments: I am writing regarding the R5 Post Disturbance Hazardous Tree Management Project for the Pacific Southwest Region (Region 5). In most areas, especially Wilderness areas, dead and dying trees should be left alone except to cut away those portions ON or above the trail. This is the norm for most areas I have spent my life enjoying and works very well for human safety as well as all of nature. Chainsaws should be avoided in most of these circumstances to clear the trails; they are extremely disruptive to humans and wildlife for very far distances along with the other downsides of their use.

Please be very responsible stewards of these lands you oversee and keep in mind the many generations coming after us and constant challenges to nature in general in these times of extreme weather and environmental challenges. Keep them wild. Thank you.

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