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Comments: To Whom it May Concern

I am writing to you regarding your proposed plan to clear out through logging and cutting down both healthy and dead trees in our national forests. I am writing to you that your plan seems lacking/unclear as it doesn't reference wilderness anywhere and the maps you've provided are also unclear about whether wilderness designated areas are to be left alone - as they should be. To be clear, I would like offer the following:

1. I oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness. This should be a no-brainer, but for some reason it's allowed.
2. Dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness.
3. The Forest Service should use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to clear trails of only the fallen trees that must be removed.
4. Wilderness visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that entails. How else can we begin to feel connected to the environment if everything perfectly manicured?
5. The Forest Service needs to exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries.
6. Did you include indigenous tribes in the areas of this plan? It certainly doesn't look like it....and if there is anything we have learned over the last 100 years, is that we need to include them in all things related to our environmental stewardship....as they have the history, the knowledge and understanding of the natural world ...not to mention they think about the generations to follow in their planning.

I appreciate your time.

Cheers,  
Katherine