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Comments: The Forest Service must provide more specific information about what areas are impacted by this plan. It appears that some Wilderness Areas will be impacted. The Forest Service must exclude all Wilderness areas, and all other areas not managed for timber production, from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries.

Chainsaws are motorized devices and must not be used to clear trails in Wilderness. The Forest Service should use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to clear trails only of trees that have fallen on them.

Dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness, and all other forested areas that are not being managed for timber production. Dead and dying trees are part of the natural forest ecosystem, and provide habitat for myriad species.

Wilderness visitors, and visitors to forests not managed for timber production, should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that entails. And I'll tell you what: visitors are safer in the woods than they are on the highways. Visitor safety is an invalid excuse to improperly harvest trees for lumber.