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Comments: Thanks for this opportunity to comment.

While the proposed project is nominally in national forest only, maps are unclear whether wilderness will be affected. Please note that chain saws are not compatible with wilderness experience. Cross-cut saws are preferred. And since Wilderness areas are not mentioned, any workers must stay out of them.

The objective to sustain our national forests, contains some interesting implications. Foster resilient, adaptive ecosystems to mitigate climate change and mitigate wildfire risk normally means allowing the small fires to avoid the massive wildfires that we all fear. If you are going to connect people to the outdoors, they will see the results of those small fires and the trees that are partially burned. In fact, seeing that is part of Advancing Knowledge among the general public.

A 100% safe natural area is a zoo or an enclosed garden. Even my HOA has multiple common areas where the woods are left natural. If a tree is dead and it falls, that's natural. Yes, if a tree falls on a sidewalk or a fence, the chainsaws will come out, but that's the land of quarter acre and eighth acre lots.

When we are talking about National Forests and Wilderness, the public should be aware that they are not in their backyards, that it is not as safe as walking to school, and that the trails aren't groomed for them like some resort.

What's the point of connecting people to nature if they don't see nature?