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Comments: I share concerns about removing hazardous trees in Region 5. I recognize that it is necessary to "manage" forests for the benefit of their growth and to reduce wildfires. However, I hope you will consider the special spirit and needs of wilderness areas. For example, I oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness and only trees that really need to be removed should be. The Forest Service should use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to clear trails of only the fallen trees that must be removed so that wilderness visitors can be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that entails.

Please consider the special nature of Wilderness when planning tree removal. Thank you.