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Comments:

As a citizen who cares deeply about the well-being of our Earth and all creatures who share it, I have serious concerns about the Disturbance Hazardous Tree Management Project for the Pacific Southwest Region (Region 5)-a project that includes cutting, logging, and removing thousands of "hazard" trees (both living and dead trees that burned over past fire seasons) along roads, trails, and facilities in 10 National Forests.

The FS doesn't mention Wilderness anywhere in the project's scoping letter, but the maps are unclear as to whether Wilderness is included. There are many trails and roads included that abut wilderness boundaries, making the impacts to Wilderness unclear.

Dead and dying trees should be left alone in the wilderness. I oppose using chainsaws to clear trails; the Forest Service should use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to clear trails of only the fallen trees that must be removed.

Wilderness visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that entails.

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