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Comments: Regarding tree management, I believe dead and dying trees must be left alone in Wilderness as they perform an important function in the ecosystem.

In addition, I strongly oppose the use of chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness-- the Forest Service should use crosscut saws instead to clear trails of ONLY the fallen trees that MUST be removed. The rest should be left as is.

The whole point of wilderness is to keep it wild, even if that entails some risks to visitors. That is part of the experience, and I want wilderness to be kept as pristine as possible.

In conclusion, the Forest Service needs to exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries.

Thank you very much for considering my thoughts on this issue that is very important to me and so many others who treasure our wilderness areas and the wondrous diversity of wildlife who make their home there.