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Comments: I am a long-time mountain climber, volunteer for the National Park Service, and enthusiastic birdwatcher. I think it is important that wilderness areas be preserved free of human intervention, and that forests must be understood in their totality as habitat for birds and animals. Wilderness must be excluded from this project.

Dead and down trees are habitat and should be left alone unless there is an urgent need to adjust or remove them. The soil is habitat, and it contains microorganisms that are disturbed by clearcutting.

Humans are still learning about forest ecology. Please recognize that in any projects such as this.