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Comments: "In order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas within the United States and its possessions, leaving no lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the Congress to secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness."

-Excerpt from The Wilderness Act of 1964

For Region 5 areas of wilderness, therefore:

1. I oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness.
2. Dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness.
3. The Forest Service should use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to clear trails of only the fallen trees that must be removed.
4. Wilderness visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that entails.
5. The Forest Service needs to exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries.

Follow the Wilderness Act of 1964!

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