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Comments: I am writing regarding the R5 Post Disturbance Hazardous Tree Management Project for the Pacific Southwest Region (Region 5).

Chainsaws should not be used to clear trails in any Wilderness area, and I oppose their use. Please consider using crosscut saws instead. Yes, it will take longer and needs 2 people rather than one, but it's certainly a kinder and gentler way to treat the outback and its animals.

Dead and dying trees should be left alone in the Wilderness to decompose naturally, with the help of nature.

This may be a reiteration of the 1st point, but 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. Signage can be included at the beginning of a trail to warn hikers/backpackers of any dangers along the path.

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

Thanks for considering my point of view.