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Comments: After reviewing the project and supporting documents, including maps, I have the following comments:

1. I am concerned that the trails and roads in the project that abut wilderness boundaries will impact several Wilderness areas in detrimental and harmful ways. I request that the Forest Service provide further documentation that details how the Wilderness areas will be protected and how the Forest Service plans to manage the project work to prevent an impact in the Wilderness areas.
2. I am opposed to using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness areas. It does more harm than good, and having cleared many trails in Wilderness areas myself, I can attest to the success of using other tools than chainsaws. For instance, crosscut saws are effective.
3. I request that the Forest Service use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, and to only remove fallen trees that are dangerously obstructing the trails.
4. I am opposed to removing any fallen trees other from those that are dangerously obstructing trails. People who visit Wilderness areas should be able to enjoy nature as it is - it is called a Wilderness area for a reason. There is no reason to manage, groom, or cultivate these forests. They should be allowed to exist exactly as they are.
5. I am opposed to removing dead and dying trees in Wilderness areas. These trees are absolutely vital for the health of the forest to serve as nurse trees and to provide compost material top the forest floor.
6. I am opposed to the Forest Service conducting any work of any kind in this project in any Wilderness area. All Wilderness areas must be excluded from this project, including any encroachment from activity on Wilderness boundaries.

Beginning in the early 1990's, I have spent much time in these areas that are in and around the scope of the project. These areas are beautiful and precious and great care must be taken to preserve and protect our lands, specifically the Wilderness areas that are our gift to our posterity.

Thank you for your consideration.