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Comments: The Forest Service needs to exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries. Wilderness visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that entails.

I am 76 years old, and my father had a Master's Degree in Forestry from the U of Michigan, Ann Arbor. I have loved trees all my life and have watched in horror the past few decades as wildfires have increased in number, size, and intensity.

It does not seem to me that cutting the dead trees is sound forest management. I think that dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness. And I particularly oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness. Where necessary, the Forest Service should use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to clear trails of only the fallen trees that must be removed.