

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 11/13/2021 12:18:26 PM

First name: Floyd

Last name: Bednarz

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Thank you for accepting my comments concerning the Region 5 Post-Disturbance Hazardous Tree Management Project #60950. I have had the opportunity to review the project and find it disturbingly ambiguous about how wilderness areas within the national forests would be impacted.

The Project requires clarifications on how Wilderness & Primitive Areas would be excluded from any such "hazardous tree management" with the exception of deadwood removal from existing trails.

Furthermore, I oppose the use of chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness areas. In keeping with the spirit & intent of the Wilderness Act, the Forest Service should use only non-mechanized crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to clear trails of only the fallen trees that must be removed. As a normal & important process of Nature, all other dead and dying trees should be left undisturbed in Wilderness.

Additionally, the Forest Service must exclude all Wilderness, Primitive & Study areas from this project, including any encroachment from any disruptive activities on wilderness boundaries.

Wilderness visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that such visits entail... and as was intended. Thank you for considering my comments.