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Comments: It is unclear from your maps and description whether any designated Wilderness areas are included in this project. In keeping with the Wilderness Act, there should be no use of mechanical equipment inside Wilderness boundaries, including chainsaws. Visitors to Wilderness must accept many risks that may not be found elsewhere. That includes risks from falling trees along trails. I urge you to leave trees within Wilderness as they are, including dead and dying ones. If trees fall across trails, then they can be removed by using crosscut saws.

In short, all designated Wilderness should be excluded from this project, and care should be taken when working close to any Wilderness boundary not to encroach on Wilderness.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.