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Comments: According to the USDA government website, "The Wilderness Act of 1964 defines it as "an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain." The Act's purpose is to preserve and protect the natural ecosystems and wild areas and also provide opportunities for solitude and retrospective or primitive recreation.

In reviewing the "Region 5 Post-Disturbance Hazardous Tree Management Project #60950", it is obvious that the proposed actions would be completely contrary to its responsibility. It therefore must be importantly revised to:

Assure:

Dead and dying trees must be left to decompose naturally. Such decaying wood provides wildlife habitat and soil nutrients crucial to forest and ecosystem health.

Only downed logs that obstruct trails should be cleared. That helps avoid proliferation of path diversions around fallen trees.

Visitors go to the wilderness to experience nature (as intended and protected by the Wilderness Act). Integral to that is the visitor being aware at the trailhead and taking responsibility for his/her own safety when in a Wilderness Area.

Fulfill the Forest Service's obligation to the Wilderness Act, exclude wilderness from this project. Save the costs that would have been spent on these actions.