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Comments: Please accept my comments for R5 Post Disturbance Hazardous Tree Management Project for the Pacific Southwest Region (Region 5). Visitors to Wilderness should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, which includes risks that naturally exist. Falling trees are a natural hazard that anyone who enters a Wilderness must be willing to accept-these are not "managed" forests, gardens, or city parks.

I oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness.

Dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness.

The Forest Service should use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to clear trails of only the fallen trees that must be removed.

Wilderness visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that entails.

The Forest Service needs to exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries.