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Comments: It is unclear whether wilderness areas are included in the hazardous tree removal project. Certainly some of the trails and roads included in the project do abut wilderness areas. The purpose of wilderness designation is to leave some areas in a natural state, without interference by human activity except un-mechanized recreation. In a natural state, trees fall in the forest, and these trees should be left to lie where they are, to rot and replenish the forest's resources. Chainsaws should not be used in the wilderness. Any trees that absolutely must be cleared away should be sawed with hand tools.