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Comments: I am writing with this comment regarding the R5 Post Disturbance Hazardous Tree Management Project for the Pacific Southwest Region (Region 5). It's not clear if this proposal would apply to any Wilderness area. It should not. The Forest Service should exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries.

Further, 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.