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Comments: I strongly urge the Forest Service to exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries. Wilderness visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that entails.

Dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness. I oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness. The Forest Service should use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to clear trails of only the fallen trees that must be removed.

Wilderness is crucially important and must be protected and preserved, not "managed" for human convenience!