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Comments: I'm writing to express my opposition to the R5 Post Disturbance Hazardous Tree Management Project for the Pacific Southwest Region (Region 5).

This proposed project is completely unclear as to the boundaries of the area affected. Many trails and roads are included that abut wilderness boundaries, which make the impacts to Wilderness unclear. Potentially, the Marble Mountains, Trinity Alps, Kaiser, Ansel Adams, John Muir, Golden Trout, Monarch, Jennie Lakes, Domeland, Yolla Bolly Middle Eel, Snow Mountain, Yuki, and Bucks Lake Wildernesses could be affected by logging and other clearing. However, the Forest Service's proposal fails to reveal any details in its scoping documents, which leaves no protection for Wilderness.

The following guidelines must be added to this proposed, poorly worded project to protect the wild.

1. The Forest Service needs to exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries.
2. Prohibit the use of chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness.
3. Dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness.
4. The Forest Service should use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to clear trails of only the fallen trees that must be removed.
5. Wilderness visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that entails.

The proposal appears to be another way to attack protected areas and harvest trees using the guise of safety issues.

This project should be scrapped!