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Comments: Wilderness Areas are exactly that - WILD. The Wilderness Act of 1964 should be followed without exception, which means no power tools (chainsaws), vehicles, etc.

People entering a Wilderness need to expect hazards, blockages and inconveniences. It is important to have areas where people can experience nature as nature truly exists - not a managed version of nature. Where else can a person go to do that? There are a vast number of trails on public lands that are not in Wilderness Areas that are available to those who do not care for, or are not able to handle, the occasional challenges and difficulties of encountering a true, 100% natural, untouched-by-man environment.

Chainsaws and other equipment needed to remove dead trees disturb wildlife and people who deliberately seek out Wilderness Areas for the complete solitude these areas provide - a solitude that is increasingly very difficult to find.

The Forest Service needs to exclude all Wilderness Areas from this project. Please keep Wilderness Areas WILD.

Thank you.