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Comments: The Forest Service needs to acknowledge and act on growing research that shows a healthy forest is one that is not "managed," but whose natural processes of decay are not precluded by removing dead or dying trees.

Fallen and dead trees enrich the soil and its water retention capacities and provide habitat for a diversity of other plants and animals. The Forest Service must respect and encourage this diversity. Clear cutting has done huge damage to our Forest Service lands and waters.

Crosscut saws, not chainsaws should be the tool used to clear trails in Wilderness.

All Wilderness areas must be excluded from this project. We want our Wilderness Areas respected!