

We're Wild for Wilderness - Step up for our wild lands today!



Take Action Today

1. Write and call your National Forest Agency Reps:

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2. Educate and Engage: Help us make this public and write Letters to the Editor **today**, next week, and next month:

- Use your own words
- Make it clear and concise
- Tell your story



Talking Points

- The Wilderness Act does not allow motorized equipment in Wilderness except in emergencies. This is not an emergency.
- The use of chainsaws in both the Weminuche and South San Juan Wildernesses would be an unprecedented degradation of Wilderness Character
- The work can be done with crosscut saws if more people are trained and paid to do the work. Fund this work and staff unfilled positions.
- The Weminuche is Colorado's largest Wilderness – very remote and rugged landscape.
- Crosscut saws are safer than chainsaws, especially in such remote areas.
- This situation with dead spruce is not a one-time event. Trees will fall in large numbers for the next 8 to 10 years. This is not an emergency.
- This decision to use chainsaws would be the start of a slippery slope toward future exceptions for motorized use in Wilderness and the decline of wildness, Wilderness Character and quiet. The issue will not just set precedent in CO, but potentially for other state Wilderness areas as well.
- Public input is important and must be taken into consideration.