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Comments: I am a native of the southwest and have camped and hiked extensively in the national forests and wilderness areas. I adamantly oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness. Dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness.

The Forest Service should use hand powered crosscut saws and axes, not chainsaws, to clear trails of only the fallen trees that must be removed.

Wilderness visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that entails.

Helicopters should not be used to ferry people into or work in wilderness areas. The Forest Service needs to exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries.