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Comments: I am writing as an avid hiker in wilderness areas for the last 50 years.

I am very much opposed to the use of chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness. This not only disturbs the quiet of these places, but dead trees are needed to replenish the ground for new trees to grow.

I believe the Forest Service should use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to clear trails of only the fallen trees that must be removed.

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

I would hope that the Forest Service would exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activities on wilderness boundaries.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.