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Comments: Visitors to Wilderness must understand that there are risks that exist; these are not managed forests, and they shouldn't be. Falling trees are a natural hazard visitors need to understand and accept if they're venturing into the wilderness.

I oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness. As an important part of ecosystems, dead and dying trees should be left alone.

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

The Forest Service needs to exclude all Wilderness areas from this clearing project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries.