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Comments: I am a hiker, and I love taking my two children on Washington State trails. I heard that logging was considered for so-called "hazard" trees. I reject this hostile term and want to state my opposition using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness. Dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness. They provide essential habitat for new plants, animals, birds and insects. If need be, The Forest Service should use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to clear trails of only the fallen trees that must be removed. Wilderness visitors like me and my family should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that entails. The Forest Service needs to exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries. Thank you!