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Comments:

I oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness. Dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness. The Forest Service should use crosscut saws, 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.

Dead and dying trees serve as shelter for wildlife, birds and bugs (insects have decreased by 75% over the past years). Nature is not regimented to look pretty. The Forest Service needs to consult with the Native Americans that have managed forests while still maintaining the wildlife and healthy environment. Wilderness should not be logged.

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