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Comments: Dear Forest Service people,

I think the forest should be left "natural," including dead and dying trees. They serve as home to animals, insects, birds, and microorganisms.

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

Thank you.