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Comments: I am writing to oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness. We need to allow healthy forests to thrive with as little human intervention as possible. Dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness. Only fallen trees should be removed if they inhibit passage on trails. Manual crosscut saws rather than chainsaws should be used to prevent noise pollution and disruption to wildlife due to unnecessary noise. 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.