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Comments: First of all, please exclude all Wilderness areas from this effort, and don't permit encroachment into Wilderness from any project activity at the edge where Wilderness and non Wilderness areas meet. Dead and dying trees should be left alone to meet their natural end and allowed to fulfill the many useful purposes they have in nature. Visitors to Wilderness expect and deserve to experience Wilderness, unmanaged, as nature intends. Risk is part of Wilderness. If trails have to be cleared of fallen trees, chainsaws should not be used. They are totally and unnaturally disruptive to Wilderness and its inhabitants. If a trail must be cleared of fallen trees, crosscut saws should be the Forest Service's tool of choice.