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I am a Wilderness 'user' and advocate. I love Wilderness because we are at our own terms with it. It is primitive and wild in its vastness and you are on your own within its own terms. Fallen trees are not "hazardous" in Wilderness Areas, they could very well be in non-wilderness areas. Wouldn't it be better to call fallen trees "nuisance" trees if they are blocking a trail rather than "hazardous" trees? Standing trees burned by fire are certainly not "hazardous" trees. Forest animals find a home in burned out trees and they stand for a long while and act as nursing trees for new growth. If trees fall in designated Wilderness areas and if it be on a trail, the tree must be removed by non-motorized means. Motors are not allowed in designated Wilderness areas as well as its noise and exhaust fumes. Hikers should be allowed to cut downed trail trees with crosscut saws that are available at the trailhead or brought with them,. Hikers can clear the trail in no time by doing a little work here and there until the trail is cleared. Thank you.