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Comments: A wilderness is just that, a place left to be wild and follow its, not our, inclinations. Please adhere to the following: 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.

Having spent time in several different wilderness area from the BWCA to small to medium tracks in the Apache-Sitgraves National Forest, I know and appreciate the difference between a managed forest and a wilderness area and value each for their unique characteristics.