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Comments: I was a trail crew member in Teton Wilderness in Wyoming for 3 seasons so I know something about clearing trails with crosscut saws and axes. It's very do-able, just hard work. We typically cleared 100-110 miles of trail on a 10 day hitch out in the woods, with only crosscut saws and axes. Not only do-able but exhilarating. We were proud to do this without chainsaws (I also was on Yellowstone trail crew for 3 seasons, using chainsaws, so I know both approaches). 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.