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Comments: The Forest Service should exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries.

I urge you to not use chainsaws, only use crosscut saws when necessary, to clear trails in Wilderness areas. Visitors to Wilderness should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, which includes risks that naturally exist. Falling trees are a natural hazard that anyone who enters a Wilderness must be willing to accept- these are not "managed" forests, gardens, or city parks.

The Forest Service could post warning signs at trailheads alerting visitors to the risk, and letting visitors decide whether they want to accept the risk or hike somewhere else. Dead trees should be allowed to fall naturally. This presents an outstanding educational opportunity to inform visitors of the benefits of Wilderness, of allowing natural processes to run their course, and the value of maintaining traditional skills.