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Comments: Dear US Forest Service:

Dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness. If you should need to clear trails of fallen trees, the Forest Service should use only crosscut saws, not chainsaws,,,,

Furthermore, Wilderness visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that entails.

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, with crosscut saws then used to clear trails of fallen trees that must be cleared.

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.

Thank you,  
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