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Comments: I firmly believe that visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, and that they should assume any risks that that entails.

Dead and dying trees should be left alone to biodegrade and provide habitats and nutrients for animals and plants. If a particular tree must be removed because it is blocking a trail, the Forest Service should use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to make it handleable. I categorically oppose the use of chainsaws to clear trails in the wilderness because they are noisy, polluting, hazardous, and unnecessary.

The Forest Service needs to exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries.