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Comments: I oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness. I believe that dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness. The Forest Service needs to exclude all wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries.

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.

I believe it is important to leave as many trees as possible. We need trees to sequester the carbon in the atmosphere and delay the effects of climate change.