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Comments: NO, NO, NO. Leave trees alone! Especially DO NOT LOG! You obviously have no idea what birds and animals will use these trees in the future, no matter what condition you think the trees are in. Please stop trying to play God.

And if you just HAVE to clear trails, do NOT use chainsaws. There are alternatives to all the noise and gasoline. You can 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, then crosscut saws used to clear trails of fallen trees that absolutely must be cleared. But trees, animals, birds and WILDERNESS MUST be considered first.