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Comments: To the extent that your activities will take place in federally designated wilderness areas, I STRONGLY OPPOSE using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness.

Dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness to decompose naturally according to their natural timetable. This is consistent with the interpretation of Wilderness.

The Forest Service should use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to only clear trails of the fallen trees that must be removed to keep the trails open for Wilderness visitors.

Wilderness visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that entails. Visitors to Wilderness understand the risks involved when entering such a natural setting.

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