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I am writing today because I strongly oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness areas. Dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness to die naturally.

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. There should be signs alerting visitors to the possible dangers of falling trees so they can make their own decision about whether to take the risk of walking through that area.

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

Thank you for allowing me to comment on this important issue, and for your careful consideration.