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Comments: I oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness. Trails are meant to be trodden, not hewn. And certainly not blazed, except as a metaphor.

Dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness. Things live there. You wouldn't want somebody coming into your neighborhood and messing up your house, would you? Do unto others...

The Forest Service should use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to clear trails of only the fallen trees that must be removed. Crosscut saws provide exercise; chainsaws provide pollution. Better still, just drag them, as intact as possible, off the trail and into the brush. As I said above, wilderness things live there.

Wilderness visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that entails. This is reality, not a "reality show."

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