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Comments: I vehemently oppose the use of chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness areas. It has long been known that dead and dying trees are invaluable for wildlife and therefore should be left alone in Wilderness.

The Forest Service should use crosscut saws, and not chainsaws, to clear trails of only the fallen trees that are absolutely necessary to be removed.

Wilderness visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that entails.

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

Speaking as someone who lives in a country where we have eliminated all wilderness, it is absolutely vital that remaining wilderness areas are protected at all costs.