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Comments:

Please do NOT use chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness. Besides the noise and chemical pollution they create during their use, they alter the landscape and ecosystem. Dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness. That's what wilderness is... or is supposed to be!

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. Falling trees are a natural hazard that anyone who enters a Wilderness must be willing to accept --- these are NOT "managed" forests, gardens, or city parks and should not be treated as such.

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