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Comments: I am writing to express my opposition to the use of chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness. Dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness. They are critical to the regeneration of forest systems. 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. As necessary, the public should be alerted to the inherent risks in experiencing this precious wilderness so that they can prepare themselves accordingly. The Forest Service needs to exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries.