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Comments: It is difficult to determine whether or not wilderness areas are included in your post-disturbance hazardous tree management, so just in case, I am submitting my comments as if they were. I oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness. For the most part dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness. Where necessary for visitor access 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. The Forest Service needs to exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries. We have so little of the continent in wilderness; please use non-wilderness areas for any access activities.