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Comments: I writing to oppose the use chainsaws for clearing trails in Wilderness. I spent 32 years cutting down trees during firefighting operations. I hated doing it but it was a condition of my job and deemed "necessary" for the safety of fire personnel who were required to be there. But there were places we were not allowed to do so and we had 100% respect for that. True Wilderness has a different set of rues and thank god for that! In the Wilderness, dead and dying trees should be left alone. The Forest Service should use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to clear trails of only the fallen trees that must be removed. Believe it or not, we used those too! Wilderness visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that entails. Why are we constantly trying to change the terms of "Wilderness?" The Forest Service needs to exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries. Thank you for reading and considering my comments.