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Comments: I oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness and dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness.

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. That is one of the major beauties of wilderness!

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

In my years of employment with the USFS, I worked in these same situations and visitors who I encountered, both during and after our clearing, were most appreciative of our efforts to NOT remove "at risk" trees, and thanked us for NOT using power tools to do so.

Wilderness needs to remain wilderness.