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Comments: Respectfully, I oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness.

Dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness to let Nature balance the ecosystem.

The Forest Service should use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to clear trails of only the fallen trees that must be removed. Chain saws are too disruptive and represent overkill for wilderness areas.

Wilderness visitors should be allowed to experience nature on its own terms, including any risks that entails. People need a real appreciation of Nature, not the Disney World version.

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