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Comments: Hazard tree removal is poorly conceived, horribly managed, and usually an excuse for logging. How many people die from trees falling on them? Its a joke. As 'managers', of course the 'safe' thing to do is to cut every tree that might some day fall---like all of them. Then no issues for promotion, no lawsuits, no problem---for the manger----but thousands of trees cut unnecessarily.

I worked on a project that cataloged the importance of large trees, standing dead, and the like...for the USFS....(and downed large trees) and they are critically important for the forest. Just for aesthetic alone, trees along roads and trails are important. Do NOT continue 'as usual' marking and cutting every tree that is 'suspect' leaning, old, burned, etc... Absolutely do not cut them in wilderness. Peter Barry