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Comments: I am totally against any tree clearing in designated wilderness areas. Wilderness should be left alone. Only natural events should occur there. Any tree that falls across a hiking trail that bars access on the trail needs to be removed by only removing ONLY the part of the tree or tree trunk that is directly on the trail. This should be done with non-motorized saws such as a cross cut saw. The rest of the tree should be left adjacent to the trail to decompose naturally.

I have successfully used this method to remove a large fallen tree that blocked a deer trail on my property. After the middle section of the trunk was cut and removed, deer easily navigated the path between the two parks of the trunk.

I have seen blatant and unnecessarily wide removal of all the trees alongside a road near Pictured Rocks National Seashore. It totally destroyed the "Up North Forest" feeling of the area.

The current Forest Service plan to "manage" tree fall and dead trees in wilderness under its purview is not clear. Areas are not clearly defined. I never ever want to see that happen in any wilderness area.