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Comments: Chain saws are not allowed in the Wilderness and are not needed in the Wilderness. Many examples of using crosscuts and complying with the law exist, including in my local Beartooth Ranger District of the Custer Gallatin NF. And there are many (young and old) trail crew who relish doing the hard work and using the historic skills of cross cutting.

Clearing dead trees away from trails is a worthy endeavor and should be done, but convenience and speed are not reasons to ignore the law and the Wilderness values involved in this project.

Our Wilderness values are fading and being compromised almost daily. That's why we have Wilderness...to preserve these values and actions that are meant to preserve our wild lands.