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Comments: As a participant in a volunteer group that cleared miles of trail blowdown in Idaho's Seven Devils Wilderness in the late 90s, using only axes, pulaskis and two-person crosscut saws, I oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness.

Dead and dying trees should be left alone in all other parts of our Wilderness system.

As the men and women of my volunteer group were eager to do, 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.

To this day I believe the Forest Service needs to exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries.