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Comments: Although the wish on the part of the Forest Service to minimize hazards to hikers, the proper way to do this is by informed consent. Removing live or dead trees that may at a future date pose a hazard to a hiker in a wilderness area will change the very nature of the wilderness experience. Posting notices of possible hazards at the trail heads with a disclaimer of responsibility will allow hikers to understand the risks inherent in the wilderness. The hikers will also be informed that if they proceed is at their own risk and responsibility for any dangers they encounter.

The wilderness experience should be left intact, with all the beauty and hazard it entails.