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Comments: I oppose using chainsaws to clear trails in Wilderness. They are extremely noisy and interrupt nesting birds and other animals trying to breed.

Dead and dying trees should be left alone in Wilderness. Dead trees provide shelter and protection for ground mammals, insects and symbiotic plants.

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. The Forest Service needs to exclude all Wilderness areas from this project, including any encroachment from activity on wilderness boundaries.