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Comments: Forests are ecosystems that have taken millions of years to develop their finely tuned cycles of growth, death, and rebirth. As part of this extremely efficient and beneficial natural process, dead and dying trees should be left alone in wilderness unless they are near enough to residential areas to be a fire hazard.

If and when fallen trees must be removed (for example to clear trails), the Forest Service should use crosscut saws. Chainsaws bring significant air and noise pollution to wilderness areas. Consider this an artisanal process requiring the finest craftsmen/women, like building a beautiful piece of furniture with only hand tools.