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Comments: Dear Sir,

Wilderness should remain wild. There is no need to use chainsaws to clear trails. The Forest Service should use crosscut saws, not chainsaws, to clear trails of only the fallen trees that must be removed. For the most part, dead and dying trees should be left alone. There are too few wild places on earth and those that remain should be protected from intrusion by humans.

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.