

# WATCH OUT!

**Falling trees are always a hazard when traveling in the forest.**

**Following these guidelines will help recreationalists mitigate risks.**

- Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid dense patches of dead trees. Dead trees can fall without warning.**
- Stay out of the forest when there are strong winds that could blow down trees. If you are already in the forest when the winds kick up, head to a clearing out of reach of any potential falling trees.**
- Place tents and park vehicles in areas where they will not be hit by falling trees.**
- When driving in remote areas of the forest, be aware that falling trees could trap your vehicle miles from a main road. Go prepared.**
- Bring an ax or a chainsaw to remove fallen trees from the roads in case you become trapped.**
- Do not rely only on cell phones for safety. There is no coverage in many areas of the national forest.**

**YOUR SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

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