

Dead Wood

You may notice both standing dead trees and tree limbs on the ground. We do not remove dead wood from the forest because, even when dead, trees still provide benefits to the health of the forest.

Standing dead trees (snags) provide excellent habitat for wildlife. Insects eat the decaying wood and birds eat the insects. Birds like chickadees nest in the cavities of dead trees.



The dead wood also slowly breaks down and provides nutrients and organic matter to the soil for growth of plants.