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Cibola Trail Rangers
Hello Everyone!

I am playing catch up after having been out of state for 11 days. I have posted all the recent trail reports of trees down or removed. It appears the top of the mountain still has significant snow (for post holing) on Switchback where there is a significant sized tree down across the trail.

Thanks everyone for sending in your trail reports.

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FY2025 Record of Trees Removed and Other Trail Maintenance Problems on Sandia Ranger District
Trail Trees Removed-Date File. Update: MARCH 26, 2025 (By: Sally Lowder)
 (CTR: Work by individuals; AAT: Work by AAT individuals or group; FOSM: Work on scheduled outings.)
ITEMS IN RED DENOTE WORK TO BE DONE

Date	Trail Condition Report: Trail Name, Location, No. of Trees, Diameters, etc.	Reported by	Date	Trail # or Name, No. of Trees Removed, or Other Trail Work accomplished	Removed by name or group
*****ELEVEN REPORTED TRAILS START CARRY OVER WORK FOR FY 2025 *****					
10-03 2024	North Faulty: 3rd section: from Palomas Peak to Sandia Man Cave: This section has NOT been worked.	Galbraith		This trail has been official cleared to be worked on per Russell Berman.	
11-03 11-04 2023	Crest Spur trail has a few places where the trail is washed out. 1st few hundred feet are quite dangerous! !NEED ARC	Ho/Buss Browning USFS	11-13 06-12	Crest Spur: 3+” snow. Not worked on. UPDATE: USFS has requested no work be done on this section of trail.	FOSM CREW Browning
10-26	Faulty Tr 1 + mi S of Barts: 8”-10” leaner across tr. Stability in ??	Jeff Young			
05-08	Pino Tr: 8” tree hung up in gnarly brush 8’ above trail. Trimmed back branches to easily walk under now. MONITOR. (well below the missing medallion tree). SEE BELOW	John Harrington			
08-02	Pino Trail: 6” leaner over tr. head height 1.65 mi down from jnct with South Crest jnct 35.167893 N. 106.427611 W. 2nd tree 0.62 mi from S Crest jnct 35.169269 N. 106.417764 W. is a 10” dead tree at calf height.	Canyon Young			
05-27	Barts Trail: there are 3 or 4 tree branches across Bart’s trail above Faulty. One may be as wide as a foot and the others are smaller. I think these are closer to Faulty than the Crest trail.	Peter Marks			

06-12	Penasco Blanco: 4 large trees remain on trail.	Galbraith			
07-22	130S: 1 tree just N. of Bear Shelter across trail at an angle. 4 trees S of Bear Shelter near the Hershey Choco Medallion Tree: all trees in the Aspen Grove: 1 dead tree top sticks out into trail: 1 large tree across trail-step over: 1 large overhead tree across the trail and 1 med.+ leaner across trail close to head.	Harrington			
08-20	130S: 2 trees needing attention: 5/8 of a mile up from parking lot 8" head banger. ¼ mi down from jnct with Upper Faulty a 10" leaner across the trail. Not well supported. Rest of Faulty Loop is clear.	Ken Wilson	09-23	130S: 8" tree had been removed. 2nd Tree, a 10" leaner was determined to be well supported and had plenty of head room. Tree left in place. The 130S & Faulty Loop are clear after some remediation of branches & one small tree.	Forest Gnome FOSM CREW
09-06	Crest Spur: 100' above stairs is a very Significant ROCK FALL. 2-3 ft. deep. It is much worse than the last rock fall.	Browning	09-13	Crest Spur Tr: Rock Fall & Tree cleared.	USFS Crew
	THIS BEGINS THE TREE REPORT FOR FY 2025				
09-13	La Luz Tr: "Big" tree 1+ mile down from Tram across trail. Too big to climb over.	Hikers to USFS on	09-16	La Luz Tr: Big tree removed with tiny saw.	Browning
09-23	Lower Switchback: large tree about 6 feet high across the trail. Duck under for some.	Tim Murphy	09-24 09-30	Lower Switchback: Tree limbed only. Lower Switchback: Tree removed.	McCreery Carroll/Roholt

			09-30	Kiwanis Meadow Tr: 1 tree recut.	Carroll/Roholt
			09-30	130S: 2 trees recut.	Carroll/Roholt
			10-01	Ellis Tr: Trail Clear. No Trees remvd	FOSM CREW
			10-01	Survey Tr: Trail Tread Maint. 1 protruding tree removed.	FOSM CREW
			10-10	Challenge Tr: from Ellis to 10KS: This section of trail is totally clear.	Lowders
			10-10	10KN: Trail clear of Obstructions. 5 minor branches/trees removed.	Lowders
			10-10	Ellis Tr: Clear from 10KN to Ellis TH	Lowders
10-13	Cienega Tr: 10 minutes above Faulty a 10" tree across trail w/ 5' head clearance. Rest of trail clear to top.	Kerry Jones	10-14	Cienega Tr: Tree removed.	Gordon Eatman
			10-13	130N: Trail clear to 10KN	Paul Karas
			10-13	Survey Tr: Clear.	Paul Karas
			10-13	Switchback Tr: Clear	Paul Karas
			10-14	Rocky Point Tr: Clear	FOSM CREW
			10-14	130S: 3 trees removed	FOSM CREW
			10-14	Tree Spring Tr: Clear	FOSM CREW
			10-21	Sulphur Tr: Clear	FOSM CREW
			10-21	Faulty Trail from Sulphur to Armijo: Clear.	FOSM CREW
			10-21	Armijo Tr: Clear.	FOSM CREW
			10-21	Acequia Tr: 1 tree cleared.	FOSM CREW
			10-21	Wagon Tr: Clear with minor brushing	Rav & Ken
			10-21	Cienega (Lower): Clear with minor brushing.	Rav & Ken
10-19	130N near burn: 2 trees down.	Galbraith	10-28	130N: 2 trees removed.	Galbraith
10-25	Pino: from Upper Jx with Crest: 4 trees from 4" to 10" –easy stepovers. All w/n the 1st mile (above Galileo Tree. **** Please see May & August above for possible additional trees.	Bet Gendron			
10-26	Tree Spring: 3 large trees blocking or almost blocking the trail from above Oso Corredor to top of Tree Spring.	Kerry Jones	10-27 10-28 10-29	Tree Spring: 1st tree is removed. Tree Spring: 2 trees & remediation of already removed tree. Tree Spring: 8" tree removed.	Eatman FOSM CREW Eatman

10-27	10KS: tree down between lifts 2 & 3.	Kerry Jones	10-28	10KS: 2 trees removed.	FOSM CREW
10-27	130S: (below tram)- 1 tree down.	Kerry Jones	10-28	130S: 1 tree & 1 widow maker rmvd.	FOSM CREW
			10-25	Un Poquito: rmvd 10" tree across trail	Susan Gregory
			10-25	Armijo: Juniper branch rmvd from trail.	Susan Gregory
10-29	Tree Spring: Another new large tree down about 200 yds above Oso C..	Eatman	11-13	Tree Spring Tr: 1 tree removed.	Galbraith
			10-31	Challenge Tr: (Ski area to 9-Mile PA) 1 tree removed.	Thurs. Tr. Crew
10-31	Challenge Tr. from Tr. Sp. to Doc Long: 12"-15" tree down with walk around & 2nd is 18"-20" blocking tr. 35.189556,-106.308278 and 35.188628,-106.396375	Lorna Morrow	11-05	Challenge Tr: 2 trees removed.	Jerry Carroll & Neighbor Susan
11-01	Rocky Point: 10" ½ way in across the trail. About 2/3's way in is the big root ball tree mostly down with lots of branches hanging down. We've been watching this tree for 2 years. YEA!	Tim Murphy	11-06	Rocky Point: 1 10" tree removed. Also, the big overhead tree has had the middle taken out of it for safe passage. May need to reassess tree in Spring.	J. Medina-Gray
11-01	Buried Cable: ½ way in an 8"-10" tree down across the trail.	Tim Murphy	01-03	Buried Cable: 1 tree removed in a snow storm!!!	Roholt
11-01	Switchback-lower: between Survey & Crest Tr: 1 small tree across trail.	Tim Murphy	11-03	Lower SB Trail: No tree found.	Roholt
			11-05	Bill Spring Tr: 5 trees removed.	Galbraith
			11-05	Oso Corredor: Trail clear end to end.	Galbraith
11-06	Sulphur Tr: a tree is down across trail about 100 yards above the blacktop at the Sulphur picnic ground	Jeff Young	11-10	Sulphur Tr: 1 tree removed.	Eatman
			11-10	Faulty ½ way between Sulphur & Horse Bypass: 1 tree removed.	Eatman & hiker Stephan
11-13	Armijo Tr. between the Old Rd and the Valle Tr: 2 trees reported. No other info known.	Garner in work session Request	11-18	Armijo Tr: 2 trees had been removed. As reported by the FOSM CREW	Forest Gnome
11-18	Bill Spring: 2 trees down close to Doc Long turn around area. A smaller tree and a 16"+ size tree further up.	Sim Cook	01-16	Bill Spring: NO trees found.	Forest Gnome Per Galbraith
			11-18	Un Poquito: 2 trees removed + intrusion.	FOSM CREW

12-02	North Faulty Trail: 2 trees remain for removal on 12/16	FOSM CREW	12-02 12-09	Mystery Tr: 5 trees removed (multiple parts) Mystery Tr: 2 trees removed. Other issues cleared or removed.	FOSM CREW FOSM CREW+ Jen M-Gray
12-12	North Faulty Tr: Clearing trail segments 3 & 4 (2.2 miles out). Brushing, limbing, etc. PROJECT!	FOSM CREW	12-16	North Faulty Tr (2 miles in): cleared dead fall, small trees & thick stands of scrub oak.	FOSM CREW
12-13	130S: 1.1 mi above Upper Faulty/So Crest Jx—above Joan of Arc Tree is a downed multi-branched tree across the trail @ head height & resting on trail as well. Branches are 8” & more higher up.).	Gendron	12-19	130S: This tree took 2 hours to clear. There is still 1 branch across the trail about 8 feet high and is not a concern at this time.	David Galbraith
12-14	Cienega Canyon: earlier today I only came across one downed tree 1/2 mile up from the intersection with Faulty Tr. Small Tree partially in snow.	Kerry Jones			
12-16	Madera Locura: 1 tree found below Elk Track & 1 above.	Canyon Young	01-01	Madera Locura: CLEAR No trees found	Galbraith
12-16	Armijo: 2 trees found above the Pinedrop jct. Did not check Pinedrop.	Canyon Young	01-01	Armijo Tr: CLEAR No trees found.	Galbraith
12-31	Upper Switchback Tr: 1 log across the trail.	Roholt	01-04	Switchback: all of Switchback trail is now clear, end to end. 1 tree removed.	Roholt
12-26	Drop In Tr: 12”+ tree down ½ way between the forest rd & West Boundary intersections.	Scott Nicolaysen	12-31	Drop In Trail: 1 tree cleared.	David Galbraith
			12-31	West Boundary: cleared 1 downed Ponderosa tree.	Canyon Young
12-23	Capulin Peak Tr: found 3-4 trees down in the 1st section of trail before you reach the exposed top section. Rest of trail clear.	Todd Hollister	12-28	Capulin Peak Tr: 4 trees cleared. Also cleared Oakes blocking the trail at the top near restroom.	Steve Roholt
12-27 01-01	Pinon Tr: 1 tree .8 mi from Lower Pine is a 10” low leaner across trail. Update: tree didn’t want to come down with pushing on it. Easy ride under.	Ken Wilson Galbraith	02-03	Due to Forest Thinning project, this area is closed 2/2025 to 6/2025.	

			01-01	Sulphur Canyon Tr: CLEAR	Galbraith
			01-01	Horse By-Pass Tr: CLEAR	Galbraith
			01-01	Faulty between Sulphur & Armijo: CLEAR	Galbraith
			01-01	Pinedrop: CLEAR	Galbraith
			01-01	Un Poquito Tr: CLEAR	Galbraith
			01-01	Vista Tr to Madera Locura to Deer Bed: CLEAR	Galbraith
			01-01	Deer Bed: CLEAR	Galbraith
			01-01	La Barba Tr.: CLEAR	Galbraith
			01-01	Wagon Trail: CLEAR	Galbraith
12-27 & 1-3	Bear Scat Tr: .25 mile north from the jct of Pinon & Bearsact there is a multi-branched leaner barely off the trail that poses a hazard for bikers.	Ken Wilson	01-27-2025 02-03	Bear Scat Tr: 2 trees limbed. Due to Forest thinning, this area is now closed until 6/2025	Wilson
01-02	3 Bottles Advanced (Manzanitas): 3 trees: 18" Pondo on main trail 35.00450, 106.36150; 2 Pundos on black diamond alternate route: 35.00226,-106.36006. largest is 16".	Jen Medina-Gray for Canyon Young	01-06	3 Bottles & black diamond route: 4 trees removed. Also removed a serious widow maker.	FOSM CREW
01-13	Gravel Pit Tr: 12"-14" dead tree across the trail above the Gravel Pit.	Paul Karas	01-14	Gravel Pit: 1 tree removed.	Jerry, Lorna & Francis A.
			01-13	130S above Canyon Estates: 1 tree removed at .25 miles above Upper faulty jct.	Galbraith
			01-16	Oso Corredor: 1 tree removed in the 1st ¼ mile from the south end.	Galbraith
			01-28-2025	Pinon Tr: 1 8" leaner removed.	Wilson
01-31	Survey Trail: 3 trees about 1 mi. from 536 all 8" -12"+; 1.25 mi a 6"+ step over problem. Total 4 trees.	Paul Karas	02-10	Survey Tr: 4 trees removed. + 1 high overhang limbed & left. + 2 leaners: 1 removed & 1 left (stable)	FOSM CREW + JEN
01-31	10KN: just uphill from Survey 7" walk-around.	Paul Karas	02-10	10KN: 1 tree removed.	FOSM CREW + JEN
			02-05	Faulty (from S. Crest): 2 trees removed. (Upper Faulty is clear).	Galbraith

02-05	North Faulty from Crest Rd to the medallion tree at Palomas Peak: several trees are down requiring go-arounds or climb overs. Lots of brush narrowing the trail.	Mimi Junick	02-20	North Faulty: All trees have been cleared from trail (TH) to Palomas Peak. No brushing or limbing done.	Galbraith & Junick
02-22	Handful of trees down in 1st 2.5 mi. Didn't go farther.	Jen--USFS		See 2-28 Below	Lowders
02-22	Bill Spring Tr: brushing needed about ¾ up from Doc Long. Appears to be a branch from larger tree down over most of the trail.	Jeff Young	03-01	Bill Spring Tr: NO trees found on Bill Spring today. Still lots of ICE.	Galbraith.
02-22 03-06	Faulty (from Cienega Horse By Pass, Faulty to Bill Spring Loop): 2 trees across trail about 6' high. 1 tree remains closer to Bill Spring.	Jeff Young Jeff Young	03-06	Faulty Tr. (closer to Cienega): 1 14" tree removed.	Jeff Young
			02-24	Tecolote Tr: 1 tree removed & did some dirt work. (FOSM'S AAT)	FOSM CREW
02-28 03-03	North Faulty to 1.3 mi in: 2 trees remain that were not removed on 2/20. 6-7" (1/4 mi) & 12-14" (1.3 mi.). The 6" tree remains and is high and stable for now. Weather has prevented removal.	Bob & Sally Lowder FOSM CREW	03-03	North Faulty: 1 14" tree removed as several other obstacles removed.	FOSM CREW
			02-26	West Boundary Tr: 1 tree cleared.	Galbraith
			03-01	Challenge Tr. (rd. portion): 1 tree cleared.	Galbraith
			03-01	Oso Corredor: 3 small trees removed.	Galbraith
03-05	Cold Canyon near top ¼ mi from Armijo jct: 1 12-14" dead limby Pondo across trail.	Betsy Kapiloff			
03-05	Challenge Tr. up from Tr. Sp. Tr. to ski area, 1 very large tree 30-40" down. (tree appears from map to be just up from Tecolote Parking area & to the south.)	Galbraith			

03-05	Challenge after crossing ski area & headed to 10KS: 2 16-18” trees down.	Galbraith	03-05	Challenge headed to 10KS: 5 trees removed. (left 2)	Galbraith
03-05	10KS from Challenge to Tr Sp Tr.: 1 12-14” tree in snow remains.	Galbraith	03-05	10KS from Challenge to Tr Sp Tr: 3 trees removed.	Galbraith
			03-05	Tree Spring Tr: 1 tree removed.	Galbraith
			03-07	West Boundary (David Canyon): Removed two trees that had fallen across west boundary.	Jeff Young
03-12 03-17	Embudito Tr: all trees are from 2.3-3.3 mi from TH: 13 trees from 6” to 24+”. 6 trees remain to be removed from about 3 to 3.5 miles up the trail.	J. Medina-Gray FOSM CREW	03-17	Embudito Tr: 8 trees were removed that included 1 unreported tree. (ICE)	FOSM CREW
			03-13	130S (4.5 mi up): 1 tree removed.	Galbraith
			03-13	Faulty between Madera Locura & Canoncito: 1 large tree removed.	Galbraith & Mimi
			03-19	Easy Pickin (Pine Flats area): 1 tree removed.	Galbraith
03-20	Chamisosos – ¼ mi past jct with Coyote-Chamisosos Link: 1 tree across trail.	J. Medina-Gray	03-25	Chamisosos: 1 tree removed.	Galbraith
03-20 03-24	N. Faulty (Mystery): 7 trees down, leaning or above trail in 6”-18” range. 1 tree remains at 2.3 miles up the trail. 8”-10”in diameter. No Chain saws from 3/2025 to 9-2025—SPOTTED OWL.	J. Medina-Gray FOSM CREW	03-24	N. Faulty: 6 trees removed.	FOSM CREW
			03-21	130S to ¼ mi. above Upper Faulty Jct: 3 trees removed.	Galbraith
03-22 03-25	Bill Springs Tr: 2/3’s way up from Doc Long—2 large trees down with poor passage. 2nd Review of trees reveals 3 trees down. Total Blockage of trail.	Jeff Young D.McCreery			
03-23	Cedro Single Track Trail: 6” tree across trail.	Scott Nicolaysen	03-25	Cedro Single Track: 1 tree removed.	Canyon Young
			03-22	Acequia Tr. in Cienega Picnic area: removed top of dead pine from trail.	Beard, Romero Cook, Arndt

03-26	Mahogany Tr.: about ½ mi N. of Easy Pickens & Ponderosa loop a large Ponderosa is down.	Jeff Young	03-26	Mahogany Tr: 1 tree removed.	Canyon Young
			03-25	Upper Faulty: 1 tree removed.	J. Harrington
			03-25	Lower Faulty: 1 tree removed.	J. Harrington
03-26	Switchback (lower with Kiwanis Meadow Tr. #16): Large tree down across the trail. (Post holing in snow!) Looks like 18-20" tree.	Karen Thorn			
03-25	Valle Tr: (CATIP area): near bottom jct with Armijo a 6"-7" tree across the trail.	Luis Cuadros			
03-25	Wagon extension leading down into Sulphur: This tree was partially limbed with a saw. Photo suggests an 8"-12" tree.	Luis Cuadros			