

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 jnct 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 Jnct: 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			