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Cibola Trail Rangers  
Hello Everyone,

David Galbraith has gotten everyone motivated to get out on the trails and start reporting the trees down. Some have been removed. THANK YOU!!! I have posted the information from CTR as best as I can put it together. May have some errors, but you will get the drift of what is happening out there.

Bob discussed with me the Penasco Blanco Trail. He hasn't been out there in a long time, but it has been OVERGROWN for years. It is a long way out there and requires some serious pruning work. Might be a good idea if USFS scheduled and overnighter and did some work on that trail. To try and do work on that trail in one day would not get much accomplished.

I posted the Switchback trees, but that is in the soon to be closed area. Work would have to be done prior to 4/1/26.

Happy Trails,  
Sally Lowder  
Tree Reporter

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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, 2026 (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
<b>*****FIVE REPORTED TRAILS START CARRY OVER WORK FOR FY 2026 *****</b>					
10-26 2023	<b>Faulty Tr 1 + mi S of Barts: 8"-10" leaner across tr. Stability in ??</b>	Jeff Young			
05-27 2024	<b>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.</b>	Peter Marks			
07-22 2024	<b>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 are 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.</b>	Harrington			
03-17 2025	<b>Embudito Tr: 6 trees remain to be removed from about 3 to 3.5 miles up the trail. SEE BELOW 2-18-26</b>	FOSM CREW	02-18 2026	<b>Embudito Tr: 1 tree removed. Plus, a short section of tree encroaching the trail.</b>	Galbraith
08-20 2025 10-03 11-19	<b>Faulty Tr.: just N or less than 50 yds of Sulphur Tr. jnct a 15"-20" up rooted leaner. Still settling downward. MONITOR: appears stable.</b>	Kerry Jones  Kerry Jones Harrington			
09-29 2025	<b>Switchback: tangle of trees on lower Switchback moments turning off 130. 35-12'27"N, 106-26'34"W 10,395ft</b>	Karen Thorn	10-09	<b>Switchback: this tree was removed.</b>	Galbraith

	<b>THIS BEGINS THE TREE REPORT FOR FY 2026</b>				
10-01 2025	<b>Faulty Armijo Jct Area: trail up to medallion tree is 1 messy tree w/ no walk around.</b>	Susan Gregory	10-03	<b>Faulty Armijo jct area: 1 tree removed.</b>	Gregory
10-06 10-17	<b>Survey Tr: 0.3 mi N on Survey from 536 one branch and trunk in the trail. This obstruction is still present</b>	Ken Smith Charles	10-24 10-26	<b>Survey Tr: 2 trees removed. Survey Tr: 1 12” tree removed.</b>	K. Jones Galbraith
10-06	<b>Switchback Tr. 7” dead conifer across trail at knee high @0.17mi N of Ellis TH red gate.</b>	Ken Smith	10-19	<b>Switchback Tr: 2 trees removed. Now clear end to end.</b>	Galbraith
10-05	<b>Canoncito Tr on upper ½ between Faulty &amp; Crest Tr: 18-24” log on trail w/ walk around; 12-14” log across trail w/ walk around; 18-24” step over; 12-18” step over at 36” height. Lots of encroaching brush noted.</b>	Don Fisher			
10-07	<b>Pine Drop between Un Poquito &amp; Cresta: 1 large Pondo across the trail. (Closer to Un Poquito).</b>	Jeff Young	10-20	<b>Pine Drop: 1 tree removed.</b>	FOSM CREW
10-10	<b>Survey Tr. between the Ellis parking lot &amp; the Crest Hwy: about 300 yds from Hwy a large tree down across the trail—crawl under.</b>	Charles via Ken Smith	10-11	<b>Survey Tr: 18” tree removed w/ 2 cuts.</b>	Galbraith
			10-10	<b>Tree Spring: CLEAR end to end</b>	Galbraith
			10-10	<b>South Crest from Top of Tree Spring to Crest: CLEAR</b>	Galbraith
			10-10	<b>Challenge CLEAR from Ellis TH to 10KS</b>	Galbraith
			10-10	<b>10KS: CLEAR end to end</b>	Galbraith
10-17	<b>Challenge: below red gate near mile 4 on Crest Hwy—1 10” hanger head high (closer to red gate &amp; another high hanger further along across trail.</b>	Luis Cuadros	10-17	<b>Challenge: 2 trees removed.</b>	Harrington

10-16	<b>Upper Switchback Tr: 10" &amp; 6" dead Aspens across trail.</b>	Ken Smith	10-17	<b>Upper Switchback: 2 trees removed.</b>	Galbraith
10-18	<b>Challenge Tr: 14"+ tree down across trail @ 0.52 mi above ski area.</b>	Luis Cuadros	10-24	<b>Challenge Tr: 1 tree removed.</b>	Galbraith
10-20 11-05 12-01	<b>Tree Spring Tr: ~7/10 mi up from TH is a large diameter rotten log making its way into the trail. UPDATE: tree still present but partially shifted in position. 3-32-26 Tree still present.</b>	Kerry Jones  Kerry Jones Galbraith	12-01	<b>Tree Spring Tr: snow &amp; needs Chain Saw</b>	FOSM CREW
10-21	<b>North Faulty Tr (Old Mystery Tr): 5 trees downed or hung-up across trail from 6"-10". All were 1.5-2.4 mi from lower end of trail.</b>	John Cooper	10-27	<b>North Faulty Tr: 5 trees removed.</b>	FOSM CREW
			10-20	<b>Valle Tr: 1 leaner removed.</b>	FOSM CREW
			10-24	<b>Ellis Tr: CLEAR</b>	K. Jones
10-24	<b>Capulin Peak Tr: 6" tree across trail less than 10 minutes from TH. Easy stepover. Trail is clear to overlook.</b>	T. Hollister	01-14 2026	<b>Capulin Peak Tr: 1 tree cleared.</b>	Canyon Young
10-25	<b>130N: Near burned out area a medium sized stepover tree across trail</b>	Tim Murphy	10-26	<b>130N near burn area: 2 trees removed.</b>	Galbraith
			10-30	<b>10KN to Overlook: CLEAR</b>	Galbraith
			10-30	<b>Osha Lp: 1 13" tree removed.</b>	Galbraith
11-04 12-01	<b>10KS: 0.20 mi from Tr. Sp. jct heading N., is a large leaner across trail leaning uphill. (Walk under possible). MONITOR</b>	Kerry Jones FOSM CREW			
			11-03	<b>Challenge Tr. from Ski area to Bill Spring Tr.: 1 tree removed.</b>	FOSM CREW
			11-03	<b>Bill Spring Trail: CLEAR</b>	FOSM CREW
			11-17	<b>Switchback: brushing &amp; cutbacks.</b>	Browning & Roholt
11-08	<b>Faulty Tr: midway between Sulphur &amp; Bill Spring is an 8" fallen tree.</b>	Cuadros	11-10	<b>Faulty Tr: 1 tree removed.</b>	Harrington

			11-12	<b>N. Faulty: 4 trees removed near Anne Boleyn tree.</b>	S. Gregory
			11-17	<b>Oso Corredor: cutbacks &amp; brushing done on entire trail to Doc Long.</b>	FOSM CREW
11-15	<b>Faulty tr. north of Lorenzos Trough: large tree down across trail-stepover.</b>	Harrington	12-15	<b>Faulty Tr: 1 large tree removed. Also removed two smaller trees on Faulty closer to the South Crest junction.</b>	Galbraith
12-07	<b>130S less than 1 mi from Tram: 1 downed 12-14" Aspen mostly on/over trail. 35.19178,-106.42710</b>	Kerry Jones			
			12-08	<b>130S just N of Kiwanis Meadow Tr. jct: 1 leaning tree removed from above trail.</b>	Roholt & Jones
12-09	<b>Gravel Pit Tr: 2 trees down 1/10 mi from 4 Seasons Tr. jct. 15" stepover &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> is a walk around.</b>	Eric M.	12-16	<b>Gravel Pit Tr.: 2 trees removed.</b>	Carroll & Crew
12-12	<b>10KS: 1 tree 14-16" extending into Double Eagle ski run remains. Did limb it.</b>	K. Jones	12-12	<b>10KS: 2 trees removed near Double Eagle Run.</b>	Kerry Jones
			12-12	<b>North Faulty Tr: cleared 2 trees</b>	S. Gregory
12-17	<b>Challenge Tr: large tree blocking trail 1/3 mi. below Ellis TH. This is near the hairpin turn.</b>	Kerry J.	12-22	<b>Challenge Tr: large tree removed. Also removed 3 hazard trees impacting the trail.</b>	Carroll & Morrow
			12-22	<b>North Faulty: removed 7" tree. Also removed 6" tree from the medallion tree spur.</b>	S. Gregory
01-04 2026	<b>Canoncito: Large tree over trail on Canoncito uphill from the junction with elk track. SEE ALSO 10-05-25 FOR MORE CANONCITO TREES. Update: 32"-40" tree. BIG! Did some limbing to make safe. This tree is 50 yards N. of Elk Track junction.</b>	Bergsohn	02-23	<b>Canoncito Tr: 1 very large tree removed!</b>	FOSM CREW + Jen M-G
02-08		(S. Lowder)			
		Dave Gabel	01-07	<b>N. Faulty: Five trees were cleared from North Faulty. The first 7-in dia tree was located approximately 2.8 miles from the trailhead and the overhead tangle of four trees was only a couple of hundred feet down the trail.</b>	S. Gregory

			01-13	<b>Switchback Tr: 1 tree removed.</b>	K. Jones
			02-05	<b>N. Faulty Tr: 1 tree removed.</b>	S. Gregory
			02-18	<b>N. Faulty Tr: 1 tree removed &amp; other branches.</b>	S. Gregory
02-18	<b>Embudito: 1 leaner at 2.5 miles from TH. A duck under but should be removed for horses. 3-4 big trees need removal starting at 3.5 mi. &amp; up.</b>	Galbraith			
			02-19	<b>Piedra Lisa Tr.: Albq. Side TH to Del Agua Tr. jct. 6 trees removed.</b>	Galbraith
02-19	<b>Del Agua Trail from Piedra Lisa: Only hiked 100' and saw 2 trees down. Have had reports from runners of more trees down in the upper section.</b>	Galbraith			
02-21	<b>Acequia Tr: there are two good sized pondos down across Acequia below the intersection with Cienega towards Armijo.</b>	Jeff Young	02-23	<b>Acequia Tr: 2 trees removed.</b>	FOSM CREW + Jen M-G.
02-21	<b>Had a hard time climbing over trees.</b>	Danforth			
02-21	<b>Pine Drop: ducked under a big blowdown on rocky section of Pine Drop.</b>	Patty Danforth	02-26	<b>Pine Drop: 1 tree removed.</b>	Jen M-G USFS
02-26	<b>N. Faulty Tr: After removal, there is 1 12" tree remaining across trail.</b>	Gregory	02-26 03-09	<b>N. Faulty Tr: 9 trees removed from trail. 1 12" tree cleared today + 3 other trees.</b>	Gregory Gregory
02-26	<b>Bill Spring Tr.: 1 13"-17" tree across trail. Step-over.</b>	Galbraith	03-07	<b>Bill Spring Tr: 1 tree cleared.</b>	Galbraith
			02-26	<b>Oso Corridor Tr: 1 tree removed.</b>	Galbraith
02-26	<b>Challenge Tr: 1/4 mi up from Faulty a large rock has fallen onto trail. (Close to the pipe that goes under the Crest highway). This is a significant obstacle.</b>	Galbraith.	03-20	<b>Challenge Tr: Large rock removed, as well as, some loose rocks still on rock face.</b>	Cuadros, Jones, Houle
03-19		Luis Cuadros			
			02-26	<b>Madera Locura: at intersection with Elk Track, 1 8" fallen tree removed.</b>	Luis Cuadros
			03-01	<b>S. Crest/Upper Faulty/Lower Faulty Loop: With reports of a tree down in the area, this loop hike was done and there was NO tree down on any segment of trail.</b>	Ho/Buss

03-04	<b>N. Faulty Tr: a 26” Ponderosa has fallen onto the new section of trail at 2.7 mi from TH. Other trees are involved. There are 2 widow makers in the area as well. A bypass has started but not sure if appropriate. This has been reported to Canyon.</b>	Gregory	03-16	<b>N. Faulty Trail: 29” tree removed. Another smaller poorly supported leaner was also removed. (2 trees removed).</b>	FOSM CREW
			03-09	<b>Capulin Trail: removed 5 unreported trees.</b>	FOSM CREW
03-09	<b>La Luz Trail: (TOP)- very close to the TH on the Tram side is a tree across the trail partially blocking trail and a large loose rock that is loose and could cause someone to go over the edge.</b>	Fred Hagstrom			
03-20	<b>Large tree ¼ mi down is very concerning as top is broken and suspended in air. Branches are protruding into trail.</b>	Browning			
03-17	<b>Palomas Peak Trail: .4 mi from TH is a 12” dead fir across the trail.</b>	Sue Harrelson	03-19	<b>Palomas Peak Tr: 1 tree removed.</b>	Roholt
03-19	<b>Kiwanis Meadow Tr. (reroute): There is a very large fir tree and a couple of smaller trees blocking the Kiwanis Meadow Tr. (recent reroute) about 350 feet below the S. Crest Tr. junction.</b>	Kerry Jones	03-23	<b>Kiwanis Meadow Tr: 3 trees removed. These trees were used as a refresher for crew members needing recertification. (Bob L. was the leader on this.)</b>  <b>TRAIL CLOSED UNTIL 2027</b>	FOSM CREW
03-20	<b>Tree Spring Tr: SEE ALSO 10-20-25, there is a 6” step-over 2’ above trail at the top of Trail. 35.18940-106.41853</b>	Harrington	03-22	<b>Tree Spring Tr: 2 trees removed.</b>	Galbraith
03-23	<b>10KN: a dozen or so downed trees on trail, many of them large.</b>	Roger Squires	03-25	<b>10KN: some 12+ trees were removed.</b>	Galbraith
03-25	<b>One large tree is left located just south of Osha loop jnct.</b>	Galbraith			
03-23	<b>Osha Loop: trees down—unknown #</b>	Squires			
03-23	<b>Survey Tr: many trees down.</b>	Squires			
03-25	<b>Survey Tr: Some 5+ trees are down and are quite large (18-30”). 3 of the</b>	Harrington			

	<b>trees are closer to 10KN. 1 tree is a duck under. Some are near the WOR tree. 1 smaller tree south of WOR</b>				
03-23	<b>Penasco Blanco: appears neglected—needs serious brushing from top to bottom. Otherwise, nice trail.</b>	Roger Squires			
03-23 03-25	<b>130N from Penasco B.: trees down. 130N: Many trees down between the burn area (north of the Chimney Canyon Jct) and Del Agua Overlook.</b>	Squires Harrington			
03-20	<b>La Luz Tr: several trees reported on La Luz by hikers—either duck-unders or step overs. No additional info.</b>	As reported to Browning			
			03-25	<b>Ellis Tr. from 10KN to 536: 2 trees cleared and this section of trail is clear.</b>	Galbraith
			03-25	<b>Challenge from Ellis Parking lot to 10KS: removed 1 tree. This section is clear.</b>	Galbraith
03-26	<b>Switchback Tr: 350' &amp; 0.53 miles up hill of the Buried Cable/Switchback jct: 12" &amp; 15" trees noted.</b>	John Cooper			