

**FY2025 Record of Trees Removed and Other Trail Maintenance Problems on Sandia Ranger District**  
**Trail Trees Removed-Date File. Update: MARCH 11, 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. MONITOR</b>	Kerry Jones  Kerry Jones	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. jnct: 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. jnct. 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 pundos 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).</b>	Galbraith.			
			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			
			03-09	<b>Capulin Trail: removed 5 unreported trees.</b>	FOSM CREW
03-09	<b>La Luz Trail: 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			