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Cibola Trail Rangers
Hello Everyone,

Please see updated Trail Tree report for 4/23/26. Thanks to Canyon Young, the tall nasty broken tree on 130N has been removed. Somewhere further on 130N, he and his helper started work on another downed tree, but were unable to finish the work.

There has been a good update on the La Luz trees that had been reported but no information had been given at that time. These trees are varying in size but all are leaning from top of trail to bottom side of trail. Experience and a team of 2 or more should tackle these trees.

The entire length of 130S from the Tram to end of Tree Spring Trail will be worked on Monday, 4/27/26. The Monday Crew is planning this work.

Thanks for all the reporting and work!!

Sally Lowder

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FY2025 Record of Trees Removed and Other Trail Maintenance Problems on Sandia Ranger District
Trail Trees Removed-Date File. Update: APRIL 23, 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
*****FIVE REPORTED TRAILS START CARRY OVER WORK FOR FY 2026 *****					
10-26 2023	Faulty Tr 1 + mi S of Barts: 8"-10" leaner across tr. Stability in ??	Jeff Young			
05-27 2024	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			
07-22 2024	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.	Harrington			
03-17 2025	Embudito Tr: 6 trees remain to be removed from about 3 to 3.5 miles up the trail. SEE BELOW 2-18-26	FOSM CREW	02-18 2026	Embudito Tr: 1 tree removed. Plus, a short section of tree encroaching the trail.	Galbraith
08-20 2025 10-03 11-19	Faulty Tr.: just N or less than 50 yds of Sulphur Tr. jct a 15"-20" up rooted leaner. Still settling downward. MONITOR: appears stable.	Kerry Jones Kerry Jones Harrington			
09-29 2025	Switchback: tangle of trees on lower Switchback moments turning off 130. 35-12'27"N, 106-26'34"W 10,395ft	Karen Thorn	10-09	Switchback: this tree was removed.	Galbraith

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

10-16	Upper Switchback Tr: 10" & 6" dead Aspens across trail.	Ken Smith	10-17	Upper Switchback: 2 trees removed.	Galbraith
10-18	Challenge Tr: 14"+ tree down across trail @ 0.52 mi above ski area.	Luis Cuadros	10-24	Challenge Tr: 1 tree removed.	Galbraith
10-20 11-05 12-01	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.	Kerry Jones Kerry Jones Galbraith	12-01	Tree Spring Tr: snow & needs Chain Saw	FOSM CREW
10-21	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.	John Cooper	10-27	North Faulty Tr: 5 trees removed.	FOSM CREW
			10-20	Valle Tr: 1 leaner removed.	FOSM CREW
			10-24	Ellis Tr: CLEAR	K. Jones
10-24	Capulin Peak Tr: 6" tree across trail less than 10 minutes from TH. Easy stepover. Trail is clear to overlook.	T. Hollister	01-14 2026	Capulin Peak Tr: 1 tree cleared.	Canyon Young
10-25	130N: Near burned out area a medium sized stepover tree across trail	Tim Murphy	10-26	130N near burn area: 2 trees removed.	Galbraith
			10-30	10KN to Overlook: CLEAR	Galbraith
			10-30	Osha Lp: 1 13" tree removed.	Galbraith
11-04 12-01	10KS: 0.20 mi from Tr. Sp. jct heading N., is a large leaner across trail leaning uphill. (Walk under possible). MONITOR	Kerry Jones FOSM CREW			
			11-03	Challenge Tr. from Ski area to Bill Spring Tr.: 1 tree removed.	FOSM CREW
			11-03	Bill Spring Trail: CLEAR	FOSM CREW
			11-17	Switchback: brushing & cutbacks.	Browning & Roholt
11-08	Faulty Tr: midway between Sulphur & Bill Spring is an 8" fallen tree.	Cuadros	11-10	Faulty Tr: 1 tree removed.	Harrington

			11-12	N. Faulty: 4 trees removed near Anne Boleyn tree.	S. Gregory
			11-17	Oso Corredor: cutbacks & brushing done on entire trail to Doc Long.	FOSM CREW
11-15	Faulty tr. north of Lorenzos Trough: large tree down across trail-stepover.	Harrington	12-15	Faulty Tr: 1 large tree removed. Also removed two smaller trees on Faulty closer to the South Crest junction.	Galbraith
12-07	130S less than 1 mi from Tram: 1 downed 12-14" Aspen mostly on/over trail. 35.19178,-106.42710	Kerry Jones			
			12-08	130S just N of Kiwanis Meadow Tr. jnct: 1 leaning tree removed from above trail.	Roholt & Jones
12-09	Gravel Pit Tr: 2 trees down 1/10 mi from 4 Seasons Tr. jnct. 15" stepover & 2nd is a walk around.	Eric M.	12-16	Gravel Pit Tr.: 2 trees removed.	Carroll & Crew
12-12	10KS: 1 tree 14-16" extending into Double Eagle ski run remains. Did limb it. SEE 3-26-26 BELOW	K. Jones	12-12	10KS: 2 trees removed near Double Eagle Run.	Kerry Jones
			12-12	North Faulty Tr: cleared 2 trees	S. Gregory
12-17	Challenge Tr: large tree blocking trail 1/3 mi. below Ellis TH. This is near the hairpin turn.	Kerry J.	12-22	Challenge Tr: large tree removed. Also removed 3 hazard trees impacting the trail.	Carroll & Morrow
			12-22	North Faulty: removed 7" tree. Also removed 6" tree from the medallion tree spur.	S. Gregory
01-04 2026	Canoncito: Large tree over trail on Canoncito uphill from the junction with elk track. SEE ALSO 10-05-25 FOR MORE CANONCITO TREES.	Bergsohn (S. Lowder)	02-23	Canoncito Tr: 1 very large tree removed!	FOSM CREW + Jen M-G
02-08	Update: 32"-40" tree. BIG! Did some limbing to make safe. This tree is 50 yards N. of Elk Track junction.	Dave Gabel			
			01-07	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.	S. Gregory

			01-13	Switchback Tr: 1 tree removed.	K. Jones
			02-05	N. Faulty Tr: 1 tree removed.	S. Gregory
			02-18	N. Faulty Tr: 1 tree removed & other branches.	S. Gregory
02-18	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. & up.	Galbraith			
			02-19	Piedra Lisa Tr.: Albq. Side TH to Del Agua Tr. jct. 6 trees removed.	Galbraith
02-19	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.	Galbraith			
02-21	Acequia Tr: there are two good sized pondos down across Acequia below the intersection with Cienega towards Armijo.	Jeff Young	02-23	Acequia Tr: 2 trees removed.	FOSM CREW + Jen M-G.
02-21	Had a hard time climbing over trees.	Danforth			
02-21	Pine Drop: ducked under a big blowdown on rocky section of Pine Drop.	Patty Danforth	02-26	Pine Drop: 1 tree removed.	Jen M-G USFS
02-26	N. Faulty Tr: After removal, there is 1 12" tree remaining across trail.	Gregory	02-26 03-09	N. Faulty Tr: 9 trees removed from trail. 1 12" tree cleared today + 3 other trees.	Gregory Gregory
02-26	Bill Spring Tr.: 1 13"-17" tree across trail. Step-over.	Galbraith	03-07	Bill Spring Tr: 1 tree cleared.	Galbraith
			02-26	Oso Corridor Tr: 1 tree removed.	Galbraith
02-26	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.	Galbraith.	03-20	Challenge Tr: Large rock removed, as well as, some loose rocks still on rock face.	Cuadros, Jones, Houle
03-19		Luis Cuadros			
			02-26	Madera Locura: at intersection with Elk Track, 1 8" fallen tree removed.	Luis Cuadros
			03-01	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.	Ho/Buss

03-04	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.	Gregory	03-16	N. Faulty Trail: 29” tree removed. Another smaller poorly supported leaner was also removed. (2 trees removed).	FOSM CREW
			03-09	Capulin Trail: removed 5 unreported trees.	FOSM CREW
03-09	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.	Fred Hagstrom			
03-20	Large tree ¼ mi down is very concerning as top is broken and suspended in air. Branches are protruding into trail.	Browning			
03-17	Palomas Peak Trail: .4 mi from TH is a 12” dead fir across the trail.	Sue Harrelson	03-19	Palomas Peak Tr: 1 tree removed.	Roholt
03-19	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.	Kerry Jones	03-23	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.) TRAIL CLOSED UNTIL 2027	FOSM CREW
03-20	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	Harrington	03-22	Tree Spring Tr: 2 trees removed.	Galbraith
03-23	10KN: a dozen or so downed trees on trail, many of them large.	Roger Squires	03-25	10KN: some 12+ trees were removed.	Galbraith
03-25	One large tree is left located just south of Osha loop jnct. SEE 3-30 BELOW	Galbraith			
03-23	Osha Loop: trees down—unknown #	Squires	03-28	Osha Loop: 9 trees cleared. All Clear!	Galbraith
03-23	Survey Tr: many trees down.	Squires	03-30	Survey Tr: 3 trees removed.	FOSM CREW
03-25	Survey Tr: Some 5+ trees are down and are quite large (18-30”). 3 of the	Harrington			

03-30	trees are closer to 10KN. 1 tree is a duck under. Some are near the WOR tree. 1 smaller tree south of WOR SURVEY TRAIL: 4 + 3 trees remain.	FOSM CREW	04-06	Survey Trail: 6 trees removed. SEE BELOW	FOSM CREW
03-23	Penasco Blanco: appears neglected—needs serious brushing from top to bottom. Otherwise, nice trail.	Roger Squires			
03-23 03-25	130N from Penasco B.: trees down. 130N: Many trees down between the burn area (north of the Chimney Canyon Jct) and Del Agua Overlook.	Squires Harrington	03-30	130N from Crest area to Del Agua: 15 trees removed.	FOSM CREW
03-20 04-22 2026	La Luz Tr: several trees reported on La Luz by hikers—either duck unders or step overs. No additional info. UPDATE: 4 TREES BLOCKING TRAIL: 5.5 miles up, 6.0 & 6.1 from the La Luz TH. (based on GPS app). 1 tree appears in 15-18” range. 2nd tree is slightly smaller and 3rd tree is a double top with a small Aspen down with it. (These trees are not for a novice.) SL	As reported to Browning Paul Karas			
			03-25	Ellis Tr. from 10KN to 536: 2 trees cleared and this section of trail is clear.	Galbraith
			03-25	Challenge from Ellis Parking lot to 10KS: removed 1 tree. This section is clear.	Galbraith
03-26	Agua Sacra Tr: (shares a portal w/ the N Crest at the tunnel Springs TH in Placitas): Several trees are down in the lower 1.5 -ish miles of trail. The largest is 30”. The upper ones are Pinons. The big one is a double trunked fir suspended above ground. Wilderness only.	Canyon Young			
03-26	10KS: 3 trees down before ski area. 1 tree just after ski area.	Galbraith			
03-26	10KS/Challenge combined section: 1 tree right at the Double Eagle jct.	Galbraith	03-27	10KS/Challenge jct: tree removed.	Phil Ortiz & MTBers

03-26	Challenge between 10KS/9 Mile PG: 2 trees across trail and 1 leaner.	Galbraith	03-27	Challenge: 3 trees removed. NOTE: MOST OF THE TREES BELOW 10KS ON CHALLENGE REMOVED.	Phil Ortiz & MTBers
03-26 03-27	Challenge between 9 mile PG & Capulin snow play: 1 16-18" tree is down. THIS TREE IS STILL HERE.	Galbraith Phil Ortiz & MTBers			
03-26	Challenge between Capulin snow play & bottom of ski area: 3 trees down.	Galbraith	03-27	Challenge: 3 trees removed.	Phil Ortiz & MTBers
			03-26	Challenge from bottom of ski area to Tree Spring: CLEAR.	Galbraith
03-30	10KN: where newest section starts is a 12" hung up tree across the trail. SEE 3-25 ABOVE	David D'Antonio			
			04-02	Four Seasons Nature Tr: 1 tree removed.	Browning
03-30	Pino Tr: 3.6 mi from top of Elena Gallegos are 3 downed trees medium to large across the trail.	Anthony Pachelli	04-17	Pino Tr: 3 trees appear to have been removed by unknown person.	Gabel
			04-05	Challenge below 10KS jct: 1 8" tree removed	Luis Cuadros
04-05	Challenge just above 9 Mile: 1 broken off tree leaning across trail (has a go-around). Needs a crew to review!	Cuadros			
04-03	Del Agua Tr: (See 2/19 above): rt. at the Del Agua sign on Piedra Lisa, trail is blocked by an 8" limby tree. Some where on the west Del Agua Tr is a large tree lying lengthwise . (Report not too clear. Trail needs brushing.	Roger Squires			
			04-03	Piedra Lisa Tr. from La Luz to Placitas: looks good, no problems	Roger Squires
04-06	Survey Trail: near 10KN is a 30" tree still on ground that will be removed eventually.	FOSM CREW			
04-09	Tecolote Tr.: Small 5" tree across the trail at 35.20119, 106.40200	Lisa T.	04-10	Tecolote Tr: Tree removed.	Harrington
04-10	130N: 16" step-over just south of NPeak turnout.	B. Gendron			

04-10	130N: Standing broken tree in middle of trail north of burn, E of Needle Overlook. Tree NEEDS TO BE LEFT IN PLACE FOR FOSM CREW OR USFS TO WORK ON. Crew has seen.	Several reporters.	04-22	130N: 1 standing broken tree removed. Also removed 1 standing Aspen to remove the reported tree. (2 trees)	Canyon Young USFS
			04-13	Tree Spring: 1 small tree removed.	Galbraith
			04-13	10KS: Clear from Tr. Spr to Challenge jct.	Galbraith
			04-13	130S above Faulty jct: cleared some branches from trail. Faulty Loop is clear.	Browning
04-17	Pino Trail: 1 tree 8"-10" down across trail on the 2nd to last switchback before the top. Rest of Pino is clear.	Dave Gabel			
04-23	BEGINNING SOME TIME AFTER 4-27-2026 THE CREST AREA DOWN TO 1OKS WILL BE CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION & TREE WORK.	USFS			