FY2025 Record of Trees Removed and Other Trail Maintenance Problems on Sandia Ranger District
Trail Trees Removed-Date File. Update**: APRIL 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
**********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. jnct 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 Jnct Area: trail up to medallion tree is 1 messy tree w/ no walk around.**	Susan Gregory	10-03	**Faulty Armijo jnct 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. jnct 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 02-08	**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.**	Bergsohn (S. Lowder) Dave Gabel	02-23	**Canoncito Tr: 1 very large tree removed!**	FOSM CREW + Jen M-G
			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. jnct. 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 02-21	**Acequia Tr: there are two good sized pondos down across Acequia below the intersection with Cienega towards Armijo.** **Had a hard time climbing over trees.**	Jeff Young Danforth	02-23	**Acequia Tr: 2 trees removed.**	FOSM CREW + Jen M-G.
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 03-19	**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. Luis Cuadros	03-20	**Challenge Tr: Large rock removed, as well as, some loose rocks still on rock face.**	Cuadros, Jones, Houle
			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 03-20	**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.** **Large tree ¼ mi down is very concerning as top is broken and suspended in air. Branches are protruding into trail.**	Fred Hagstrom 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 03-25	**10KN: a dozen or so downed trees on trail, many of them large.** **One large tree is left located just south of Osha loop jnct. SEE 3-30 BELOW**	Roger Squires Galbraith	03-25	**10KN: some 12+ trees were removed.**	Galbraith
03-23	**Osha Loop: trees down—unknown #**	Squires	03-28	**Osha Loop: 9 trees cleared. All Clear!**	Galbraith
03-23 03-25	**Survey Tr: many trees down.** **Survey Tr: Some 5+ trees are down and are quite large (18-30"). 3 of the**	Squires Harrington	03-30	**Survey Tr: 3 trees removed.**	FOSM CREW

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 Jnct) and Del Agua Overlook.**	Squires Harrington	03-30	**130N from Crest area to Del Agua: 15 trees removed.**	FOSM CREW
03-20	**La Luz Tr: several trees reported on La Luz by hikers—either duck unders or step overs. No additional info.**	As reported to Browning			
			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 jnct. This tree may have been reported 12/12/25.**	Galbraith	03-27	**10KS/Challenge jnct: 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			
	BEGINNING EARLY 4-2026 THE CREST AREA DOWN TO 1OKS WILL BE CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION & TREE WORK.	USFS			
			04-05	**Challenge below 10KS jnct: 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 turnoff.**	B. Gemdron			
04-10	**130N: Standing broken tree in middle of trail north of burn, E of Needle Overlook. Tree NEEDS TO BE LEFT**	Several reporters.			

	IN PLACE FOR FOSM CREW OR USFS TO WORK ON. Crew has seen.				