

FY2025 Record of Trees Removed and Other Trail Maintenance Problems on Sandia Ranger District
Trail Trees Removed-Date File. Update: MAY 03, 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. jnt 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	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	12-01	Tree Spring Tr: snow & needs Chain Saw	FOSM CREW
11-05		Kerry Jones	04-27-2026	Tree Spring Tr: 1 large tree cleared. Trail is clear end to end.	FOSM CREW
12-01		Galbraith			
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	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			
12-01					
			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	04-27-2026	130S to Tree Spring: 7 medium to large trees removed.	FOSM CREW
			12-08	130S just N of Kiwanis Meadow Tr. jct: 1 leaning tree removed from above trail.	Roholt & Jones
12-09	Gravel Pit Tr: 2 trees down 1/10 mi from 4 Seasons Tr. jct. 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	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.	(S. Lowder) 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	04-24	La Luz Trail (at top): 1 suspended broken tree secured and branch removed. The trail is clear for hiking. (This tree may cause problems in the distant future). A grip hoist was not possible to use.	K. Woods & Medina- Gray.
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 Jnct) 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 jnct.	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	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			
04-25	BEGINNING 4-30-2026 THE CREST AREA DOWN TO 1OKS WILL BE CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION & TREE WORK.	USFS			
05-01	Un Poquito: 14" Pondo across trail 0.6 mi from Armijo or 0.8 mi from Pine Drop. (35.15338,-106.37569)	Cuadros			