Report on Maintenance of Ladera Trail and Elk Ridge Trail in the Los Griegos Mountain Area in the Jemez Mountains on Friday, October 22, 2021

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On Friday, October 22, Vincent Amendolagine and Sam Beard traveled from Albuquerque to the Los Griegos Mountain parking area where we met Mike Meier from Los Alamos and Tom Broadbent from La Cueva. Sam was the only USFS certified chain sawyer, and it was very helpful that the other crew members usually carried the chain saw. I was too busy bucking trees to take pictures.

Mike and Frances Meier had sent two emails with 60 photos of trees down on Ladera and Elk Ridge Trails; therefore, we knew that we had to remove a large number of down trees. Most of the down trees were killed several years ago in the Cajete Fire.

Between Ladera Trailhead and Griegos Junction we removed sections of about 3 dozen logs so that skiers could pass. From Griegos Junction we went down Lower Road to the junction with Elk Ridge Trail and removed about a half-dozen logs. We then removed another half-dozen trees before we started down the steep part of Elk Ridge Trail. Down the steep part to the power line we left about a dozen down trees and below the power line, we left about 4 down trees. It was getting late and we just did not have time to remove them. I would like to return and remove them before we have snow.