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This six-inch diameter fallen fir was the first tree removed from Gravel Pit trail during yesterday’s hike. It was cut and moved off the trail.

(Photo by Stefan Martin)

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This 12-inch diameter “duck-under” fallen

tree on Gravel Pit appears to have come

down recently. It was removed. Photo taken

looking south.

(Photo by Stefan Martin)

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Rav is starting the cut on the fallen tree shown in the previous

photo. Photo taken looking north.

(Photo by Bob Lowder)

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This lengthy six-inch diameter hangup has been

looming over Gravel Pit for quite some time. It

once had appeared to be well supported, but that

no longer seemed to be the case so it was removed.

(Photo by Bob Lowder)

![A person standing in a forest

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Yet another leaner in our Gravel Pit collection.

This one about 12-inches in diameter. Ken Nicholson

provides scale on a previous hike. This tree was

removed.

(Photo by Rav Nicholson)

![A person standing next to a tree

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This was the last tree removed from Gravel Pit and

presented the biggest challenge. It was 15-inches in

diameter and supported by an aspen and two small fir

trees. While it had been leaning for some time, it

recently dropped down significantly.

(Photo by Rav Nicholson)

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David is finishing the first cut on the 15-inch leaner. There was considerable top and side bind in the trunk requiring an array of wedges to keep the kerf open. The wood was quite hard

and much time was needed to complete the cuts.

(Photo by Bob Lowder)

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Once the tree was finally on the ground the base was protruding

slightly into the trail so a second cut was made to provide safe

passage. Rav cuts while David waits his turn. The remaining stump/root ball (not seen left of the photo) was chopped, pried up and rolled off the trail.

(Photo by Bob Lowder)

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Mission accomplished – Gravel Pit trail cleared.

(Photo by Bob Lowder)

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This dead 10-inch diameter cork bark fir had recently fallen along Switchback trail. Someone had tried to roll it off without much success. After a lunch break (the fallen tree in the background providing excellent seating) this tree was cut once and removed from the trail.

(Photo by Bob Lowder)

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Fallen tree in previous photo has been cleared away

from Switchback trail.

(Photo by Bob Lowder)

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This previously cut tree, sticking out at just about head height near the trail margin, seemed to the crew that it might be of concern to someone passing by on a bike or horseback, so it was cut back. Rav has the honors.

(Photo by Bob Lowder)