**Report of Trees Down on Ski Trails in Los Griegos Area in the Jemez Mountains**

**and on Sandia Mountain by David D Antonio on January 2 and 3, 2022**

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1. **Los Griegos Area in Jemez Mountains**

Don't know the names of the trails in that area, I just call it "Los Griegos". I did get around the three trees on lower Ladera Trail, and after these trees, the trail was good for a while. When I reached a trail junction with a black sign indicating a difficult trail (Elk Ridge Trail), I knew from past experience the left turn was more straight up and it being hard enough with all the powder continued on the "easier" trail (Ladera Trail). As it turns uphill to the flattish area, it was difficult to see where the trail was **with large trees down**, even though I had been there before. Eventually found another blue diamond and the road that circles around to Griegos Junction (?) **with other large trees down but wide open and avoidable**. After the Junction there is a road crossing, with a power line, blue diamonds to the right and the steep trail up the hill which switchbacks up to the Upper Road. There were so **many trees down here (10-20)** it was time to turn around. Used to take a trail through the woods when I got up to the flat which made wide switchbacks and ended right before the Junction, but I saw no sign of it.

1. **Sandia Crest Area**
2. **Survey Trail**

Then, there is Sandia. Tried to ski the Survey Trail (Mon., 1-3-22) and as soon as you **cross the highway there are quite a number of down trees and at least one hang-up**. They all seemed **about a foot or so**, but there was a spot with a **tangle of around a dozen**. After getting through that and up to where the trail used to come in off the road, it seemed much better. There were **two trees right after the power lines**, which one could get around **one maybe 18" and the other about 12".** Then just after the wilderness sign and that middle rock face there is **a huge tree, belt high, about 24",** across the trail. We were able to squeeze-slide-crawl underneath only to ski a little further to just before the last rock face where there was **another large tree down**, about the same size. This one was on the ground, but many branches were in the way. Enough fun, we turned around there and skied back through the old burn bowls avoiding the big mess by the highway.

1. **Switchback Trail**

Skied Switchback Friday (Dec. 31) and there is **only one tree down**. From the top you drop down and there is a 180 switchback and then you continue down back to the meadow area. The tree is about 1/2 way between that switchback and meadow. It's maybe 8', on the ground and might even be covered with all the new snow after I was there.

That's all I have. I'm pretty sure all the trails in the trees in the Sandias, the Jemez and elsewhere are in similar condition.