A fallen tree in the woods

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This is the two-tree tangle that had blocked Capulin Peak Trail. It was located just below the spot where the trail re-entered the forest after a sharp left turn above the site of the old fire tower. This view is looking downhill.

A group of people in the woods

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This is a view of the two fallen trees looking uphill. They did a great job of completely blocking the trail. After a discussion about the safest way to get this mess out of the way, the first steps in its removal are underway.

A group of people in a forest

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These trees provided the crew with a lot of opportunities to do some serious limbing which is always necessary before the large portions of fallen trees can be safely cut away. Ken takes his turn at the task.

A group of people in the woods

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John completes the limbing on the last remaining

portion of the fallen trees before it is moved away from the trail.

A group of people in a forest

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The blockade has been cleared and the crew prepares to resume the hike to check out the remaining portion of the trail.

A group of men in hard hats using a tool to cut a tree

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In addition to removing the two fallen trees, the crew did some basic “housekeeping” which included cutting away encroaching shrubs such as oak and several other species. Hazards like previously fallen trees that had slumped down near the trail or previously cut trees whose ends were now a bit too close to the tread were cut back. Bill makes the cut while Jamey waits to help move the hazard away.

A dirt path with trees and dirt

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The hazard shown in the previous photo has been cut away.

A person standing in the woods

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A large tree whose cut end is too close to the trail.

A group of men in hard hats working in the woods

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After using a crosscut saw, the hazard shown in the previous photo has been cut away.

A group of people walking in the woods

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“Return of the Lost Patrol” After a morning’s work, the

crew returns to the Capulin Picnic Area for lunch.