A group of people in the woods

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This 18-inch diameter dead spruce tree had fallen over

the Kiwanis Meadow re-route trail. Phil and David are

clearing the area to provide safe space to do the cuts

needed to remove the obstacle.

A group of men cutting a tree

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Phil and David begin the first cut with a crosscut saw. The wood

on this tree was so hard and heavy that we suspected someone had hauled it in from the Petrified Forest in Arizona and dumped it here on the trail. Everyone on the crew gets their turn on cutting big trees like this.

A person and person cutting a tree

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Time for the second cut on the big spruce tree.

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Cuts completed and the trail is now clear at this point.

A large log with a backpack and a pick axe

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A cross section of the big spruce tree… Solid wood

from margin to margin.

A fallen tree in the forest

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This 23-inch diameter fallen fir was located about 1/3 of a mile

or so north of the upper tram terminal on Crest Trail 130. A walk around had developed to the right of this downed tree.

A couple of men cutting a fallen tree

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Getting ready to start the cuts to remove the tree. The light area on the trunk to the left of Phil shows where bark has been

removed from the cut site. Dirt that collects in bark over the years can be an abrasive that dulls the teeth on crosscut saws. Sharpening a crosscut saw is a complicated matter that is time consuming, requires special tools and special training.

A group of men in hard hats holding a large tree

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The first cut is nearing completion. The cut will be finished from the uphill side of the log.

A group of people working in the forest

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David and Bob working on the second cut.

A group of people wearing hard hats holding a saw

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The big fallen fir has been removed. The walk-around which had developed around the upper portion of the fallen tree was blocked off. (The crew, left to right – John Cooper, David McCreery and Phil Cromer. Not pictured – Bob Lowder)

A group of people walking in the woods

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This dead leaner was hanging over Rocky Point trail.

It was removed.

A group of men cutting a tree

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Another leaner over Rocky Point trail. John holds back some upper branches as David finishes cutting some lower ones.

A person in a white hard hat standing on a rocky trail in the woods

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The leaner shown in the previous photo has been removed.