A tree in the woods

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This was the first fallen tree to greet us shortly after we began our hike on Crest Trail 130 North. It is part of the broken top of the large dead fir tree located at the bottom end

of the big log.

A group of men in hard hats carrying a large log

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The crew is just about finished with the cut needed to remove the fallen tree. The crew member to the right of the photo is using a cant hook to stabilize the tree while it is being cut.

A person in a hard hat holding a hammer

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The cut portion of the fallen tree is moved off the

bottom of the trail.

A tree with a wire fence

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The trail is clear. The remaining cut portion is near the fence and far enough from the trail not to be a hazard to users.

A fallen tree in a forest

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Our next customer, not far north of the first tree. Lots of branches to remove.

A group of people in hard hats in a forest

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Branch removal begins.

A person in a white helmet and a white helmet standing next to a large tree

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The first cut is started. Susan gets some practice with the crosscut saw. The cut was finished by a B-Certified sawyer. A lot of material had to be removed to provide an escape route for the sawyer. The rope was initially placed to stabilize the tree but was not needed. It did not interfere with the escape route.

A group of men cutting down a tree

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The tree from the previous photo is on the ground and being moved off the lower side of the trail.

A person walking on a dirt path in the woods

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The trail is clear.

A group of people in the woods

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OK, so here’s another one! This old partially petrified fallen tree broke at a convenient spot (lower left in photo) when it fell. The crew is preparing to remove it.

A person chopping a tree

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Large Silky KatanaBoy saw does the job.

A group of men carrying a large log

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“Many hands make light work”. The cut section of the fallen tree is removed from the trail.

A group of people in a forest

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The trail is clear, again…

A tree trunk in the grass

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But wait! There’s more!! Another large fallen tree resting peacefully in an inconvenient location.

A group of people in hard hats holding a log

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The fallen tree has been cut and is being moved away from the trail.

A person standing in a forest

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Final check is made to be sure the tree doesn’t try

to sneak back across the trail.

A person and person in a forest

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This three-tree hang-up was looming over Survey trail.

The two larger dead trees brought a small live fir tree

along when they fell. Branches of the fir were hanging

down into head space for anyone passing through on

horseback. The small fir was removed.

A person standing in the woods

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The two remaining trees appeared to be well supported

and there is now sufficient headspace for users. The crew

determined that it was not necessary to remove them now.

A group of people in the woods

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Just when you think you are just about back to the

trailhead and done for the day, something like this

happens. The tree was removed.