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**Trail Maintenance**

Wind and snow topple countless trees across the Forest Service trails. Volunteers hike the trails, cutting out the blowdowns with a cross-cut saw. For more, click on [Trail Maintenance](#).

***Trail Maintenance (via link)***

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You can join a work party to cut out trees that have fallen across trails. The camaraderie is great, and the work keeps you warm (though you need to wear clothes and carry gear for cold weather, sometimes at high altitude).

Right now—mid-February—snow still covers most trails, and the typical weekly work party is not yet going out. But check with a contact person, listed below, to learn what special projects may be occurring and to get on a list to be notified when the regular effort begins again.

Among our goals is this: to field another team that will forestall erosion by improving the water diversion dips and ditches along trails. The team may expand its efforts to include (1) improving the trail surface (by removing rocks and by filling in holes) and (2) maintaining the corridor width by pruning shrubs and branches that grow into the standard corridor.

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