

## TRAIL CREW NOTES

10 July 2023

Location: Slab Camp trail (838), ONF

Crew members:

Mike Bonomo  
Philip Dutton  
David Graves  
Joanne Graves  
Jim Johannes

Hours on job: 40

- Objective(s) for the day:
  - Remove fallen 36" tree fallen downhill across trail just below bridge over Slab Creek. Blocking trail since sometime after November 2022.
  
- Task(s) accomplished:
  - Removed rootball and remaining 15' of trunk from trail. (Rest of trunk had been removed by May 2023 work party and unknown chain-sawyer.)
    - Cut away the roots on the up-trail side which we did not have sufficient time to cut on 14 June. Then pull those roots from the ground so they would not interfere with pulling/rotating the rootball as they had done on 14 June.
      - Status: Complete, no issue.
    - Rotate trunk and rootball to expose roots on down-trail side; then cut them away.
      - Status: Complete: no issue.
    - Rig trunk and pull trunk/rootball downhill.
      - Status: Complete, no issue. Trunk pulled as far as possible, leaving rootball partially on trail.
    - Rig rootball to rotate it off trail.
      - Status: Complete. Rootball completely removed from trail and hiker/stock corridor. Loose dirt/rocks cleaned from trail.
    - Secondary 16" diameter tree protruding into stock corridor was cut to remove intrusion.
  - Tough and arduous trek made back to trailhead with all the rigging gear and other tools. Philip Dutton reached trailhead first and then went back to relieve other overburdened members of some of their load; a truly exceptional effort.
  
- Task(s) remaining:
  - There is a 24-30" fallen tree trunk a bit lower down the trail. It's unknown when it fell or was cut, but it was not cut far enough back and protrudes into the stock corridor.. Not a major impediment to stock but it should be cut back to fully open up stock corridor. This can wait until next project on the trail.



Tree fallen just above Duncan Flats (June 2023)



Cutting roots from rootball



Trunk and rootball pulled downhill.



Rootball pulled off trail.