

## TRAIL CREW NOTES

13 April 2023

Location: Lower Big Quilcene (833), ONF

Crew members:

David Graves

Joanne Graves

Hours on job: 12

Objective(s) for the day:

- Scout Lower Big Quilcene trail from lower trailhead to upper (Marmot Pass) trailhead (6.2mi).
  - o Clear the trail for future pack stock carrying equipment to remove two large trees
  - o Note remaining impediments, to stock travel, for future remediation.
- Provide photographic information on large downed trees for sawyer assessment

Task(s) accomplished:

- Scouted trail from lower trailhead to about 4.75 mile point. The two large downed trees are at about the 4.5-mile point with Camp Jolly at about the 5-mile point.
  - o Trail is in generally good shape but numerous small trees bending over, or branches growing into, the horse corridor limits. Cut out all those reachable by saw and short loppers. Some intruding branches remain that we could not reach.
- Took photos and videos of fallen trees from rootballs to broken tips with video also of nearby standing snags.
  - o Photos and videos posted to shared Gray Wolf gmail site, shared to sawyers.
  - o Swamped out broken branches near the trail for better visual and physical assessment.

Task(s) remaining:

- One rotten stump has collapsed into the trail. Hikers can walk over the debris, but need to remove it prior to stock passage.
- (noted in February) Area of windfall damage with no major blockage but branches should be cleared from trail surface for surer footing.
- (noted in February) Stock corridor is pinched between a pair of previously cut trees and their rootball. Needs widening.



**Large trees crossing trail at shallow angle (looking away from river, toward rootballs)**



**Swamping out large logs**



**Trunk of larger tree laying on edge of rootball of smaller lower tree (looking toward river)**