

## TRAIL CREW NOTES

4/5/23

Location: Duckabush, ONF

Crew members:

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This was a 10-mile round trip hike to get to and from a tree project site that we needed to analyze for a cut plan. We left the trailhead at 9:00 am and hiked to 5 mile camp. Two large trees (one is 5-foot diameter, the other is 3-foot diameter) came down and are completely blocking the trail above 5 mile camp. Both have rootballs overhead the cut site.

WTA constructed a good hiker bypass last year, but this is unusable for stock (it would not be possible to make this safe for stock and it was intended to be temporary).

ONF has received a waiver allowing chainsaws for this project as it is not possible with crosscut saws.

We spent nearly 3 hours on site doing a careful study and analysis of the project. We agreed on a cut plan and a plan of action.

We decided to start with a crew dedicated solely to prepping the site. That crew has been scheduled for April 15. The actual cut date will be May 13.