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**Helicopter Tree Removal continues in the Valley of  
Enchantment**

The Mountaintop Ranger District continues to use helicopters for tree removal as part of fuel reduction projects in Crestline and Valley of Enchantment. Helicopters continue to remove trees and slash in areas inaccessible by conventional tree removal methods and fly the logs to a staging point or landing. Logging trucks and heavy equipment can be expected in these areas to facilitate the removal of the material from the immediate area of the community.

“Favorable weather has allowed the work to progress, and we will continue the work as long as conditions will allow it” stated Acting District Ranger Paul Bennett. “These projects are all part of the continuing effort by the San Bernardino National Forest to reduce fuels around the mountain communities.” Ranger Bennett added.

In the Valley of Enchantment and in Cedar Pines Park, helicopters are operating near Camp Pavika and along Forest Drive. Operations will start shortly in Breezy Point (Mojave River Road), along Highway 138 near Camp Seeley, and along Old Mill Road, north of the community.

While this type of logging is very interesting for the public to observe, it could be dangerous to go hiking around the operation site, so the public is cautioned and asked to view from safe, distant vantage points.

Please contact David Kotlarski at 909-382-2815 for further information.

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