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Helicopter Tree Removal begins in Miller Canyon

San Bernardino, Calif. November 10, 2009 – The Mountaintop Ranger District will be using helicopters as part of fuel reduction projects in the Miller Canyon area north of Crestline. Helicopters will be removing trees and slash in areas inaccessible by conventional tree removal methods and fly the logs to a staging point or landing.

The helicopter project work begins on November 11 and is expected to be completed with two weeks, weather and conditions permitting. In the project area, helicopters are operating east of Lake Silverwood and Highway 138 and along Old Mill Road.

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

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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