

Trail Condition Report for the Los Alamos Area, Santa Fe National Forest
Post Las Conchas Fire.
Updated June 2018

The spring tree clearing has been completed on all trails in Los Alamos County as of May 2018. Due to our robust spring winds, more trees may fall on the trail. Trees are still falling post Las Conchas fire, so avoid burn area trails on windy days.

Trail Rehab activity to date:

Water Canyon Trail - Trail has been fully restored and rerouted above the flood zone. Work completed by YCC crew in 2013.

Valle Canyon Trail - The trail has been fully restored. Flood damage from the September 2013 flood events have been repaired.

Pajarito Canyon Trail – New trail was constructed by RMYC and volunteers from the trail head to the top of Pajarito Mountain.

Nail Trail – Trail is Open

Los Alamos Canyon Road and Trail – Recently opened after County construction installing new pipe under the road. YCC 2018 crew may complete work this year on the Knapp Trail connector from LA Canyon Trail to Quemazon Trail.

Knapp Trail - Trail is partly built as of Spring 2018. The YCC crews may complete it this season.

Quemazon Trail - Trail has had considerable rehab work. Trail is open and in good condition.

Perimeter Trail from Back Gate to Pajarito Canyon – Trail is open and in good condition.

Guaje Ridge Trail - Trail clearing and reconstruction of the lower half was completed by American Conservation Experience in 2015. Locust clearing completed by volunteers and fire crew in the spring of 2018.

Mitchell Trail to Guaje Ridge - Trail is open and improved

Mitchell Trail to Guaje Reservoir – Trail has been mostly washed away by the September 2013 floods. Very rugged, but still passable if you are willing to scramble in places and push through the locusts. Some sections may be hard to find.

Guaje Canyon trail from the Upper Guaje Canyon to Guaje Reservoir- Trail was taken out by the September 2013 floods. Walking up the arroyo is possible with occasional scrambling through log jams.

Caballo Mountain Trail and Vallecitos de los Caballos Trail - Trails are mostly gone from fire and floods. Unstable slopes and unstable burned trees still remain. Very little regrowth occurring in the upper Guaje Canyon basin. Not recommended for travel. It is a challenging slow and difficult cross country trip to get up Caballo Mountain.