

# USDA Forest Service

## San Bernardino National Forest

### Mountaintop Ranger District



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### **Delays on Highway 38, near Big Bear Dam**

Between May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup>, commuters can expect delays when traveling along State Route 38 in between the Big Bear Dam and Fawnskin. Contract loggers from Pacific Slope will be removing dead and dying trees near the highway between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm on Monday-Thursdays and from 9 am to 1 pm on Fridays. Traffic will be allowed through; however delays are likely to take 20 to 30 minutes.

“This project, known as the Recreation Residents Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project, is one of many on-going projects designed by Forest Service personnel and implemented by contractors to help reduce the number of hazardous trees near communities,” pointed out Mountaintop Deputy District Ranger Jon Regelbrugge. “I sure appreciate Big Bear residents’ patience and cooperation on projects like this. Public safety remains our top priority and this project certainly contributes toward the accomplishment of that goal.”

Residents can expect to see log trucks, heavy equipment and sawyers in the area in between the Big Bear Dam and Fawnskin for at least a few more weeks. Recreationists and pedestrians are advised to stay out of any areas where logs have been or are being stacked. Similarly, sawyers felling trees require a great deal of space to safely drop the tree. If you notice timber felling operations in progress, please avoid the area.

Citizens interested in learning more about on-going Forest Service projects are welcome to visit us at

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/deadtrees/deadtreeswhatsfdoing.shtml> .