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## **Helicopter Tree Removal in Dogwood Campground Area**

**Skyforest** – The Mountaintop Ranger District is removing trees in the Dogwood Campground area as part of the Rim Fuel Reduction project. This project began last spring with the treatment of areas directly adjacent to the campground.

“We are pleased to continue the work which will provide community protection to Blue Jay and the Rim of the World High School. We are implementing a forest restoration treatment on the site, which includes removing dead trees and thinning some green trees as well. By using the helicopter to do much of the work, trees can be removed with branches and needles attached, preventing these highly flammable fuels from being left on site.” Said Bob Sommer, Forest Fuels Officer

The project area includes the National Forest lands east of Daley Canyon Road and north of Highway 18 to Burnt Mill Road. The tree removal portion of the project began on December 14, 2005 and will continue up to May 1, 2005. The helicopter will be removing trees starting December 20<sup>th</sup> through December 22<sup>nd</sup>. After a holiday break the helicopter will return to the project on January 3, 2005. The projected completion date is May 1, 2005.

For public safety, the project area is closed to all public use. Below is the temporary forest closure order: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/documents/forder0413.pdf>

