

Work Progress Report- Reds Meadow Valley

May 21, 2012 - As we open sections of trail and repair campgrounds this work progress will be updated.

The Reds Meadow Road is still limited to work crews only. Road repairs are in progress. In many areas the ground is so wet it will not support the weight of a vehicle. Work crews have established safe camp locations for incoming work crews. Water supply lines are still being tested. Sewage disposal system is now operational.

Many sites are complicated by multiple downed trees, where the cutting of one log may cause others to roll or shift. Hot shot work crews have been some of the first teams into the area, sawing through logs and debris to establish rough openings for the trails and clearing enough space in the campgrounds for other repairs to begin. Additional sections of trail obstructed by trees have been found near Purple Lake and farther south on the Pacific Crest and John Muir trails.

This worker is actually standing on a trail.

“... sections of trial are so densely covered that you must crawl along or under piles of large trees to make progress. Trees shift and sharp broken limbs pose a hazard...”

Many of these piles stretch for up to a mile.

Areas opened by saw teams will need additional trail work where root balls and debris damaged the trails.



Work Progress Details

Agnew Meadows Area ([Map](#))

Campgrounds and Trails	Status
Agnew Meadows Campground	Melting snow. Extensive damage. Not scheduled to open in 2012
High Trail- Pacific Crest Trail	Sawing is complete to 2 miles beyond the wilderness boundary. There is heavy downed timber for the next ¼ mile.
River Trail	Sawing is complete to Shadow Creek trail junction. Snow level 9,000 to 10,000 ft. and melting.
Shadow Creek Trail	Sawing is complete to the junction of Shadow Creek and John Muir trail. Extensive damage north and south of Shadow Creek along the John Muir trail. Lingering snow in this area will delay the start of work on these sections of trail.
Wildflower Trail	Snow free. Little damage in this area.

Devils Postpile Area ([Map](#))

Campgrounds and Trails	Status
Devils Postpile Campground	Snow free. Work has begun.
Minaret Falls Campground	Extensive damage. Very wet ground limited work access.
Pumice Flat Campground	Snow free. Work has begun.
Reds Meadow Campground	Snow melting. Too wet to work.
Upper Soda Springs Campground	Snow free. Work has begun.
John Muir Trail - North of Devils Postpile	Survey confirms more than 120 trees on the trail between Devils Postpile trailhead and Emily Lake trail junction. Section north of Emily still needs to be surveyed as snow melts.
Minaret Lake Trail	Snow melting. Survey in progress. Extensive damage in this area.
Beck Lake Trail	Snow melting. Survey in progress.
Fern Lake Trail	Sawing is complete to King Creek crossing.
John Muir Trail - PCT South of Devils Postpile	Sawing is complete through Devils Postpile National Monument to the Postpile formation, to the Rainbow Falls and south to Upper Crater Meadow. Additional downed trees have been reported to the south of this area, look under "Other Areas" for reports.
Rainbow Falls Trail	Sawing is complete from the Rainbow Falls trailhead to Rainbow Falls and in Devils Postpile National Monument.
Fish Creek Trail	Sawing complete to Island Crossing. Still needs work along Upper Fish Creek and Cascade Valley to John Muir trail junction.
Sotcher Lake Trail	Sawing complete.

Mammoth Lakes Area ([Map](#))

Campgrounds and Trails	Status
Coldwater Campground	Snow melting. Campground is not open.
Red Cones Trail (Mammoth Pass)	Sawing of 300 to 400 trees completed on the section of trail from McCloud Lake to the John Muir Trail Pacific Crest Trail junction.
Duck Pass Trail	Snow is melting. The John Muir & Pacific Crest trail both north and south of Duck Creek junction has a large number of trees down.
Deer Lake Trail	Snow melting. Between Deer and Duck Lake trails there are 20-30

	trees down per mile, with one ¼ mile area of heavy concentration of downed timber.
Upper section of Fish Creek Trail & Cascade Valley	Purple Lake junction to Cascade Valley has severe damage. PCT/JMT south of Purple Lake junction to Tully Hole has moderate number of trees down.
John Muir & Pacific Crest Trail near Purple Lake	The survey found extensive downed timber in this area. No usable campsites in Purple Lake area. Many trees are down on the switchbacks south of Purple Lake on the JMT/PCT. South of Purple Lake junction to Tully Hole has moderate number of trees down.

Other Areas

Campgrounds and Trails	Status
Rush Creek Trail- June Lake (Map)	Snow in upper canyon. Needs full survey.
Piute Pass Trail	Work completed to clear 20-25 trees down across the trail from trail head to the pass. From the top of Piute Pass to JMT has not been surveyed.
John Muir & Pacific Crest Trail near Piute Pass trail junction.	Early PCT hiker reports trees down from PCT mile 853 to mile 856. Area is north of McClure Meadow; south of Piute Pass trail junction.
John Muir & Pacific Crest Trail near Vermillion / Lake Edison	Early PCT hiker reports trees down from PCT mile 876 to mile 878. Area is near Bear Ridge to Quail Meadow east of Lake Edison.
John Muir & Pacific Crest Trail near Palisade Creek	Early PCT hiker reports trees down; area near Palisade Creek in Kings Canyon NP.
Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks	Snow above 10,500 to 11,000. Trail crews begin work in mid June.