

**January 12.** Ken and Martin met at 8:45 to take out fallen trees. We proceeded down the Service Road to toward the campground but were met by a fallen tanoak and fallen madrone tangled up in the phone line. AT&T needs to tackle this one.

After reversing out we parked one car at Partridge Farm parked the other at the main parking lot and took out fallen trees down to the junction with the trail to Goat Rock. We removed two small logs and one big awkward one tanoak spanning the canyon. This last one took a long time as the saw got jammed and I had to get some pulaskis from the tool shed.

We removed another two small logs going up to Goat Rock and we removed the downed branches on the trail to the Goat Rock overlook. We then removed the log by the junction of the Ridge Trail and the trail to the Interpretive Shelter.

**January 19** Frank is not yet back, get well soon Frank! but Mary Ellen was with us.

We parked at Partridge (the tree farm) and went down the Ridge Trail toward the campground, then made a mini-loop around the Nature Trail. Nothing was down except small debris.

At Russell Point we found that another tree had fallen close by the one that we had come to take out. The bigger (original) tree was easy to saw but the new one was high and awkward and took a long time to cut out.

On the Saratoga Gap trail, just NW of the Connector Trail we found two more downed trees and removed them.

**February 9** I went down with State Parks Resource Ecologist (Portia Halbert) to bottom of Tin Can Creek. The crew also included one of Portia's crew and one from from Al Lisin's crew. We made trail just above the slide and did a little drainage work and a little tree trimming.

**February 10** I went out on my own to walk the Skyline Trail and clear obstacles. Cleared 4 small downed trees, and removed small debris. Cleared a bad poison oak mess at a larger fallen oak and left the main trunk for later removal. That is an easy step-over. There's also a downed fir at the slide that needs a bigger saw. It's easy to get over if your legs are long enough.

**February 16** Park at Loghry State Forest. Ken and Martin go left, take out the fir by the slide and tidy up the horse trail from Skyline Trail to parking. Frank and Kevin go right and take out the oak.

Park at main parking lot. Frank and Kevin take the Castle Rock Loop and take out 4 big messes and two other fallen trees. Ken and Martin continue down to The Falls taking out 5 fallen trees. 200 yards or so past The falls was another big mess that was cleaned up.

**February 28** I checked out the Loghry Woods Trail on my own. I parked at Summit Rock parking and walked the Loghry Woods Trail as far as the bridge over the creek. It was more work than walk, clearing up 3 major "messes" and numerous other branches and small trees. I left 6 easy-get-by step-over logs to be attended to later. The trail is easily passable from Skyline to the bridge at the creek.

**March 8** Martin went out on his own again.

Parked at Summit Rock parking. Walked Loghry Woods Trail to the end. There were no trees down past the bridge where I stopped last time. Walked to Russell Point. Nothing down.

Hikers reported that Ridge Trail was clear, but something was down at Emily Smith. One hiker reported large tree down on Service Road (glad that I did not try to drive down to campground) could Miles confirm before our TM session next Saturday. The erosion at the bridge abutment (campground to Russell Point) was very much worse since my last report. There needs to be some rock trucked in. Runners at Summit Rock parking reported nothing down on Skyline Trail.

I returned along the Loghry Woods Trail, continuing with last month's work. There are still two duck-under logs and two step-overs and two throw-out-the-way that were just too large for me alone.

**March 15** We split up this morning. Ken and Frank took out the remaining big logs on the Loghry Woods Trail, with a one-way trek by car-shuttling between the campground and Summit Rock parking.

Martin, Kevin and Mary Ellen parked at the campground and started brushing the Saratoga Gap Trail from just past the "Captain's Chair" back toward the campground. Frank and Ken joined us after finishing their logging.

**March 22** Ken and Martin went down Travertine Springs Trail to take out (known) fallen trees.

We drove down Beekhuis Road in Ken's truck. The road is clear of fallen trees.

We took out the fallen tree that was tidied up when bypassing the slide at Tin Can Creek. This took longer than expected, each piece had to be moved and carefully disposed of. We continued on toward Travertine Springs and cleared the mess of fallen trees that Eric Iverson had reported and Al Lisin had cut a tunnel through in February. On the way back we cleared an oak on the Toll Road that had been a step-around.

**April 19** Mary Ellen could not come as she recovers from sickness, leaving just the faithful four for trail-work. Ken and Frank checked out the Frog Flat Trail after report of a downed tree (the tree had already been taken out). Ken and Frank then rejoined Kevin and Martin brushing the Saratoga Gap Trail toward the campgrounds. After lunch we built rock steps over a difficult place.

**April 26, TRAIL DAYS** We had a total of nine for Trail Days, including the stalwarts Frank, Ken, Mary Ellen and Martin. Tom Driscoll helped out again and hikers Corry, Mark, Cathy and Carolyn worked hard on a hot day.

We again brushed the Saratoga Gap Trail from the Connector Trail toward the campground. (It may take two more sessions to finish it.)

**May 17** Martin was away on his Spring backpack trip, leaving Frank (helped by 3 adults, and Ken and Kevin) to manage 7 young trailworkers.

The weather was very hot so, instead of finishing the Saratoga Gap Trail brushing, they worked just below The Falls brushing and improving the tread.

**June 21** Just three persons this time. Ken must be away fighting the Trabling fire by Watsonville. Frank, Kevin and myself worked the Skyline Trail starting right at Saratoga gap parking. We brushed poison oak and fixed up the tread. It was a VERY hot day.

**July 19** Ken is still away fighting fires so it was left to Frank, Kevin and Martin to continue working the Skyline Trail from the Gap parking lot. I had hoped to finish this short section (to the next road access) this session but we are still quite a bit short. With only three workers progress is slow.

**August 16** As last week, Ken is still away fighting fires. We finished that short section of the Skyline Trail by Saratoga Gap. We brushed poison oak and widened and levelled the tread. We built one substantial retaining wall.

**September 20** Ken is back from the firefighting.

On a nice cool foggy day we get back to brushing the Saratoga Gap Trail (campground end). We should be able to finish this section in less than a day.

**September 27** Ken and I go out on our own to see what the “issue” was on the trail down to The Falls. We find a tree across the trail just a few yards from the parking lot and decide to leave it until next month and tackle it with big saw.

We took out the iron pipe (with hacksaw) that has been alongside the trail for decades (centuries?) and decided to stabilize and widen the trail by the big rock. We heard from boy scouts that someone has fallen and was hurt so Ken went to assist until the paramedics and ambulance crews arrived and treated and remove the injured person. It is fortunate that Ken has EMT training. We finished the widening and stabilization but because of shortage of nearby rock it's not a perfect job.

**October 18** We had a very good turnout today. Apart from the faithful four we had Kevin's nephew Joseph, Tom Driscoll and Tom's friend Kai Wiedman.

We parked at the main parking lot. Ken and Frank took out the fallen tree just past the lot while the others began brushing where the chaparral starts on the Saratoga Gap Trail. Ken and Frank joined us later having disposed of the fallen tree. The trail tread is still in very good shape. Joseph reconstructed a failed rock retaining wall.

The big fir that fell across the trail (just below the join with the Castle Rock Loop) has now fallen much lower and everyone now has to duck under. We will have to take that tree out much sooner than we anticipated.

**November 15** Joseph Torres joined the faithful four again this month.

We parked at the main parking lot. Frank and Ken stopped just below the Castle Rock Loop trail to take out that huge Douglas Fir that was sinking lower and lower over the trail. Martin, Kevin and Joseph continued past The Falls to continue working on the Saratoga Gap Trail. When they returned they found Ken and Frank still hard at work on the last big cut. We all helped roll the big log off the trail.

**November 22** Ken and Martin did an extra day again today. We parked at The Campground and worked the Saratoga Gap Trail finishing from where we left off this spring. On the way to Russell Point we cleared three small fallen trees and on our return we brushed part of the Nature Trail. On the Saratoga Gap Trail we built two small rock walls as well as brushing, water-bars and smoothing the tread.

**December 20** A glorious day for trail-work. There was sunshine, frost on the ground and just a bit of snow at high elevation. We soon warmed up in the full sun on the "Face Trail".

We parked at Partridge Tree Farm. Ken and Frank dealt with an oak tree that had fallen at the junction of the Ridge trail and the Connector. Kevin and Martin continued on to begin brushing the Saratoga Gap Trail where we had finished last month. Frank and Ken soon joined us and we made good progress. We should be able to finish this stretch (to the Connector Trail) in less than a day now.

**December 27** Ken went out on his own, making a loop along the Ridge Trail and Saratoga Gap Trail, clearing small stuff that had fallen due to the Christmas Day winds. He notes that the Ridge Trail South of Goat Rock needs brushing again.