

Risk Assessment Worksheet		1. Project/Incident/Work Activity: Trail Maintenance				2. Location: Los Padres National Forest				
3. Specific Objective: General trail maintenance		4. Name and Title of Preparer: Eric Verdries, Captain				5. Date Prepared: Monday, March 15, 2021				
6. Risk Decision Authority: The risk decision authority block should be signed after the worksheet is completed. Use the Risk Decision Authority matrix to determine the authorization required to sign in block 6.										
Signature:		Title: Forest Supervisor				Date: June 2, 2026 (Reviewed/edited by Bruce Gunther - Safety Manager) See "Additional FLT Comments" on routing slip				
Identify Hazards		Assess Hazards			Risk Control Options	Residual Risk			Decision	Implement
7. Task	8. Hazard	9. Hazard Probability	10. Severity / Consequence	11. RAC	12. Identify hazard mitigations & abatement measures (press [alt + enter] to add a line)	13. Hazard Probability	14. Severity / Consequence	15. RAC	16. Task Necessary?	17. Hazard Control Assigned to:
Personal Protective Equipment	Sprains, Cuts, Head Injuries, Sunburn, Insect Bites, Hand Injuries, Eye Injuries	Possible	Moderate	Moderate	Gloves, Hardhat, Safety Glasses, Long Sleeve Pants, Long Sleeve Shirt, Boots with Slip Resistant Soles are required to be worn by all crew members. First Aid Kit Wear sunscreen to prevent sunburn. Wear insect resistant clothing if available or use insect spray.	Possible	Negligible	Low	YES	
Vehicle Operations	Fatigue, Getting Lost, Rough Roads, Icy Roads, Mechanical Failure, Weather, Animals on the Road, Accident	Possible	Moderate	Moderate	Drive defensively, wear seatbelts, turn lights on, use a spotter when backing, carry and use chock blocks, set parking brake, inform someone of your destination and time of return, carry extra water, food and warm clothing. Stop and rest if fatigued. Bring and use maps and/or GPS. Inspect vehicle condition before and after use.	Unlikely	Negligible	Low	YES	

Tailgate Safety Session	Injury to Crew Members	Possible	Moderate	Moderate	Brief crew on work assignments and objectives and ensure that all sawyers are comfortable with the work to be performed. Teach the correct use of tools and ask if there are questions. Review known hazards and environmental conditions in the area . Ensure that all crew members are in adequate physical condition Review Medical Plan and assign emergency roles Review applicable JHAS, RA's, lookouts, communications. Ensure that all required PPE is utilized, that crew members have food and plenty of water . Count crew members and have a system in place to ensure that everyone has returned safely at the end of the day.	Unlikely	Negligible	Low	YES	
Carrying Tools	Cuts, Falls, Eye Injuries, Internal Injuries, Head Injuries	Possible	Critical	High	Carry tools on the downhill side with most dangerous sides of the tools facing downward. Do not carry tools over the shoulder, except for saws. Sheath tools Do not leave tools on tread where others may step on them. Stay ten feet apart from other crew members when walking to and from the project area. Crew members carrying long tools such as long saws or rock bars, should walk last.	Unlikely	Moderate	Low	YES	
Working With Tools	Cuts, Falls, Head Injuries, Eye Injuries, Internal injuries	Possible	Moderate	Moderate	Sheath tools when not in use and wear gloves when handling them. Check work space for other people and establish a safe distance from others. Announce “swinging” before swinging a tool. Ensure tools are sharp and in good working condition. Use proper lifting techniques.	Unlikely	Moderate	Low	YES	
Working on the Trail	Injuries to Crew Members and Public	Possible	Moderate	Moderate	Be observant of snakes, hives and poisonous plants i.e. poison oak. Stop work when trail users approach and wait until they clear the work area to resume. Inform crew when stock are approaching. Stand on the downhill side, remove hardhats and set down tools away from the tread. Size up a work area for overhead and other hazards before beginning work.	Likely	Moderate	High	YES	
Traffic Control	Injuries to Trail Users	Unlikely	Moderate	Low	Ensure lookouts are utilized to prevent trail users from entering the work area.	Unlikely	Negligible	Low	YES	
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