

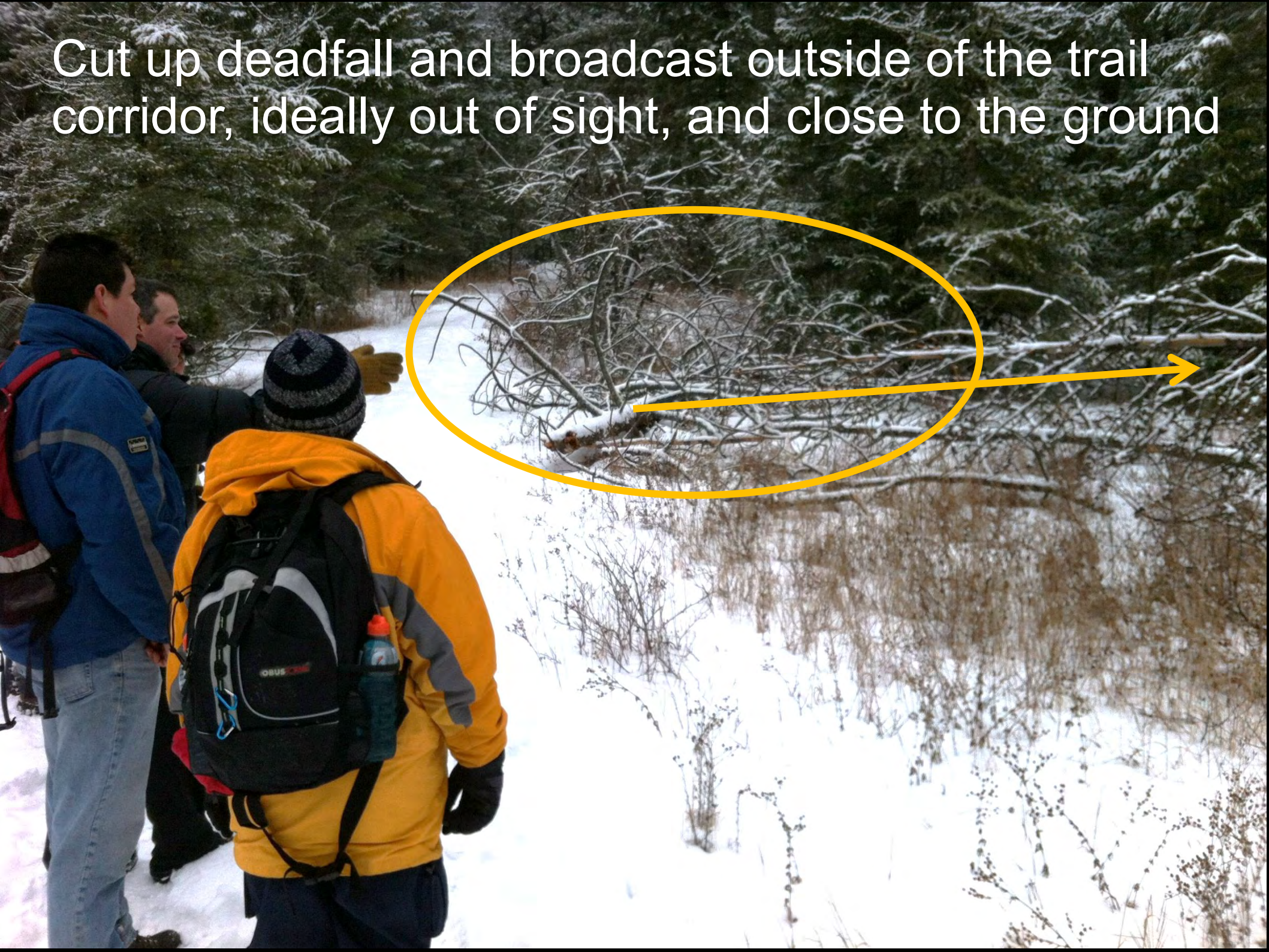
Well **maintained**. . .a few tips for
trail stewards. . .





Clear trail corridors of excessive fuel load, dangerous branches, and unsightly cut ends.

Cut up deadfall and broadcast outside of the trail corridor, ideally out of sight, and close to the ground



Avoid the temptation to “line” the trail with cut logs – it builds fuel load, creates safety hazards, blocks and channels water, and well. . . it just doesn’t look very good 😞!



Ooops. . .remember to cut and then broadcast out of the trail corridor. Stuck with a cut end you just can't move? How about rubbing a bit of mineral soil on the end to make it less obvious?





Prune right to the branch collar. Half cut branches allow disease into the plant, and create dangerous eye pokers for trail users.



Sometimes a pole saw extension is needed to cut the branch collar at the tree.



Check out the Shuswap Trail Sign Standards for blazing instructions and tips. Remember: leave $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ inch of the nail out to accommodate bark growth and allow easy replacement. And use aluminum nails to prevent hazards for timber harvesting.



A turn in the trail is marked by two blazes. The upper blaze indicates the direction of the turn. Here the trail turns to the right.

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