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## **HELICOPTER LOGGING OPERATIONS SET TO BEGIN MONDAY**

See Forever, Prospect Trail among the trails to be affected by project

**Telluride, Colorado (August 14, 2019)**— Telluride Ski Resort will begin helicopter logging operations starting Monday, Aug. 19 and continuing through mid-September. Operational hours will be Monday through Friday, 6:30am to 6:00pm.

Due to the flight path and project scope, certain trails will be closed to keep all trail users, including hikers and bikers, safe and out of harm's way during operational hours. These trails include See Forever, Basin, Prospect Trail and Prospect Loop.

The helicopter operation is part of a Forest Health Mitigation project to improve forest health, reduce wildfire risk, and improve recreation. The focus of the project is within the Lift 9 area and trees will be flown via helicopter from the forest health mitigation pods to a decking/processing location in the Chair 10 area. Logging equipment and trucks will be moving through the resort in conjunction with the project.

As the majority of these trees are dead or dying, the potential for limbs/debris falling from the load is high.

"Guests can expect to see 'CLOSED' signage on trails and access points, so we ask everyone to please respect these signs and stay safe," said Scott Pittenger, Director of Mountain Operations at Telluride Ski Resort.

The previous time the resort performed this type of operation was during the expansion into Prospect Basin in 1999-2000.

### **About Telluride Ski & Golf**

Telluride Ski & Golf, rated the #1 ski resort in North America by Condé Nast Traveler for six of the last seven years, offers spectacular skiing, riding, golf and recreation opportunities. Located in the San Juan Mountains of southwest Colorado, Telluride is tucked among the highest concentration of 13,000 and 14,000-foot peaks in North America. The ski resort offers unmatched scenic beauty and incredible terrain for all abilities and consists of 127 trails over 2,000 acres. Golfers can enjoy teeing off on one of the highest altitude courses with an 18-hole par-70, 6,574-yard course at 9,417 feet above sea level. For more information, visit [www.tellurideskiresort.com](http://www.tellurideskiresort.com).

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