

On Thursday June 24th, seven FOSM volunteers, along with SRD Trails Foreman Russell Berman and three SRD trails crew, hiked to Vista Trail in the CATIP area and completed several tasks:

- Final finish-work on a reroute which was built on the west Vista Trail during the previous session, bypassing a social trail and switchback, and connecting Vista directly to the ridgeline. The finish-work included widening the corridor with loppers and pruning saws, removing several remaining rocks (and one “boulder”), shoring up the edge in spots, and leveling out the tread.
- Meanwhile, some of the crew worked to close off the bypassed social trail plus a couple others in the vicinity. Trail obliteration involves pulling rocks and branches onto the tread along every piece of each trail. Great progress was made, and we hope to finish closing these trails next week.
- The Mexican Spotted Owl injunction (remember?) came along in late 2019 while we were building the Vista Trail. As a result, we were obliged to leave several bushes and small trees in the trail until the issue was resolved. On Thursday we were (finally!) able to remove all remaining obstacles along the Vista Trail and realign the tread to remove the walk-arounds that had developed in the interim.
- Several sections on the steep side-slope leading to the junction with Madera Locura Trail were “re-benched,” which involves digging into the uphill side of the trail to widen and flatten the tread.
- A long “S-curve” of new tread was built at the north end of Vista, connecting it with Madera Locura. Technically this completes all of the trail building in the CATIP area! Some work remains, including installing two signs at the Vista-Madera Locura junction, and some trail realignments and other maintenance in various locations.

The volunteers were: Jenny Blackmore, Sim Cook, Jim Houle, Mike Madden, Pat Madden, Eric Russell and Cleve Sharp.



Starting finish-work on the new rerouted section on Vista. Soo many rocks...



Nice Rogue Hoe, Eric



Couple of hap-hap-happy guys



Re-benching down towards the junction



Team Madden!



Not what you want to find after a long day of trail work! (And it wasn't the battery)

But a week later he still came back for more...