

On Thursday July 29, eleven FOSM volunteers hiked to Un Poquito Trail in Cold Canyon to continue work on a series of realignments to move the trail out of the drainage. We had planned for a couple of volunteers to remove a reported downed tree near the junction with the Armijo Trail. Sandia Ranger District Trails Foreman Russell Berman arrived with the same plan! He brought a battery-powered chainsaw; he and Phil Cromer and Eric Russell made short work of the task, then returned to the work site. Meanwhile the rest of the crew started the day by closing a long section of the old trail which was bypassed when its reroute was completed the previous Thursday. After that, a second short reroute section was constructed, and the corresponding piece of old trail was obliterated, before the crew moved on to the third and final realignment. The terrain on this final section is steep and fairly rocky, and 2-3 more work days will likely be required to finish.

The volunteers were Claudia Bergsohn, Jenny Blackmore, Phil Cromer, Byron Garner, Bruce Hansche, Jim Houle, Jeff Huser, Pat & Mike Madden, Eric Russell, and Cleve Sharp.

Photos by Jenny Blackmore.



Closing off the old trail



Okay, let's leave the rock garden... but make sure bikes can squeak through.



Roughing it out



Smoothing it out



On the third reroute, flat terrain leads to steep terrain...



... leads to steeper terrain.



The cross-country return hike