

On Thursday August 5, ten FOSM volunteers hiked to Un Poquito Trail in Cold Canyon to continue work on the final realignment section, moving the trail out of the drainage. A gully-washer in the East Sandias the evening before had left some muddy spots on the trails for the hike in. However, the slope where the work took place was steep and covered in a deep layer of duff and pine needles, so mud was not an issue there. Morning temps were cool. Afternoon temps were... far less cool.

Claudia Bergsohn, Bruce Hansche and Jim Houle hiked to the reroute completed on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, to address some maintenance issues Jim had noticed when scouting earlier in the week. Horses had punched through some soft spots along the edge of the tread, a large root needed to be removed, and there were a couple sections which needed to be re-benched (widened). They spent much of the morning completing this maintenance, while the rest of the crew continued building the new realignment farther south. With plenty of rocks and roots, and steep terrain, work progressed fairly slowly. Job security!

Early in the day we had a surprise visit from Sandia Ranger District Trails Foreman Russell Berman and SRD Recreation Staff Officer Julie Padilla, passing through on a field trip.

The volunteers were Courtnee Bennett, Claudia Bergsohn, Jenny Blackmore, Bruce Hansche, Jim Houle, Pat & Mike Madden, Rav Nicholson, Eric Russell and Mark Werkmeister.

Photos by Jenny Blackmore.



Visitors! (Look closely)







The lucky ones find a shady spot.



Pat's White Whale



Before



After