On Thursday, October 7, eleven FOSM volunteers returned to the Challenge Trail extension west and north from Dry Camp. The crew knew what was in store after the cribbing and other rock work they'd begun two weeks prior, so two sledges and two rock bars were included with the tools for the day. About half the crew continued the rock work while the other half moved ahead, benching-in new tread. Conditions were idyllic, with perfect temps, perfect soil (past the rocks), and nice fall colors.

The volunteers were Jenny Blackmore, Phil Cromer, Byron Garner, Bruce Hansche, Jim Houle, Jeff Huser, Pat Madden, Rich Miller, Rav Nicholson, Eric Russell and Cleve Sharp.

Photos by Jenny Blackmore unless otherwise noted.



A lovely fall morning

This section of rock work was started during the previous work session and finished Oct 7th.







Photo by Bruce Hansche

Before (on Sep 23). Shoring up the edge. Breaking large rocks into smaller "crush".





Photo by Bruce Hansche

Taking turns with the larger sledge. Using crush for fill creates better stability.





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So... before Oct 7, and after completion, with dirt added.



Speaking of before and after, Eric worked solo on this section and the photographer missed the "before." Turned out great!

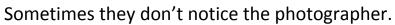
Meanwhile, the rest of the crew forges ahead on new terrain.





After benching out a section, she focuses on the backslope.







Sometimes they do.







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More rock-wrasslin' by Cleve, Jim and Rich lands another trophy for the collection.





Team effort on the final rock of the day. Let's go home!