

On Thursday, October 14, nine FOSM volunteers were joined by Kerry Wood, Cibola Trails & Wilderness Manager, for a day of rock work on the Challenge Trail extension. Volunteers took turns building new trail, doing finish-work on previously built trail, and focusing on rock work. After a few hours of cribbing and rearranging large rocks, the new tread took shape. Nice cool work temps. By the end of the day the crew emerged from the trees (beautiful views!) and started working through an oak patch. AMBA (ABQ Mountain Bike Assn) had progressed close to the FOSM work site from the other direction, during their workday the previous Saturday. (The following Saturday, Oct 16, AMBA finished all the way to where FOSM had stopped.) Now the Thursday crew will focus on some finish-work on the Challenge Trail extension between Dry Camp and the ski hill, before moving to a new part of the extension.

The volunteers were Jenny Blackmore, Sim Cook, Phil Cromer, Byron Garner, Bruce Hansche, Pat & Mike Madden, Eric Russell and Cleve Sharp.

Photos by Jenny Blackmore.



Building and benching



Benching and building



... and cribbing



This one should go here



It's coming together



Quick-Draw McCook with his water bottle. Brilliant!



Byron breaks out of the trees... and into the scrub oak.



This would be great down lower.



Maybe rotate a little. Don't squish me.



Nice an' easy...



Some final adjustments



'Bunch of before-and-after's





Before



During



After



Before and after. Nice views, eh?