

On Thursday March 17, nine FOSM volunteers were joined by Russell Berman, SRD Trails Foreman, and Kerry Wood, Cibola Trails & Wilderness Manager, adding new trails to the Placitas Trail System. The crew picked up where volunteers from PATA and AMBA had left off the Sunday prior, cutting new tread and connecting the new trail with the existing North by Northwest trail in the northwest corner of the system. Volunteers also did finish-work on parts of the new trail. After making the connection and building the “triangle” at the junction, part of the group closed off a social trail which had recently developed in the vicinity, while the rest of the crew moved to a different location to work on yet another new trail which will eventually connect the recently-finished new trail with Forest Lane. ¿Claro? 😊

The day was cool and cloudy, with a couple moments of precip (snow or sleet).

The FOSM volunteers were Claudia Bergsohn, David Bernstein, Jenny Blackmore, Luis Cuadros, Byron Garner, Jim Houle, Steve Roholt, Jeff Huser, Eric Russell and Cleve Sharp.

Photos by Jenny Blackmore unless otherwise noted.



Claudia and Jim tackle new trail in the first location, near the NxNW connection



Eric and Cleve work on the triangle at the new junction



Before, near the junction. Bikers had started riding the flag line before the trail was built.



After. (Might look more impressive if the photographer were taller...)

Starting out at the second location



Jeff



Byron



Cleve ponders some strategic swamping



Luis



David, Jim, Byron



Photo by Jeff Huser

The best part of the day deserves double-documentation



Before and after at the second location. The finished trail will wend its way northwest towards Forest Lane.



The view from our lunch spot. One of many reasons we do what we do.