

On Thursday April 7, nine FOSM volunteers continued adding new trails to the Placitas Trail System. They were joined by Russell Berman, SRD Trails Foreman. The crew started the day by finishing a connector trail they had begun building in March, running from a (still unnamed) newly built east-west trail, north to Forest Lane. They then hiked to the worksite of the previous week's session, to continue building a trail which will connect with the existing NXNW trail in the northwest corner of the system. Work proceeded quickly, west through a large wash and up the far side. Meanwhile other crew members performed finish-work on the new tread built last week, primarily widening it where it runs through sections with steeper sideslope. Temps ranged cool to warm, morning to afternoon, with blue skies.

The FOSM volunteers were Claudia Bergsohn, David Bernstein, Jenny Blackmore, Luis Cuadros, Byron Garner, Jim Houle, Jeff Huser, Eric Russell and Ralph Wrons.

Photos by Jenny Blackmore unless otherwise noted.



Russell clears corridor, Byron swamps, Claudia gets ready to dig through duff



Jeff finds a lovely parasol



At location 2, Luis works to widen the tread



In the wash below, Jim removes prickly pear. Replanted, it could make a useful "gargoyle."



New crew member Ralph Wrons!



Eric and Claudia start working up out of the wash



Photo by Russell Berman

Byron's before-and-after