

On Thursday April 14, eleven FOSM volunteers continued adding new trails to the Placitas Trail System. They were joined by Russell Berman, SRD Trails Foreman, splitting his time between clearing corridor for FOSM and checking in with a RMYC crew who were putting finishing touches on a different trail in the vicinity. The FOSM volunteers spent the day cutting new tread eastward and northward from the existing North by Northwest trail in the northwest corner of the system. The crew moved quickly, with soft soil and mostly gentle sideslope until the end of the day. Skies were blue and temps were pleasant, though soil conditions were dusty.

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

Photos by Jenny Blackmore.



The new trail starts to take shape
Luis, Steve, Claudia



Mark uses Russell's favorite tool, the boot-mattock



Roland returns! Looks like he found a root.



Jeff, Claudia, Steve



Claudia, Steve, Luis



Jim adds some finishing touches



David kicks up the dust



Eric shores up the trail where it crosses a wash



Cleve stops to swamp before diving back in



Byron builds a solid base across a low spot



The filled-in finished product