

On Thursday July 21st, ten FOSM volunteers continued working southeast from Tree Spring on the Challenge Trail extension, building new trail on very steep sideslope, and doing finish-work on previously-built trail. Although the photos don't reflect it, "rocks" was the word of the day, practically with every swing, and most of the crew encountered multiple monsters. One section of trail sat just above the Crest road below, so the crew exercised great caution when moving rocks off the trail. Skies remained clear; working (mostly) in the shade was a welcome relief from the heat.

The volunteers were Joe Beman, Courtnee Bennett, Jenny Blackmore, Phil Cromer, Luis Cuadros, Jim Houle, Ralph Kopp, Mike Madden, Pat Madden and Eric Russell.

Photos by Jenny Blackmore unless otherwise noted.

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The crew lines up. Jim sorts out where his pack can go so it stays put! Ralph watches the path of a rock he's trundled. (Joe, Phil)



Courtnee works on the backslope. A lower angle means less material will slough onto the tread over time; leaves more room for bike handles; and will (hopefully) keep horses from shying away to the outside edge.



Pat and Mike do some fine-tuning



Try to find a shady spot
(Ralph, Joe, Eric, Courtnee, Pat)



Sometimes the rock you need
for cribbing resides downhill
[insert Sisyphus comment here]



Ralph removes as much dirt as he
can from around his latest big rock
before grabbing a rock bar

Joe's root...



Photo by Jim Houle



Before



During and after, from the other side