On Thursday July 28th, fifteen FOSM volunteers continued building new tread on the Challenge Trail extension, working towards the old Crest Road and Bill Spring. Those in front encountered stumps and huge rocks. Those working on the backslope and widening the tread encountered the same thing. A nice cool morning led to clouds and some rumbling. After cutting the day short, the rain started on the hike out, and everyone was back to the trailhead by noon.

The volunteers were Courtnee Bennett, Claudia Bergsohn, David Bernstein, Jenny Blackmore, Luis Cuadros, Byron Garner, Bruce Hansche, Jim Houle, Ralph Kopp, Larry Larrichio, Mike Madden, Tony Pachelli, Eric Russell, Roland Stumpf and Ralph Wrons.

Photos by Jenny Blackmore.



Ralph W, Mike, Claudia, Byron



Tony, Larry, Byron, Roland, Ralph W

Lining up in the morning





David and Jim work on widening and flattening the tread



Bruce, back from Colorado (Ralph K, Luis, Ralph W, Claudia)



Roland, back from weeks in Mexico! (Tony, Larry, Byron, Ralph W, Luis, Claudia, Ralph K, Mike, Eric... whew)

For raking or grading, there's nothing quite like a McLeod



Tony, Larry, Byron



Eric works on the tread



Mike works on the backslope



Byron, Larry, Roland



Ralph K, Luis, Ralph W, Claudia



Courtnee takes a quick breather. Mike...? Don't ask.