

On Thursday August 11th, eleven FOSM volunteers returned to the Challenge Trail extension, working on a section south of the Tree Spring trailhead. Most of the day was spent doing finish-work on previously-built tread, especially benching farther into the uphill side to widen the tread, and shaving more off the backslope to lower its angle. In a few cases the additional digging exposed large roots and rocks. Some of these were left as “features,” while others were removed. Just before lunch a few crew members jumped ahead to resume building new trail, still on steep sideslope. Temps were pleasant, especially in the shade, and clouds moved in around lunchtime.

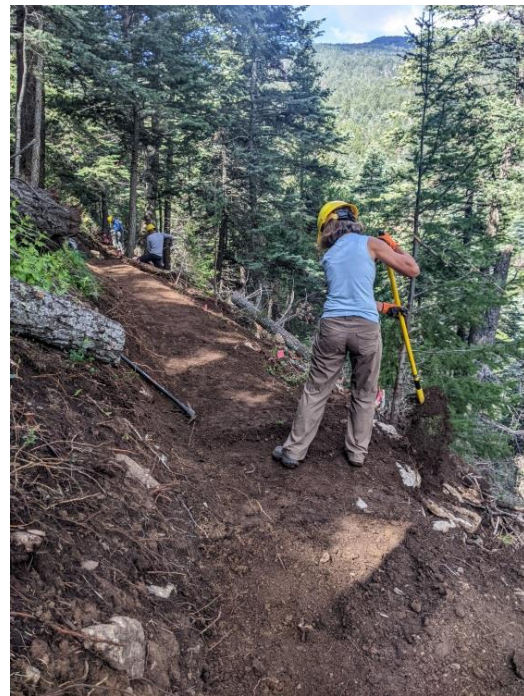
The volunteers were Joe Beman, Claudia Bergsohn, Jenny Blackmore, Sim Cook, Lane Findley, Byron Garner, Jim Houle, Pat Madden, Eric Russell, Roland Stumpf and Ralph Wrons.

Photos by Jenny Blackmore.

Now that’s some nice finish-work!



Sim, Roland, Ralph, Pat



Pat, Joe, Eric



New guy! Introducing Lane Findley!



Jim uncovers a root



Jim covers the tread
(one downside to backslope work)

“It’s ‘only’ finish-work today,” we said. “Let’s leave the rock bar in the car...”



Two picks work in a pinch. Lane and Eric and The Beatles (in Eric’s pocket).



Ralph uses a pick, patience, and a lot of digging.
A lot.



Joe, Eric and Lane each grab a section



Byron and Claudia start building new trail while Jim continues with finish-work



Well hello dare!



Before (a few weeks back)



After