

On Thursday August 18th, ten FOSM volunteers returned to the Challenge Trail extension, building new trail south of the Tree Spring trailhead. Temps were cloudy and cool, but the rain didn't start until the middle of the hike out. Perfect timing. The crew continued to bench in tread on steep sideslope, and built one short rock wall... then turned a corner and popped out onto flat terrain! It's been weeks!

The volunteers were Courtnee Bennett, Claudia Bergsohn, Jenny Blackmore, Luis Cuadros, Byron Garner, Mark Grazier, Jim Houle, Steve Roholt, Eric Russell and Roland Stumpf.

Photos by Jenny Blackmore.

Steep terrain in the morning



Eric, Steve, Mark



Roland, Mark, Steve, Eric



Byron and Claudia move a (unprintable)-ton of dirt



Courtnee and Luis prepare to do the same on a short section that needs rerouting



Yep, still steep. Jim, Byron, Claudia, Eric



Roland and Mark (not in photo)
build a short retaining wall



Steve and Eric navigate
the roots and rocks



Making progress...
Mark, Steve, Eric



This backslope is ridiculous!
Claudia gamely sets about sculpting



But look what Byron found!

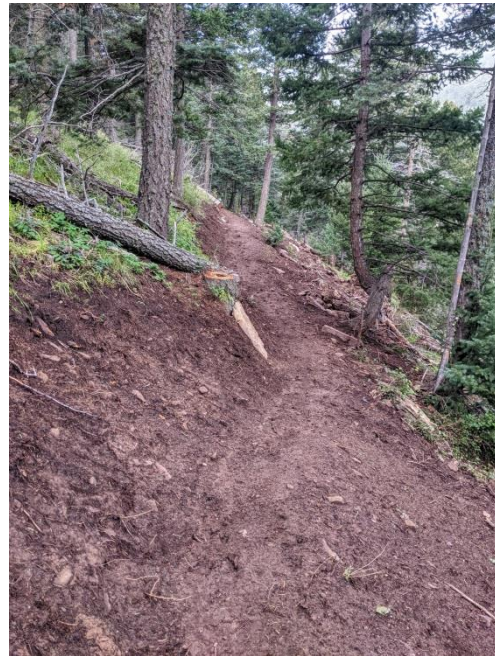
Yep, the crew has turned the corner to higher, flatter ground





A bunch of before-
and-after shots from
the last few weeks...





Outstanding work, Thursday crew!