

On Thursday August 25th, eight FOSM volunteers continued building new tread on the Challenge Trail extension, working towards the old Crest Road and Bill Spring. In the morning the work went quickly on flat terrain; by afternoon the terrain was steeper and the crew was encountering large rocks, some of which needed to be removed. Temps remained cool and pleasant throughout, with cloudy skies later but no rain.

The volunteers were Jenny Blackmore, Don Carnicom, Sim Cook, Luis Cuadros, Byron Garner, Jim Houle, Eric Russell and Roland Stumpf.

Photos by Jenny Blackmore.



Roland gets started, removing the top masticated layer.



Wait, is this Thursday or...? Don and Sim limb and buck logs in the tread line.



Eric and Byron do some gardening. It's a little oaky here!



Jim does some finish-work from last week. Or maybe he's slaying a subterranean dragon. Hard to tell.



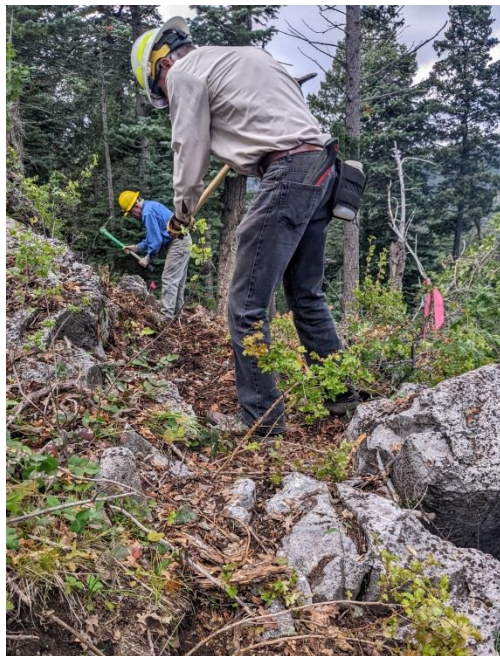
This picture of Jim and Luis is not posed at all.



Don and Eric round the bend.
The trail will have some views!



The sideslope steepens and
Eric removes several rocks



How to navigate this section?



Later: Eric tosses a chopped
root, and Sim is still swinging

Nearby (not pictured), Byron encounters a rock garden of his own.