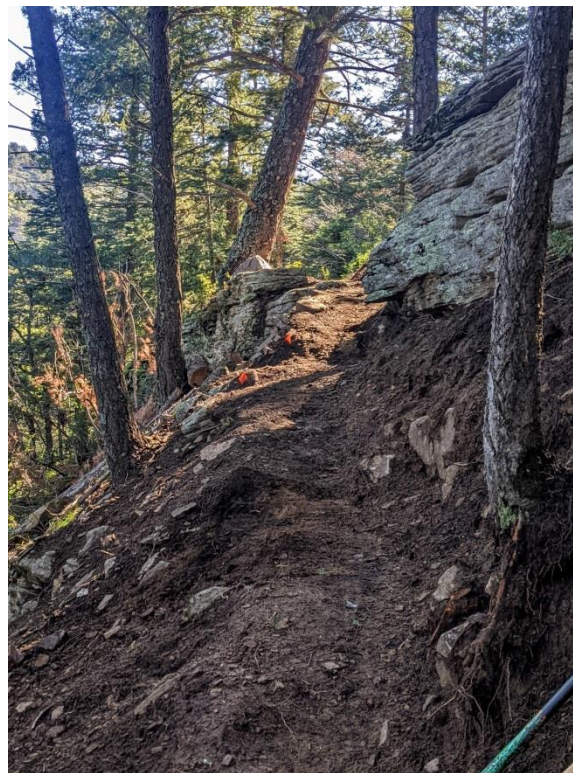


On Thursday September 1st, thirteen FOSM volunteers were joined by new SRD Trails Foreman Joseph Jaffa-Martinez, continuing to build new tread on the Challenge Trail extension, working towards the old Crest Road and Bill Spring. Although the terrain was relatively flat, progress remained slow and steady, as several rocky sections required extensive sledgehammer use (and much shuttling of the single available sledge from one end of the long work area to the other). Fortunately temps remained (relatively) cool throughout the work day.

The volunteers were Joe Beman, Jenny Blackmore, Sim Cook, Luis Cuadros, Byron Garner, Mark Grazier, Bruce Hansche, Jim Houle, Jeff Huser, Ralph Kopp, Rav Nicholson, Steve Roholt and Roland Stumpf.

Photos by Jenny Blackmore unless otherwise noted.

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A before-and-after, after finishing this previous section on August 25th



Luis builds a drainage feature



Ralph and Rav tackle a section with some oak



Mark and Roland chop through grass while Steve clears high branches from the corridor





Rav, Byron and Joe put some finishing touches on their sections



Strong backs! Sim and Ralph put their heads down and go to town.



Roland puts up with the photographer



Steve wishes his shady patch was just a leetle larger

The day's most coveted item...



Jim at the northwest end



Ralph somewhere in the middle



Jeff and Joseph to the southeast. (Both photos by Bruce Hansche, who also joined in the fun, along with other un-photographed folks)



Joseph and Bruce survey the damage 😊



Photo by Bruce Hansche

Jenny finds rocks under the duff



Parting shot



Before



After



Before



After