

On Thursday October 20th ten FOSM volunteers, along with Jeff Cervantes from the SRD trail crew, returned to the Challenge Trail extension, building new trail just west of the north end of the old Crest Road. It was another beautiful day on the mountain, with blue skies, fall colors and perfect temps for working. The going was slow due to steep terrain, large rocks and plenty of high-stumped scrub oak to excavate. Some crew members focused on a few finishing touches from the last session. Some of these “finishing touches” included breaking up rocks and building a rock retaining wall.

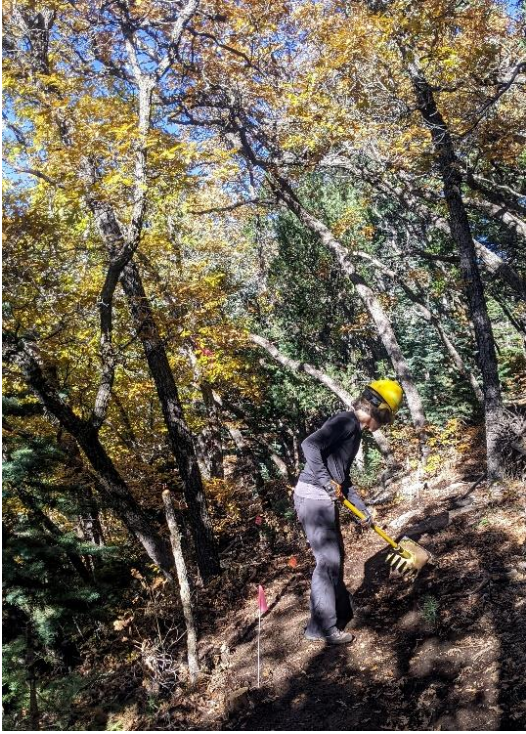
The volunteers were Tayo Basquiat, Jenny Blackmore, Luis Cuadros, Dave Gabel, Byron Garner, Bruce Hansche, Jim Houle, Mike Madden, Pat Madden, and Roland Stumpf.

Photos by Jenny Blackmore.



Luis does some sledge-intensive finish work (Mike in background)

Rocks which might encourage trail users to “float” downhill get removed or reduced in size.



The Maddens and their McLeods



The man in the shadows is Dave G.



Jim makes progress on his section



Oak stumps. You can dig them out...
(Bruce)



you can low-stump them...
(Roland)



Tayo and Jeff

you can pry them out...



Byron and Bruce

...in the end you wind up
with a prize.



In some spots duffy soil means opting for retaining-wall reinforcement



Bruce and Jim before and during



Mike on his section during and after

Tayo's section includes stumps and a wee rock...



Before



During



After