

On Thursday December 1st, fourteen FOSM volunteers and two SRD trails staff returned to the Challenge Trail extension, building new tread at the north end of the old Crest Road. This turned out to be the final session on this section of the extension! The trail was connected to the road before lunch, and finish-work wrapped up not long after. Temps in the 40's made for nice working conditions, and aside from a few frozen stretches which thawed out later, the soil cooperated as well. The crew encountered some oak thickets (previously high-stumped), roots and rocks, but in general the digging went quickly, as evidenced by achieving this long-aimed-for goal!

The volunteers were Jenny Blackmore, Sim Cook, Phil Cromer, Luis Cuadros, Byron Garner, Bruce Hansche, Jim Houle, Larry Larrichio, Mike Madden, Pat Madden, Tony Pachelli, Eric Russell, Cleve Sharp and Roland Stumpf.

Photos by Jenny Blackmore.



A chilly start (L-R Roland, Mike, Byron, Bruce, Phil)

Nice views from this trail!



Tony and Ralph stay bundled up in the morning



Sim swings at a stump to stay warm



Byron, Roland and Luis work on a turn



Eric and Joseph work down near the road



Mike works on drainage



Pat works on the inside edge



Roland and Luis work near snow



Bruce, Phil and Jim work through an oak thicket

A couple before and after shots through the oak



(Tony, Cleve)





Bruce, Eric and Phil pause to celebrate

It might not look like much here, but this is the connection with the road. Mission accomplished!