

On Thursday December 15th, twelve FOSM volunteers – along with Cibola Trails and Wilderness Manager Kerry Wood and Assistant Manager Russell Berman, SRD Trails Foreman Joseph Jaffa-Martinez and SRD crew member Jeff Cervantes – returned to the Chalk Dust Trail in the Placitas Area Trail System to reroute several sections of trenched-out trail on the south side of the arroyo from where the bridge was removed the week prior. Joseph and Jeff from the SRD had been out a day earlier to pin-flag the reroutes and dismantle the bridge. The workday started out chilly for the volunteers, with windchill temps in the teens, but the sun warmed the work area quickly. Once the relocations had been built, the old sections were closed off, then several volunteers assisted the SRD crew in hauling out pieces of the bridge by hand, a roughly 2/3 mile round-trip to the truck each time.

The volunteers were Tayo Basquiat, Joe Beman, David Bernstein, Jenny Blackmore, Luis Cuadros, Byron Garner, Jim Houle, Jeff Huser, Steve Roholt, Eric Russell (not pictured), Cleve Sharp and Roland Stumpf.

Photos by Jenny Blackmore.



Jim lops some corridor before digging in



Byron and his festive colors find some frozen ground

Heads down, hard at work



David



Tayo



Cleve



Joe



Steve, Russell



Jeff (foreground), Luis



A fine day for digging



One of the sections in need of a reroute
R-L: Roland, Cleve, David, Tayo (in background), Joe, Byron