

On Thursday January 12th, ten FOSM volunteers, SRD Trails Foreman Joseph Jaffa-Martinez and SRD crew member Jeff Cervantes hiked roughly half a mile into the Wilderness on the Pino Trail to build a short reroute around a steep, trenched-out section of trail. Temps were chilly and there were several sections of frozen ground, but the reroute was built fairly quickly. Tasks included additional corridor-clearing (SRD and Cibola NF staff had cleared the majority of it prior to Thursday), benching in the tread, connecting the new section with the main trail, building check-dams across the old section, and completely closing off the old section with branches and large rocks.

The volunteers were Tayo Basquiat, Joe Beman, Jenny Blackmore, Luis Cuadros, Byron Garner, Bruce Hansche, Jim Houle, Eric Russell, Cleve Sharp and Roland Stumpf.

Photos by Jenny Blackmore.



Bruce gets started near the east (uphill) end of the reroute



Eric finds a loose rock (Jim, Joe)



Roland goes after some encroaching branches while Tayo tackles new tread.



This dead oak reaches across the flag line. Cleve knows what to do.



The crew encounters frozen ground. Joe; Luis of the separated shoulder; Jim



In some places, frozen solid. Swing Byron!



Looking west (downhill) at the east end of the new reroute. The tread will run through where Eric stands, and is already visible behind him to his right. Trail closure has begun on the old section, on the left side of the photo.



Tayo works on trail closure. This photo is taken from (and of) the west (downhill) end of the new reroute. The section of old trail where Tayo is working gets completely closed off.



East end before and after



Middle of the reroute before and after (looking north)