

On Thursday February 2, fifteen FOSM volunteers joined SRD Trails Foreman Joseph Jaffa-Martinez and SRD Trail Crew member Jeff Cervantes on the Sunrise Trail, in the northwest part of the Placitas Trail System. The weather was beautiful and soil conditions were conducive; volunteers and SRD staff ultimately built half a mile of new single-track, rerouting a long section of unsustainable double-track. This included closing off most of the original pieces of the old trail, plus closing some junctions where social trails cross the new line. Volunteers planted cactus and used rocks and large juniper branches for the trail obliteration.

The volunteers were Tayo Basquiat, Joe Beman, Jenny Blackmore, John Braly** Sim Cook, Luis Cuadros, Byron Garner, Jim Houle, Ralph Kopp, Larry Larrichio, Tony Pachelli, Eric Russell, Cleve Sharp, Roland Stumpf and Ken Wilson **

**New to the trail construction crew!!

Photos by Jenny Blackmore.



Jim and Luis dive in, early in the day



Ken!



John!

A hearty welcome to you both



Ralph and Byron make good progress



Larry tackles a new section

No sideslope here... The work goes quickly.



Sim



Tony



Cleve



Roland (L), Joe (R)

These guys catch on quick



Ken does some careful chopping
(Cleve, Sim)



John's section starts to take shape
(Ralph, Tony, Byron, Larry)



Eric clears around a high-stump before removing it (Ralph, Byron, Cleve)





Tayo on one of countless trips with previously-cut juniper branches from the cleared corridor (here closing off a social trail where it crosses the new tread). Later the crew broke out pruning saws to create more material.



Still smiling at the end of the day!



Byron adds some finishing touches to his section (Tony, Ralph)



Before & after



Where the new route takes off from the old

