

On Thursday May 4 eleven FOSM volunteers returned to the Challenge Trail extension, parking at the “red gate” and hiking south and east to the worksite below a hairpin turn on the Crest Highway. The majority of the day was spent doing finish work on trail built during the last workday two weeks ago – widening it in areas, removing stumps, and reducing the angle of the backslope. Temps and soil conditions were ideal.

The volunteers were Tayo Basquiat, Dan Benton\*\*, Jenny Blackmore, Luis Cuadros, Byron Garner, Bruce Hansche, Jim Houle, Rav Nicholson, Bill Perkins, Cleve Sharp and Roland Stumpf.

\*\*New to the trail construction crew... but not to trail construction!

Photos by Jenny Blackmore unless otherwise noted.

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### Lining up...



Bruce, Bill, Jim (and Roland's hard hat)



Byron, Luis, Rav, Dan, Cleve



Finishing the tread  
Jim, Roland



Finishing the backslope  
Jim, Bill



Packs on  
Dan, Rav



Day one for Dan B!



During and after, a challenging spot on the Challenge.

Jim and Phil started here last time.  
Today Bruce wraps it up.





Byron's stump. He swings high...



he swings low...



he says a little prayer...



et voilà!



Welcome to Thursdays Col. Benton



He finds another one



It's wiggling but they're not giggling. Cleve and Dan wonder just how long one rock can pretend it's coming out. (A second rock bar would have helped)



Just before the work whistle blows... out you go!



Cleve uses brawn *and* brains (and a fulcrum).



Tayo uses mostly brawn.



Luis and Tayo place a gargoye (keeps users on the trail).



Jenny heads out.  
Photo by Dan Benton