

On Thursday May 11, eleven FOSM volunteers returned to the Challenge Trail extension, doing more finish-work from previous sessions and cutting new tread along the old Crest Road roadbed before jumping ahead roughly 300 yards to focus on trail-building needs on trickier terrain. The crew will return to the roadbed at a later date. Once again conditions were ideal on the mountain. Another thanks to Sam Beard's crew for clearing corridor through dense forest on steep sideslope! We'll forgive you those stumps. ;-)

The volunteers were Dan Benton, David Bernstein, Jenny Blackmore, John Braly, Sim Cook, Luis Cuadros, Byron Garner, Jim Houle, Bill Perkins, Roland Stumpf and Ralph Wrons.

Photos by Jenny Blackmore unless otherwise noted.

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Some finish-work...



Jenny widens a narrow spot
Photo by Dan Benton



David borrows Jim's axe for a root



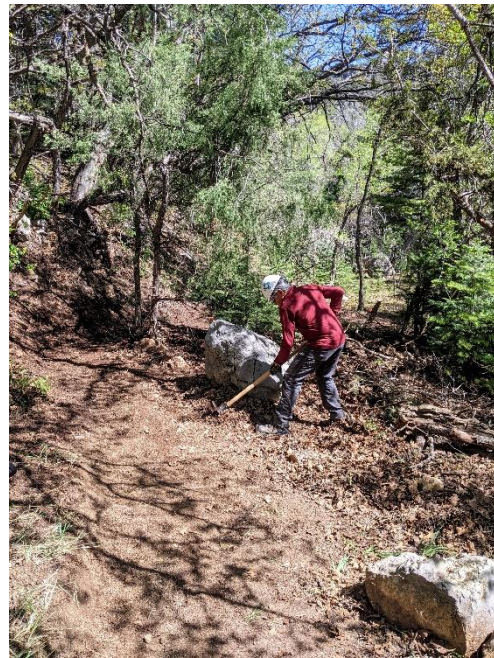
Ralph on the roadbed



Jim shaves a little more off the corner



Sim and Bill approach the culvert. This is the small one!



Luis pulls duff from the downslope

One stump of many... (Meanwhile Roland works his section in the woods)



Will the rock need to move?
John tests the waters.



The rock can stay.
Dan starts digging.



Before – in the ground



After – no longer the case

Stumps are usually completely removed, vs. low-cutting, since the soil can wash away over time, leaving low stumps exposed.



Roland wraps it up



The stumps march on.
Byron chooses one.



Before: high-stumps; cut branches
on the downslope; no tread



After: stumps and branches
removed; brand new tread



Some before/after shots
from previous weeks

It turned green!





Why we don't pry

Use picks for rocks!

(Note that the man modeling isn't necessarily the culprit.)

Why we have guardrails
Photo by Dan Benton

