

On Thursday July 6, fourteen FOSM volunteers returned to the Challenge Trail extension, now approaching the connection with Bill Spring. Though the going was rough and rocky, the crew was delighted to be building new trail after weeks of reroutes, roadbed obliteration and finish-work. Good progress was made, especially given the conditions. Some volunteers used saws to clear corridor along the final stretch, which was recently flagged by Kerry Wood, Trails Program Manager for the Southwestern Region. Temps were hot! Especially in the sun. The crew persevered.

The volunteers were Tayo Basquiat, Dan Benton, Claudia Bergsohn, David Bernstein, Jenny Blackmore, John Braly, Sim Cook, Luis Cuadros, Byron Garner, Bruce Hansche, Mike Madden, Bill Perkins, Eric Russell and Tom Swiler.**

**New to FOSM!

Photos by Jenny Blackmore unless otherwise noted.



Building trail through a rock pile, left over from Crest Hwy construction. John, David, Bruce, Dan, Sim, Eric



Starting out on steep, grassy terrain... soon to be in full-on sun. Eric, Bill, Sim, Dan



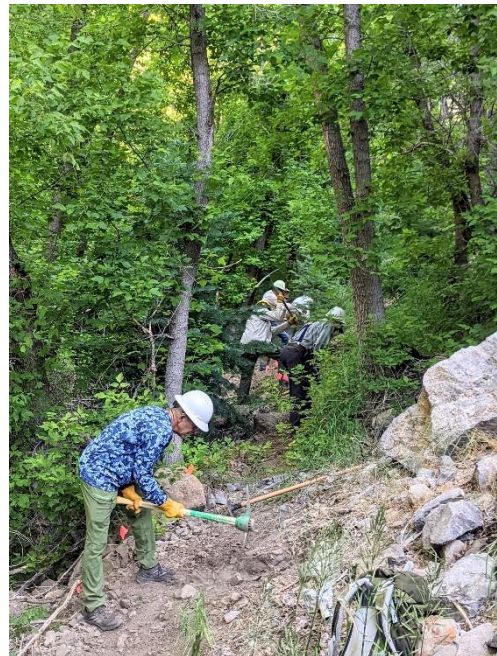
Tom Swiler!



Byron takes a pruning saw to some downhill shrubbery. Later he and Dan clear corridor. (Tom, John, David)



Tayo and Claudia in the rocks



David on the rocks (Bruce, Dan, Sim)



Tayo adds to his pile



Luis's high-stump out!



Byron on the chain gang



Photo by Dan Benton
They dubbed it The Monolith



Photo by Luis Cuadros
Luckily it had a crack



Taking turns.
One rock bar.



Photos by Claudia Bergsohn
Two rock bars.



Roll it away.
Now for the bigger piece...