

On Thursday, September 14th sixteen FOSM volunteers hiked in ~1.5 miles on the 10K North to continue work on a long realignment which has been in-process for a few years, built mostly by an SRD crew and supplemented by some FOSM workdays. There the crew split into two groups to construct the connections at both the north and south ends of this reroute. Cibola NF Trails & Wilderness Manager Russell Berman pin-flagged the southern connection. The realignment is roughly 1 mile long, running “above” the original alignment (which will likely be closed early next year). After connecting each end, the two teams planned to work towards each other along the reroute, fine-tuning it in preparation for its opening to the public. At the north end, the new alignment connects with the Ellis Trail at the current Osha Loop junction. The north-end crew hiked there to find Russell Berman pin-flagging the final stretch. Constructing the connection consisted mainly of frolicking in a grassy field, after which they turned back south for maintenance along the reroute. Meanwhile, as shown in the photos, the south-end crew’s connection was a little more challenging...

Nevertheless, the south-enders did make the connection and begin to perform maintenance tasks as they worked their way north. Ultimately the two crews met along the reroute at exactly the planned turnaround time for returning to the trailhead. The reroute is now open!

The weather was lovely.

The volunteers were Michael Arndt, Tayo Basquiat, Dan Benton, Claudia Bergsohn, Jenny Blackmore, John Braly, Phil Cromer, Luis Cuadros, Byron Garner, Susan Gregory, Bruce Hansche, Jim Houle, Laura Leon, Rav Nicholson, Bill Perkins and Roland Stumpf.

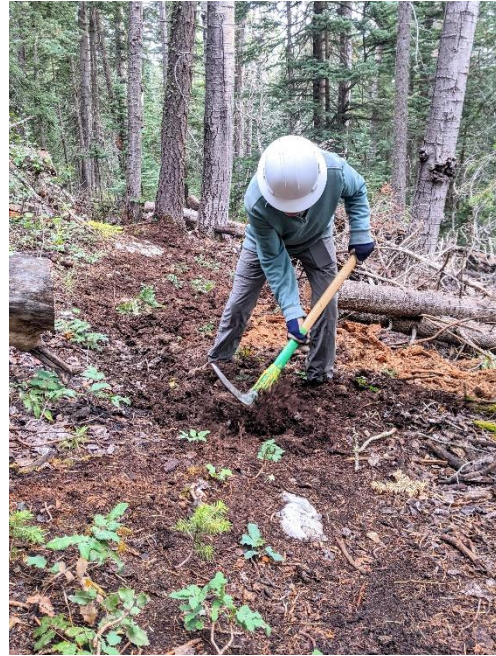
Photos by **Luis Cuadros** unless otherwise noted.

The north-enders spend some time at the south end before hiking north

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Welcome Susan! (Second Thursday)



Bill



Tayo



Laura

Not pictured from north-end crew: Claudia, Jenny, Roland

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Frolicking at the north end  
Laura, Bill, Susan, Roland

Meanwhile, some before shots from the south end. Note the flag lines.



(Two Cibola NF interns and Bruce)



Photo by Jenny Blackmore  
Looks a little wet  
Dan, Jim(L), Luis(R)



Photo by Jenny Blackmore  
Phil assists John with underbucking



Bruce gets comfy



Jim uses a different approach

It's a good day to have certified sawyers on the Thursday crew!



Phil, Dan, Michael



Rav brought wedges.  
Phil drives one.



Rav brought a crosscut saw



Byron brought a crosscut saw



Photo by Bruce Hansche  
Johnaboy with Katanaboy



(Photographer unknown :)  
Perhaps Luis is wondering if  
skiers will make it through...



Byron, Rav



John, Byron

After clearing corridor they built new tread!  
A couple after shots near the south end of the reroute.