

On Thursday October 12, sixteen FOSM volunteers started building a realignment along the Pinedrop Trail in the C.A.T.I.P. trail system which will bring the trail up out of the drainage. This project has been in the works (or on the back burner) for a couple years. The new line had been ribbon-flagged for some time, but Russell Berman (Cibola NF) and a Cibola NF intern pin-flagged it in preparation for this workday. Long segments of the reroute still needed to have the corridor cleared; Eric Russell hiked in with a battery chainsaw and spent most of the day doing so. Meanwhile the rest of the crew worked on the tread, making good progress despite some unexpected rocky areas. A few volunteers also closed off a segment of the old trail between two spots where the new alignment “touches” it. It was a windy day, but temps were perfect for trail work.

Thanks to Don Carnicom for letting the crew park at his place.

The volunteers were Dan Benton, Jenny Blackmore, Don Carnicom, Luis Cuadros, Byron Garner, Susan Gregory, Jim Houle, Larry Larrichio, Laura Leon, Mike Madden, Rav Nicholson, Tony Pachelli, Bill Perkins, Eric Russell, Roland Stumpf and Scott Sunde.

Photos by Jenny Blackmore unless otherwise noted.

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Eric clearing corridor.

Behind him you can see part of the trail which will be closed once the realignment is complete.





Byron does some clearing too, before diving into tread work.

Plenty of duff! The crew starts mostly with McLeods.



Roland



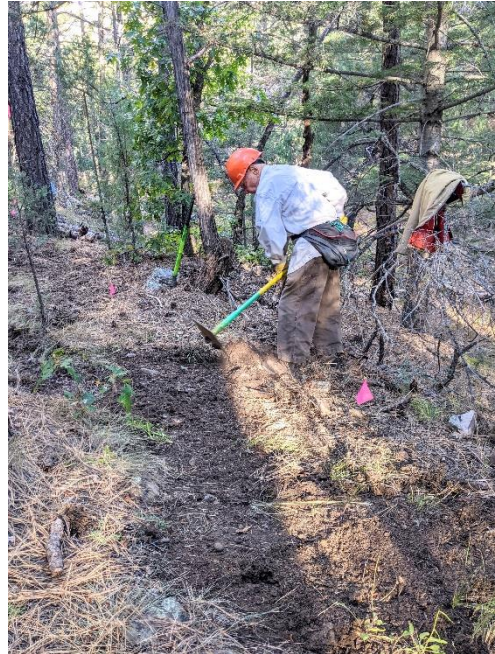
Tony



They encounter some flatter areas...



Mike



Don

... and some areas that require benching.



Luis, Jim, Bill



Dan





Landscaper Bill knows when hands come in handy. Jim keeps it conventional.



Susan, Tony



Photo by Dan Benton  
Jenny



Larry



The new tread takes shape as the volunteers leapfrog each other westward.



Roland



Laura



Tony, Byron, Mike



Cute li'l pincushion cactus.  
(That's *Escobaria vivipara* for those in the know. Like Dan.)