

On Thursday October 19, seventeen FOSM volunteers returned to the Pinedrop Trail in the C.A.T.I.P. trail system to finish building a reroute which raises the trail up out of the drainage. The crew had roughed out the realignment the previous week but had left the easternmost ~50' unstated. Arriving at the work site they were surprised to discover that a trail gnome had finished the final 50', connecting it to the old alignment (not pictured), and had started closing off the old alignment as well. Curious. Nevertheless, plenty of finish-work remained along the new reroute, and in fact at the end of the day there were still some rough patches remaining (the crew hopes to return to this area before winter sets in). Two Cibola NF interns helped close off the old alignment, a boon for the FOSM volunteers. Weather-wise, skies were blue and temps were ideal.

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

The volunteers were Dan Benton, Claudia Bergsohn, David Bernstein, Jenny Blackmore, Don Carnicom, Sim Cook, Phil Cromer, Luis Cuadros, Byron Garner, Susan Gregory, Jim Houle, Andrew Leon**, Laura Leon, Mike Madden, Rav Nicholson, Bill Perkins and Roland Stumpf.

**New to the FOSM trail construction crew!

Photos by Jenny Blackmore.



Is this considered felling...?

Roland gets primitive.

Still plenty of work remaining to create sustainable tread and backslope



Dan, Mike

Steep sideslope = lots more dirt to move



Bill, Luis



Sim, Luis

Heads down, hard at work



Susan, Andrew, Laura



Phil



Jim spent most of his day in this rocky, rooty section.



Still smiling!



Laura tackles a rough patch



Welcome Andrew!



President Madden, near the mystery connection



Rav and Claudia, making things better



Byron decides a rock bar (a root bar?) is his best option for this one