

On Thursday November 9, eleven FOSM volunteers, accompanied by new SRD Trails Foreman Jen Medina-Gray, returned to the Osha Loop extension, roughly two miles from the 10K North trailhead. Windshields iced over on the drive up due to the freezing clouds/fog, and the bitter wind at the trailhead was... disheartening. But the crew remained undaunted, and the hike rewarded the volunteers with rime ice views and shelter in the trees. They spent their day doing finish-work on last week's new tread, as well as continuing to build south uphill towards the new 10KN alignment. Temps remained cold, incentivizing hearty labor!

The volunteers were Dan Benton, Jenny Blackmore, Luis Cuadros, Byron Garner, Susan Gregory, Jim Houle, Laura Leon, Tony Pachelli, Bill Perkins, Cleve Sharp and Roland Stumpf.

Photos by Jenny Blackmore unless otherwise noted.

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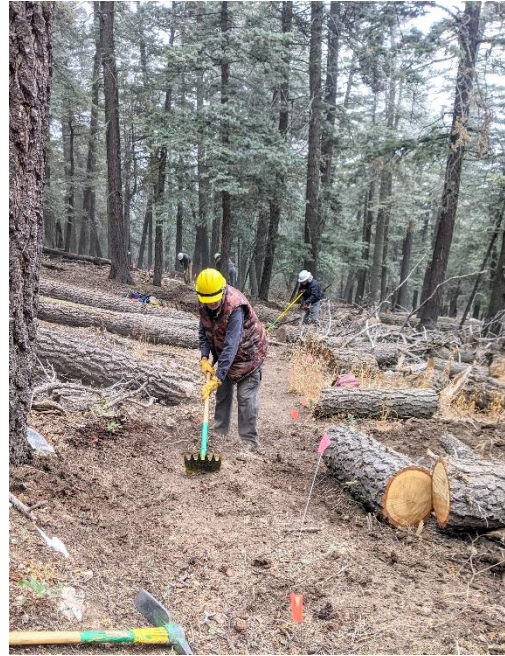


Welcome Jen!!

SRD crews cleared corridor for this alignment (at least) two years ago, but some of these cuts look fresh.



Bill



Dan, Bill, Jim, Roland



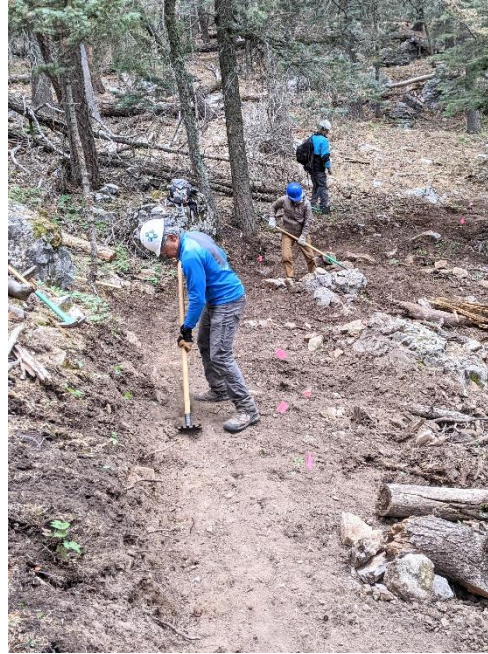
Jim applies his boot to some fine-tuning



Roland, Jim and Bill apply their McLeods to build new tread



Byron pays special attention to the downslope



Luis, Laura and Tony work hard to stay warm. This turn had been roughed out the week prior and still needed to be finished.



Luis focuses on the steep part



Laura works to maximize drainage

After lunch, near the rock formations...



Why not?



Tony tackles some steeper sideslope.  
Luis gets ready to join the fray.



Their digging reveals the inevitable.  
Cleve works near Roland's perch.



Susan mitigates trail users'  
potential downhill creep

A couple before-and-after



The return hike. All worth it.



Photo by Dan Benton