A group of men in the woods

Description automatically generated

The crew gets a first look at the fallen trees on Bill Spring Trail. Photo is looking north.

A group of men in hard hats working in the woods

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Same trees, but this time looking south. The lower

trunk is more visible. Work is starting to clear the

area so that the obstacle came be removed.

A group of men in hard hats cutting a tree

Description automatically generated

Jamey is starting a cut on the lower trunk.



After the cut was completed, the trunk section is being flipped

over to the side of the trail. In this way, it lies perpendicular to the trail to prevent it from eventually rolling down into the tread as gravity slowly would do its work. The trail margins go uphill on both sides at this location so there was no downhill side to move the trunk to. (Perhaps a resemblance to an historic event on Iwo Jima, February 23, 1945.)

A group of people in the woods

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Obstacles removed and Bill Spring trail is now clear end to end.

A group of people wearing hard hats

Description automatically generated

This fallen hang-up greeted the crew shortly after starting up Faulty Trail from Bill Spring.

A group of people in the woods

Description automatically generated

After making a cut to get the top of the fallen tree on the ground, the crew starts to remove it.

Two people walking on a trail in the woods

Description automatically generated

Faulty is now clear at this point.

A snow covered ground with trees and a pile of branches

Description automatically generated with medium confidence

This double-top tree had fallen into Faulty. Its top was stuck into the tread soil several inches. The ground was frozen and covered with about 4 inches of ice which had to be removed. The portion of the tree uphill to the top right of the photo extended about 10 feet and had several large branches.

A group of people hiking in the woods

Description automatically generated

The double top tree has been removed. Byron takes a last look at the repairs as the crew moves on.

A fallen tree in the woods

Description automatically generated

This large fallen dead fir was blocking Faulty Trail a short distance uphill from the double trunk tree in the previous photos.

A tree stumps on a trail

Description automatically generated

The trail has been cleared.

A person standing next to a tree

Description automatically generated

As the crew hiked south on Faulty from the previously shown

trees, this nasty apparition suddenly presented itself.

A group of people walking on a trail

Description automatically generated

Final score – FOSM Trails Maintenance Crew – 1.

Nasty Apparition – 0.

A group of people sitting on a dirt path

Description automatically generated

Lunch break along a sunny section of Faulty Trail.

A group of people in a forest

Description automatically generated

This rather lengthy section of a fallen Rocky Mountain Juniper was blocking Sulphur Canyon Trail. It was removed.

A forest with trees and a blue sky

Description automatically generated

This large (20-22 inches diameter) fallen fir was blocking Sulphur Canyon trail. Given its size and the time

required to remove it with hand tools, Jen and Dorothy

suggested that they would hike ahead to where the Forest

Service truck was parked and bring back their chainsaw

to remove it. There were no objections to this suggestion

from the weary crew. We met them coming back in as we were hiking out. THANKS! This photo was provided by Volunteer Tim Murphy.