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## ELLIS RE-ROUTE PROJECT SUMMARY:

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The 2 mile Ellis Trail follows a wide 200 ft road cut that was stripped of trees in the late 1960's in an ill-conceived plan to construct a highway called Skyline Drive intended to go from Sandia Crest to Placitas. The project was eventually stopped. The road cut has become a lovely meadow, filled with flowers in the spring and glowing aspen trees in the fall. Ellis Trail is used by cross-country skiers, hikers, equestrians, runners and mountain bikers. It offers solitude and glorious views. It is named after George Ellis, who lived in the Sandia Mountains from the 1880's until his death in 1912. The pre-existing trail followed the old road cut with steep, rocky up and down sections. It begins at the Crest Rd and ends at the junction with 10K North trail. Many of the sections were badly eroded and in need of re-routing for sustainability. A previous re-route had been done in the past. Under the leadership of SRD the segments were planned, ribbons placed, corridor was cleared and pin flags placed. The new re-routes meander in and out of dense forest at a more gentle grade with more sustainable tread making this a truly amazing user experience.

Date started . . . . .	July 18, 2024
Date finished . . . . .	October 3, 2024
Total #work days . . . . .	12
Total length of new trail built . . . . .	4,325 ft
Length of Ellis trail . . . . .	10,613 ft (2.01 mi)
Elevation max . . . . .	10,265 ft
Elevation min. . . . .	9,810 ft
Elevation gain . . . . .	-500 ft
Percentage of Ellis trail rerouted . . . . .	41%
Total #volunteers involved . . . . .	22
Total #SRD staff involved . . . . .	5
Average # volunteers per day . . . . .	11
Average # FOSM and SRD per day . . . . .	13
Total # volunteer work hours . . . . .	774
Average # feet built per day . . . . .	360 ft
Average # feet per worker per day. . . . .	28 ft
Total # of volunteer days. . . . .	129

### FOSM Volunteers and days worked:

- Laura Leon [11]
- Luis Cuadros [11]
- Mike Madden [10]
- Rich Fagioli [10]
- Byron Garner [9]
- Claudia Bergsohn [9]
- Eric Russell [9]
- Jim Houle [9]
- Bill Perkins [8]
- Eric Messerschmidt [6]
- John Braly [6]
- Bruce Hansche [5]
- Scott Sunde [5]
- Steve Roholt [4]
- Mackenzie Gibbs [3]
- Rich Feddersen [3]
- Becky Levinson [2]
- Cleve Sharp [2]
- John Cooper [2]
- Roland Stumpf [2]
- Bill Perkins [1]
- Susan Gregory [1]

### Sandia Ranger District staff:

- Canyon Young
- Jen Medina-Gray
- Dorothy
- Zay
- Chris

SUMMARY (CONT'D)

Segment lengths

segment #	length
#1	387 ft
#2	519 ft
#3	334 ft
#4	418 ft
#5	589 ft
#6	1,128 ft
#7	422 ft
#8	264 ft
#9	264 ft
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,325 ft</b>

Work days and hours by FOSM and SRD

DATE	segment(s)	FOSM	SRD	TOTAL	hrs by FOSM
7/18/2024	#6	11	5	16	66
7/25/2024	#6	12	3	15	72
8/1/2024	#6	10	2	12	60
8/8/2024	#5	11	1	12	66
8/15/2024	#5	12	3	15	72
8/22/2024	#4	10	3	13	60
8/29/2024	#3	11	3	14	66
9/5/2024	#2	13	3	16	78
9/12/2024	#1	10	0	10	60
9/19/2024	#7	9	2	11	54
9/26/2024	#7	10	0	10	60
10/3/2024	#8, #9	10	3	13	60
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>129</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>774</b>