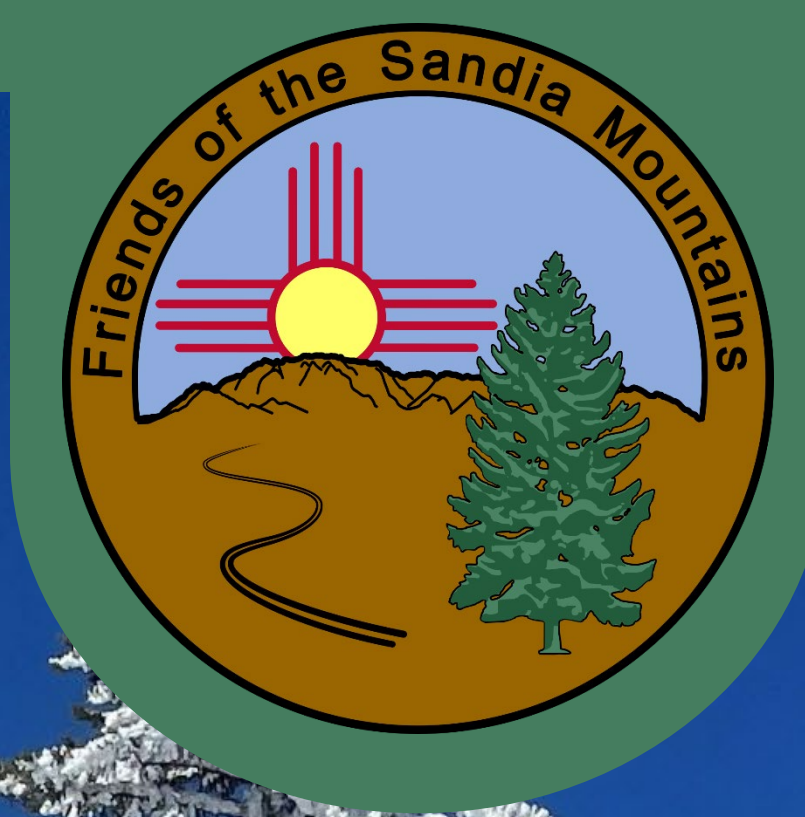




Friends of the Sandia Mountains General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Agenda

October 6th Membership Meeting



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Meeting Agenda

- President's Remarks – Mike Madden
- Treasurer's Report – Scott Dietrich
- Volunteer Hours – Silke Bletzer
- Elections – Mike Madden
- Sam Beard Award – Mike Madden
- Pueblo of Tijeras Museum

President's Remarks

Mike Madden



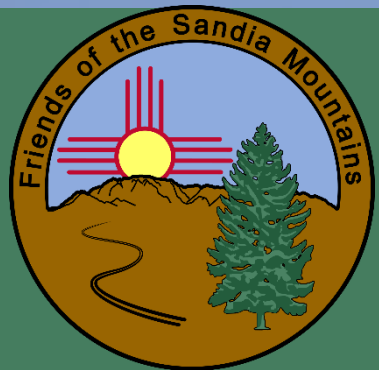
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Highlights Since Last Meeting

- Crest House demolition is complete
- Contractor will resume the remaining 20% of forest treatments Oct 12
- East Mtn H.S. Special Project processing donation wood Oct 7
- Adopt-a-Highway cleanup is scheduled for Oct 23
- SRD Volunteer Appreciation Event is scheduled for Oct 27
- TPAS Level I Docent Training is scheduled for Nov 14
- 2027 Sandia Snowshoe Race is TBD, due to ongoing forest treatments

President's Remarks

Mike Madden



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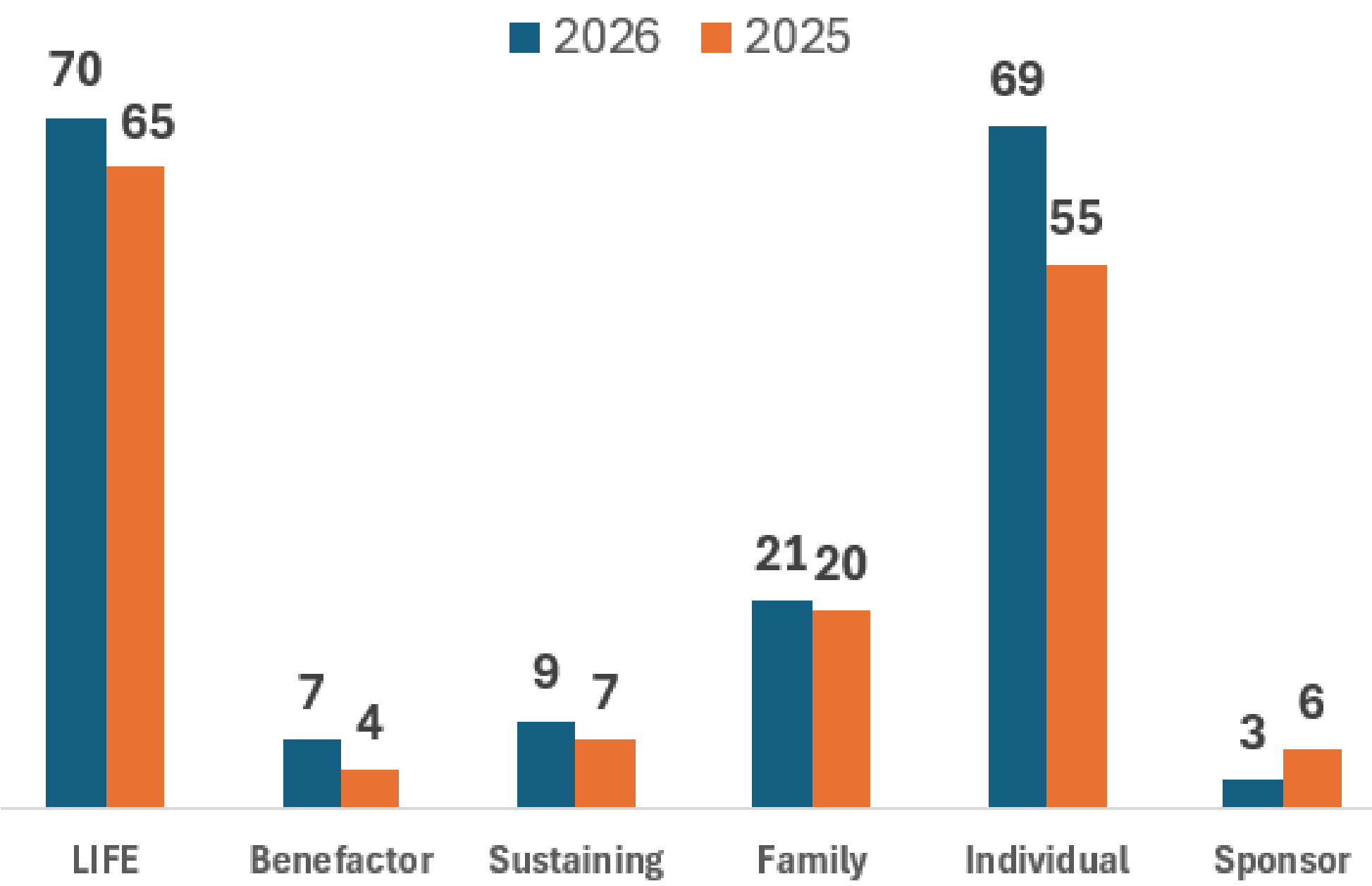
Memberships by Level

Life Sponsor* – 70
Individual – 69
Family – 21
Sustaining – 9
Sponsor – 3
Benefactor – 7

Total Memberships – 179

(+22 past year)

FOSM Membership -- October

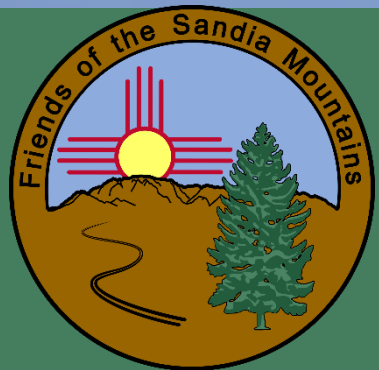


Welcome, New Members Since July 1st!

Jordan Armstrong – September 29
Michelle Hegmon – September 15
Paul Marien – September 12
Julie Torchi – September 12
Luke Anaya – September 3
Christopher French – August 31
Timothy Nipper – August 15
Deirdre Kann* – August 8
Jan Chytilo – August 8
Lynn Bender – July 28
Courtnee Bennett – July 24
Teresa McGrew – July 21
Ann Ruhnka – July 20
Kathryn McSorley – July 20
Paul Eichel – July 20
Erin Gaddis – July 12
Andre Huffmire – July 10
Jen Reilly – July 2
Patricia Steele – July 1

Treasurer's Report - Financials

Scott Dietrich



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- **Current assets – \$164,293.38**
 - Checking account – \$16,760.23
 - Schwab account – \$147,753.15

Friends of the New Mexico Forest (dba Friends of the Sandia Mountains)
2026 Fiscal Year End Balance Sheet
September 30, 2026

Assets

Current Assets

<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount (\$)</u>
Wells Fargo Checking Account	\$16,760.23
Current Assets Total	\$16,760.23

Long Term Assets

<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount (\$)</u>
Charles Schwab Investment Account	\$147,533.15
Long Term Assets Total	\$147,533.15

Total Assets	\$164,293.38
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Liabilities

<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount (\$)</u>
Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00

Net Assets

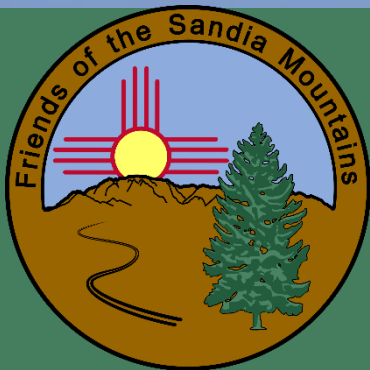
<u>Category</u>	<u>Amount (\$)</u>
Beginning Net Assets (10/1/2025)	\$161,315.33
Net Asset Surplus (FYTD 9/30/2026)	-\$811.51
Net Investment Income	\$3,510.85
FYE 9/30/2026 Ending Net Assets	\$164,014.67

Notes:

\$278.71 difference between 9/30/2026 Ending Net Assets and Total Assets is due to checks 1952 (\$29.88) and 1961 (\$248.83) not clearing Wells Fargo prior to close of September 30, 2026 WF Statement.

Treasurer's Report - Financials

Scott Dietrich

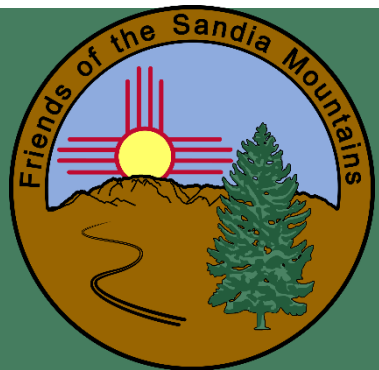


Friends of the Sandia Mountains

- FYE 2026 Revenues – \$31,043.89**
 - Memberships – \$4,485.00**
 - Donations – \$2,302.21**
 - FOTP Donations and Summer Camp – \$1,392.00**
 - Fund Raising (Snowshoe Race) – \$7,172.37**
 - Publications (Field Guide to Sandias) – \$145.01**
 - FOTP Dissolution Funds – \$12,036.45**
 - Interest (Schwab Account) – \$3,510.85**
- FYE 2026 Expenditures – \$28,344.55**
 - Capital Equipment – \$4,835.00**
 - Projects – \$14,419.51**
 - General Operations – \$4,287.02**
 - Tijeras Pueblo Related - \$1,280.90**
 - Training – \$230.51**
 - Marketing – \$1,275.04**
 - Snowshoe Race – \$1,482.30**
 - Awards – \$368.23**
 - Fees – \$166.04**

New Mexico Friends of the Forest (dba Friends of the Sandia Mountains)
Income and Expense Statement
2026 Fiscal Year End, September 30, 2026

Income (Operating)	Amount
Membership Fees	\$4,485.00
Donations	\$2,302.21
Field Guide to the Sandias Book Sales (UNM Press)	\$145.01
Snowshoe Race Fundraiser	\$7,172.37
FOTP Dissolution Funds	\$12,036.45
FOTP Donations and Summer Camp Fees	\$1,392.00
Total Income	\$27,533.04
Expenses	Amount
Capital Equipment	\$4,835.00
FOSM SRD on site Conex Storage Container 8x8x20	\$4,835.00
Capital Equipment Total	\$4,835.00
Marketing	\$1,275.04
FOSM and Snowshoe Classic website domaine fees	\$45.38
Upgrade Godaddy storage space from 20G to 40G	\$40.05
Akismet website plug-in	\$36.00
GoDaddy.com website premium security package 2 year subscription	\$754.85
Deluxe Managed Hosting for Wordpress	\$299.76
Wordpress Forms Fee	\$99.00
Marketing Total	\$1,275.04
Projects	\$14,419.51
Sign Materials	\$319.81
Juan Tabo Restroom Door Jam, Doc Long Colum Repairs Sys 3 Epoxy	\$2,085.44
Materials for various USFS Infrastructure Maintenance projects	\$815.23
World's best Graffiti Removal System 4 gallons	\$277.00
Lowe's Hardware construct gravel platform for conex storage container	\$8.71
Home Depot Lumber for conex container gravel platform construction	\$92.86
Pressure treated lumbar for conex container gravel pad construction	\$45.29
Duke City Redi Mix base course (i.e., gravel) for conex pad construction	\$410.04
Juan Tabo Picnic Area bollards	\$2,210.92
Wood for medals and signs	\$98.44
Screws for signs	\$45.29
Wood for signs	\$21.10
Hasp for Kiosk	\$9.67
Piano Hinge for Kiosk	\$62.67
We help maintain these trails signs	\$440.00
Lumber for Conex container outfitting	\$46.63
Lumber for Conex container outfitting	\$27.72
Storage bins for Conex container	\$69.06
Storage shelves for Conex container	\$73.90
Sculptwood paste	\$86.46
Lumber for Conex container outfitting	\$283.42
2 dozen small chip brushes	\$17.20
2 Master combination locks for Conex container	\$60.23
U bolts to attach 2x4s to Conex container walls	\$63.69
Empty paint can	\$7.51
U bolts and hex bolts	\$9.45
2x4x96 studs qty 2	\$9.11
Bolts	\$11.94
3 hooks	\$11.01
Pegboard hooks	\$10.15
Putty knife, scraper, paint can hook	\$20.14
Steel Angle Plates (qty 2)	\$5.93
System Three putty	\$89.95
Paint and screws	\$76.37
16-GA angeled Pic Hanger	\$14.51
Artist's brushes for painting signs	\$4.83
2x4x8 stud	\$4.56
3 gallons paint	\$196.89



FOSM in Numbers FY2026

October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026

More than half of all FOSM members joined weekly crews:

- many others also monitor trails and provide input into Sally’s Tree Report
- 30 people put in more than 100 hours
- Luis’s crew’s work is included in the individual hours
- Data is preliminary and does not include the Tijeras Pueblo crew hours (to be included in FY2027)

Total Volunteer Hours

8912

Total Participants & Hours by Crew 5872

FOSM Crew	Volunteers	Hours
Monday Trail Maintenance Crew	23	1326
Tuesday Paint & Graffiti Removal	13	355
Wednesday General Projects Crew	26	1391
Thursday Trail Building Crew	39	2800

Top Ten Volunteers

4160 Hours

Shout out to:

Jamey Browning, Sam Beard, Kerry Jones, Cliff Giles, Laura Leon, Luis Cuadros, Steve Roholt, Byron Garner, Eric Russell, Sim Cook

Total Number of active Volunteers

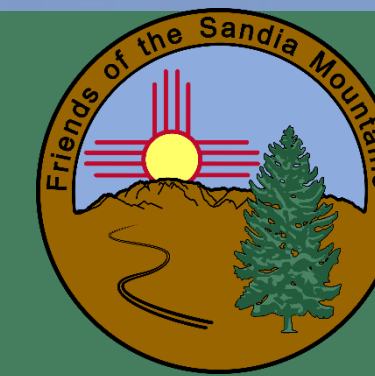
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Individual Contributions

3040 Hours

Projects Reports on the Web

Cliff Giles, Webmaster



Friends of the Sandia Mountains

Hundreds of reports and thousands of photos from projects since 2018 available on website (<https://friendsofthesandias.org/>)

Projects – general

This crew usually works on Wednesdays and does a wide variety of things in support of the Forest Service to make our mountains more accessible and enjoyable for the public.

Sara Beard leads this crew, which uses chainsaws and numerous hand tools owned by FOSM to clear trees and brush from trails, fell hazard trees in picnic areas, rebuild fences in picnic areas, back and split lumber into firewood for donations to charity, and clear roadways of invasive species of trees to name a few.



Photo credit: Cliff Giles

Although not usually involving the long hikes or quite the level of physical exertion demanded of the Monday and Thursday crews, the activities of the Wednesday crew still can be demanding. Pacing oneself and working within one's limits are needs.

Safety is paramount. Everyone wears appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE), which includes gloves, long sleeves, long pants, sturdy boots, helmets, eye protection, and hearing protection when chain saws are used. Chainsaw operators are trained and certified by the Forest Service. There's plenty of work for other crew members using various hand tools and acting as "instructors" removing limbs and debris in support of the crew.

Sara prepares a comprehensive report including photographs after each activity. These reports and their hundreds of pictures provide a great means of learning about the invaluable work of this crew.

Trail maintenance – reports and photos

Each or another crew member prepares a detailed report including photographs after each activity. These reports don't just document the work but also provide a great means of learning about the crew's activities for anyone interested in joining.

Reports and photos organized by year from 2018 can be accessed below.

Slide showcases provide a review of an entire year's activities in just a few minutes.

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Photo credits can be found in project leader reports.



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2026



Click to access reports of 2026 activities.



January 13, 2026 - Trail maintenance crew plus Wilson, Susan Jennings, Ryan Garcia, John Canney, Ben McElroy, Jerry Shewhart, Kelly Cramer, Dana Price, Richard Pennington, and Bob Conner working on Domingue Basin Trail.



Click to access photos from 2026 activities.

2025



Click to access 62 reports of 2025 activities.



January 6, 2025 - Ken, Steve, Brian, John, David, Ben, and Jerry on Three Buttes Johnson Trail. Most photos by Ryan Garcia (photographer).



Click to access 746 photos from 2025 activities.

Projects – painting and graffiti removal

These volunteers usually work on Tuesdays painting structures and cleaning graffiti off rocks, walls, and other structures. Anne Hickman had been leader of the paint crew and Sam Beard the graffiti-removal crew; however, Anne resigned in March 2022 due to other commitments, and we have an opening for a volunteer to assume her leadership role. Please use the form below if you wish to volunteer.



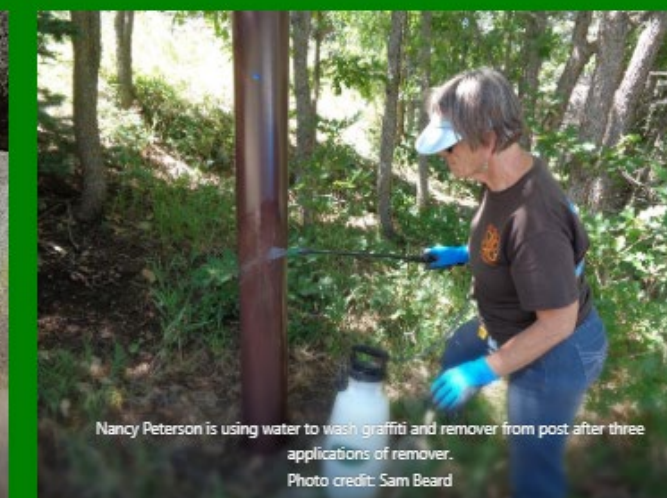
Russell Parker, Ellie Parker, Janie Harrison, and Anne Hickman paint gable end of restroom at Yucca site in Oak Flat PA.
Photo credit: Sam Beard



Pauline Ho peeling adhesive letters off a sign on the Crest Nature Trail.
Photo credit: Sam Beard



This photo taken at the Juan Tabo Picnic Area shows an example of the challenges this crew tackles.
Photo credit: Sam Beard



Nancy Peterson is using water to wash graffiti and remover from post after three applications of remover.
Photo credit: Sam Beard

Safety is paramount. Crew members wear personal protective equipment appropriate to the task at hand (gloves, eye protection, etc.).

Trail construction – reports and photos

This crew builds new or restores existing trails. Laura Loran leads the crew, which usually works on Thursdays.

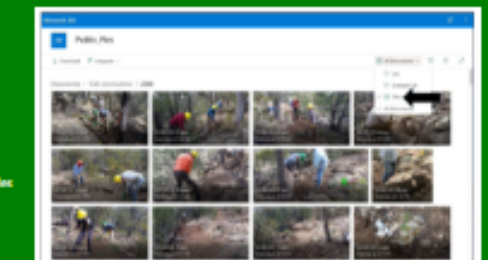
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2026



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January 14, 2026 - Trail construction crew members (Ryan Garcia, Ben McElroy, Larry Conklin, Richard Shewhart, Kelly Cramer, Dana Price, Richard Pennington, and Bob Conner) preparing to work on South Potosi Line Trail.



Click to access 2026 photos.

2025



Click to access 62 reports of 2025 activities.



February 20, 2025 - Brian, Ben and Laura prepare to drop off a load of rocks. These track leads were moved in all.



Click to access 488 images of 2025 activities.

Elections for FY2027

Mike Madden



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Nominating Committee:

Jenny Blackmore, Jamey Browning, Laura Leon and Cliff Giles

Chuck Logan, President

Sam Beard Award for 2026

Mike Madden



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Award Committee:

Susan Gregory (Chair), Cliff Giles and Mike Madden

Bob Lowder & Sally Lowder