Restoration of the Old Faulty Trail

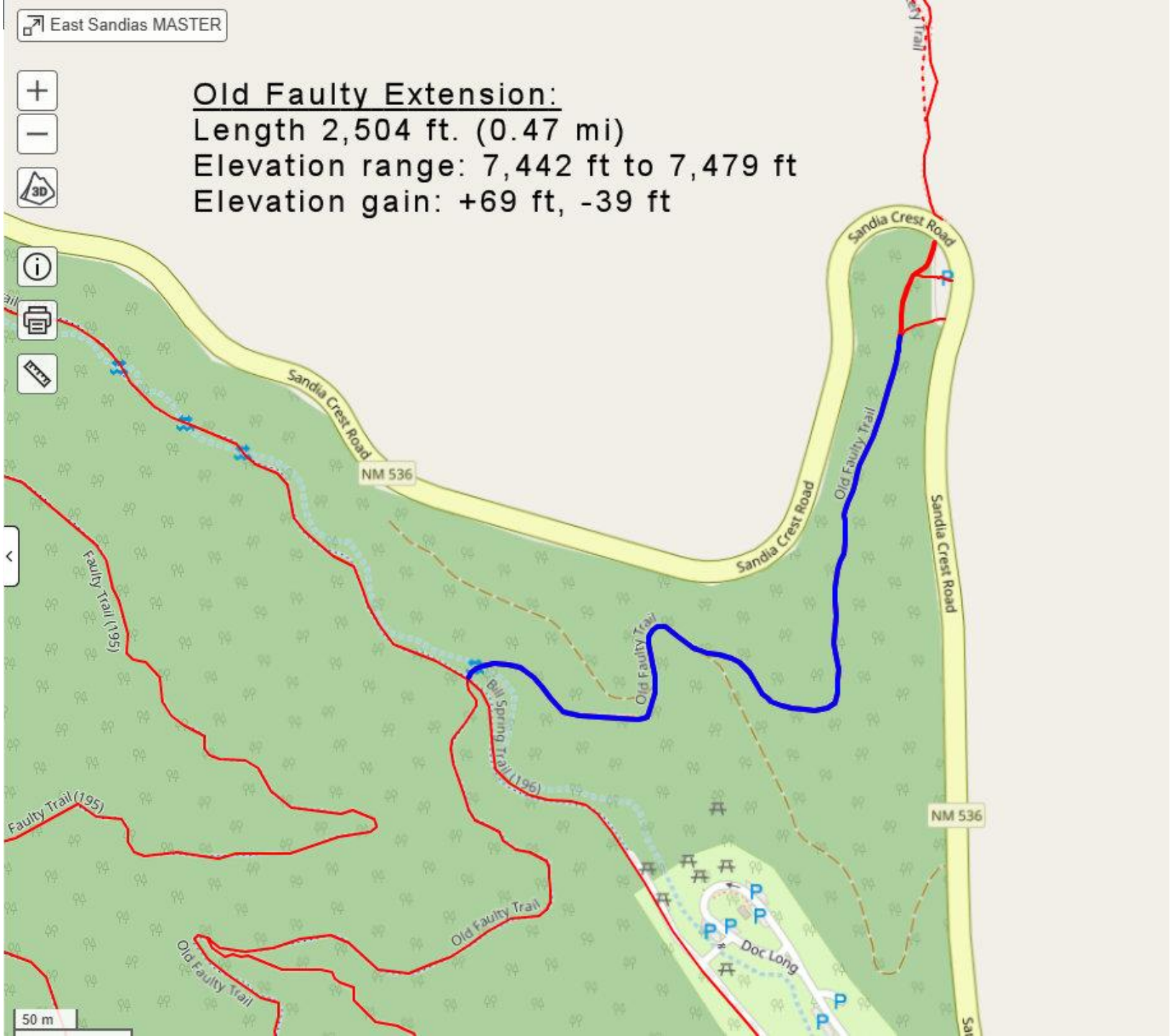
Extension from Bill Spring to Crest Rd

October 29th, 2026

Part of the original Faulty trail that was begun in Canyon Estates by David Holmes in 1974. This section was completed 20 years later in April 1994. These two segments of the Old Faulty trail between Sulphur and Barro canyons were included in Kerry Wood's original 2019 STIP for improvement and adoption.

Earlier this summer the FOSM crew had rebuilt and rerouted the first 0.87 mile section of Old Faulty Trail from Sulphur Canyon to Bill Spring. Our project today was to finish the next 0.47 mile section up to the Crest Rd.

It starts at the end of the rebuilt and rerouted Old Faulty trail at Bill Spring. It crosses the Tejano Canyon drainage to end at Barro Canyon at the hairpin turn off the Crest Hwy NM-536. A mid-portion of the trail follows remnants of the original Old Crest Rd. Most of the trail is well-benched, but it contained numerous rocky sections and was in need of tread TLC. It had been brushed by Steve Roholt earlier in the summer.


East Sandias MASTER
Old Faulty Extension:
Length 2,504 ft. (0.47 mi)
Elevation range: 7,442 ft to 7,479 ft
Elevation gain: +69 ft, -39 ft
Sandia Crest Road
NM 536
Old Faulty Trail
Faulty Trail (195)
Bull Spring Trail (196)
Doc Long
50 m

Beginning at Doc Long, we hiked a short distance to the start point. A group of 15 dirt warriors armed with every conceivable weapon went to tackle the rocky outcroppings, remove stumps and roots, improve tread and backslope. To our amazement, the task was completed in one day!

Bill Perkins
Bruce Hansche
Christopher French
Claudia Bergsohn
Eric Russell
Jim Houle
John McNett
Kent Towler
Kerry Jones
Larry Larrichio
Luis Cuadros
Rich Feddersen
Richard Fagioli
Steve Roholt
Tony Pachelli



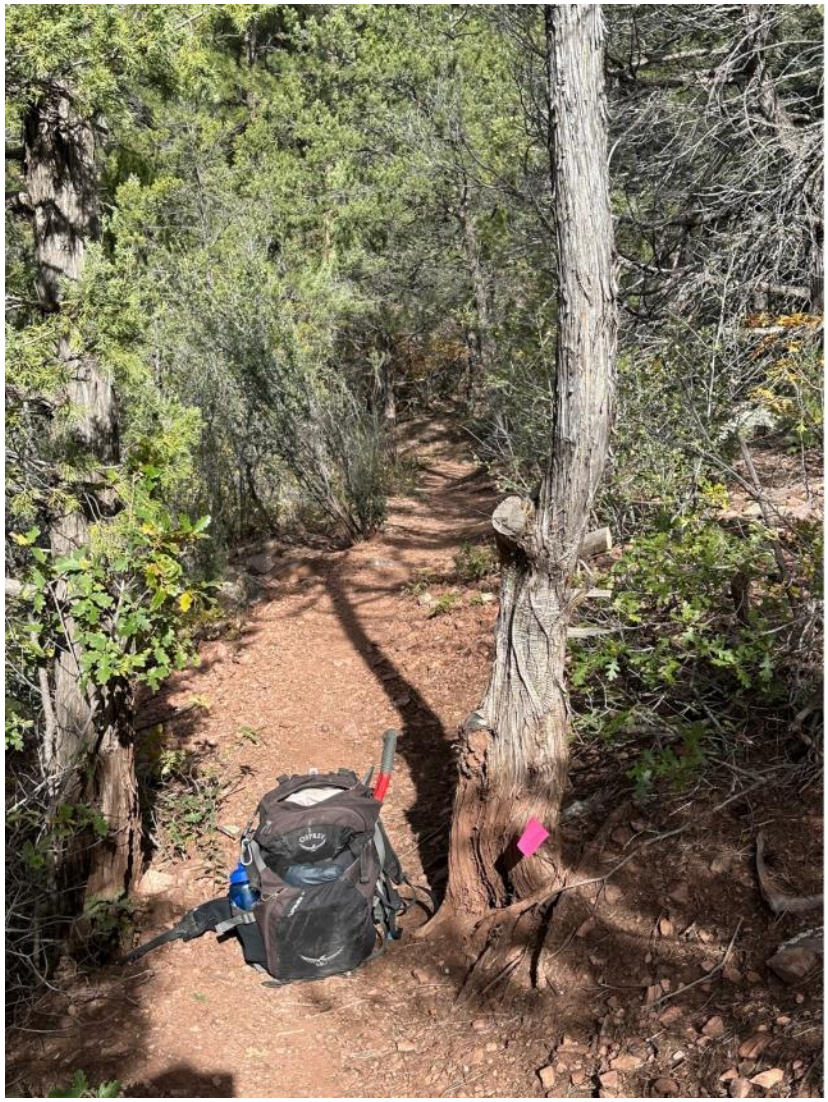
Rocky section converted to a bowling lane by Eric “the Elder” Russell



Same rocky section restored by Claudia “the Claw” and stump removal by John



John attacks the tree with fervor – it didn’t have a chance





Narrow gap between two trees – removed and repaired by Bruce and John

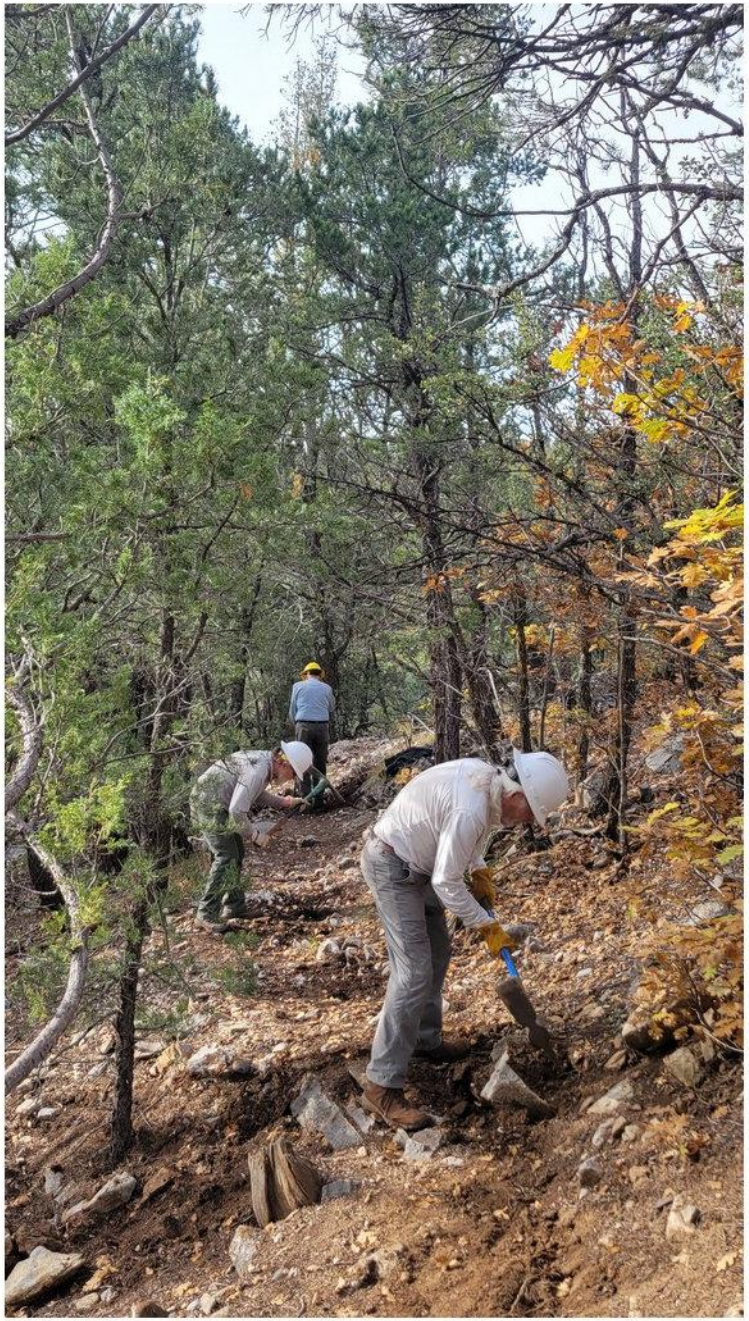


Claudia tends to her rock garden



Jim and Kip show the proper way to carry a rock bar

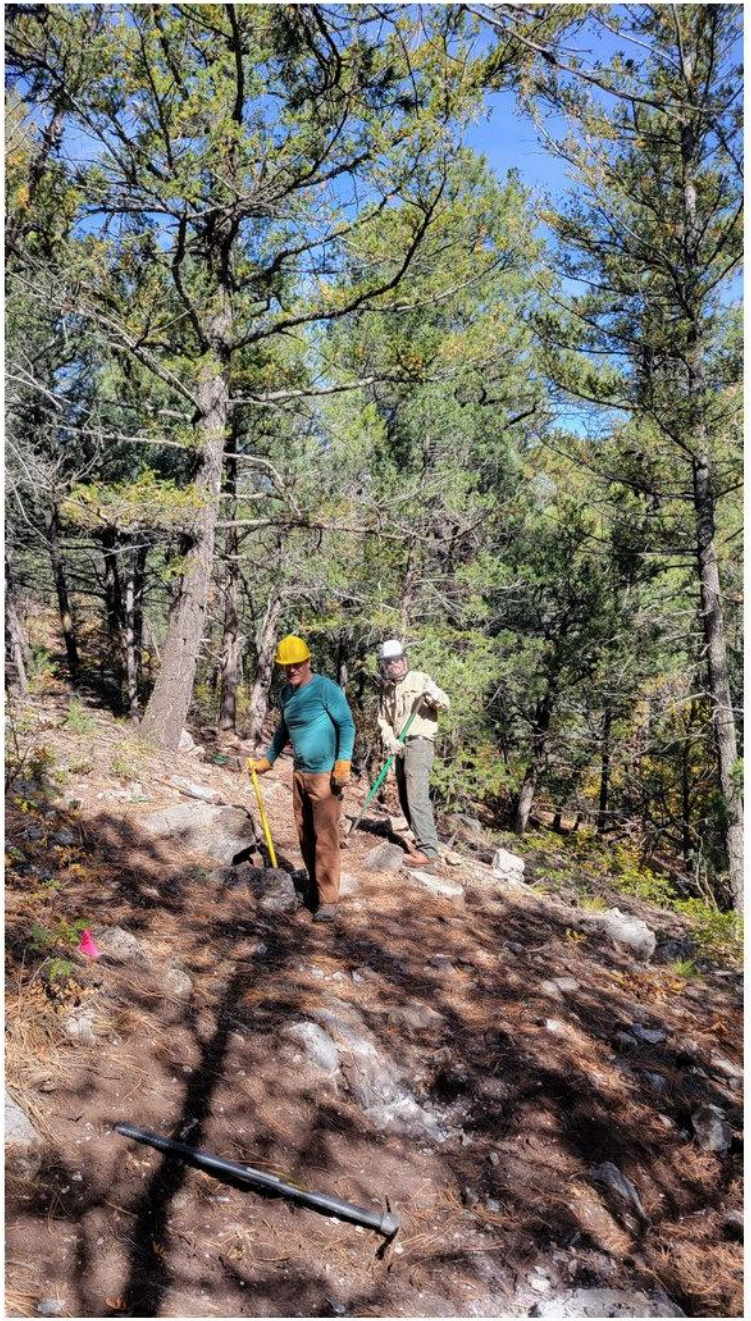




John, Luis, Bill and Luis working on the rockiest section



Steve “Scissorhands”



Rich and Kip – more rocks





Finished product





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