

First task: apply finishing touches to the upper end of the reroute started last week.



Cut the tread level, make sure the drainage works. This new line is a great improvement!



Coming out of open ponderosa forest, the crew worked into denser growth lower on the reroute.



Crew members debate the final adjustments to a trail section.



There was major trail construction here but the line is now well out of the drainage.



Toward the lower end, the sideslope got steeper and rocks started to appear.



Too many trees, too close together. The crew cuts the line between them.



As the crew approaches the lower end of the reroute, there were plenty of stumps to pull.



The crew advances into the toughest section of steep sideslope towards the bottom of the reroute.



I always preach to never pry with a chopping tool – guilty as charged...



Ok, just couldn't keep the boys from playing in the water crossing at the lower end of the reroute...



With the trail built, there was plenty of deadfall in the canyon to drag down and close the old trail.



The top end of the reroute completed on April 4. The old trail section is now obliterated.



Bottom end of the reroute. One stream crossing then folks will be above the drainage, not down in it.



Building trail is hard work but one of the rewards is working in a gorgeous area with a great crew.



The water is still flowing in the Armijo drainage but the rate has decreased in the past few days.