



Middle of May and water is still flowing at the bottom of Cienega Canyon. Haven't see this in years.



Part of the crew starts to cut in the lower end of this Armijo Trail reroute started last December.





Meanwhile, the rest of the crew cuts in the upper end.



A lot of the effort today was cutting the tread level: easier to walk on, better sustainability.





Widening the trail around a large ponderosa turned out to be quite a job in the rocky soil.



After several futile volunteer attempts, the boss steps in to rip out the temporary trail sign.





Two oak stumps were just too close to the trail but took some persuasion to cut out.



Next to the trail, a young fir is loving the open forest and the wet spring.





The lower end of the reroute is cut in and the old trail obliterated. The trail is now out of the drainage.



Next, the crew figures out what is needed to cut this root ball loose and get it off Upper Acequia Trail.





Ok, work the bar and pulaski to find what is still holding on and cut her loose.



Boom, root ball is gone and Upper Acequia is cleared. The ponderosa branches were also removed.





Finally, the REI kiosk panels at Horse Bypass go up: line it up, hold steady, get the hardware started.



Second panel goes on. This is a nice upgrade to the Sandia Ranger District trail system.





Boom, done. Next step is to add maps and signage and pull out the old wooden sign board.



So what is coming up here? Where is Larry Littlefield when we need him?