



Our long-anticipated goal: the top of the ridge on Vista Trail.



The crew has fought the steep side slope on Vista Trail long enough.



Another axe-cut alligator juniper. Evidence of people in the area long ago.



The crew is nearly to the top of the ridge. The trail corridor here was cut earlier.



Finally! The crew is up on top of the ridge. But there is much less shade here.



No more super steep side slope but the rocks have exponentially increased.



Rocks, rocks, and more rocks. Just level the tread and keep moving.



The tread here is actually finished except for the scraggly pinon saplings left in the middle of the trail.



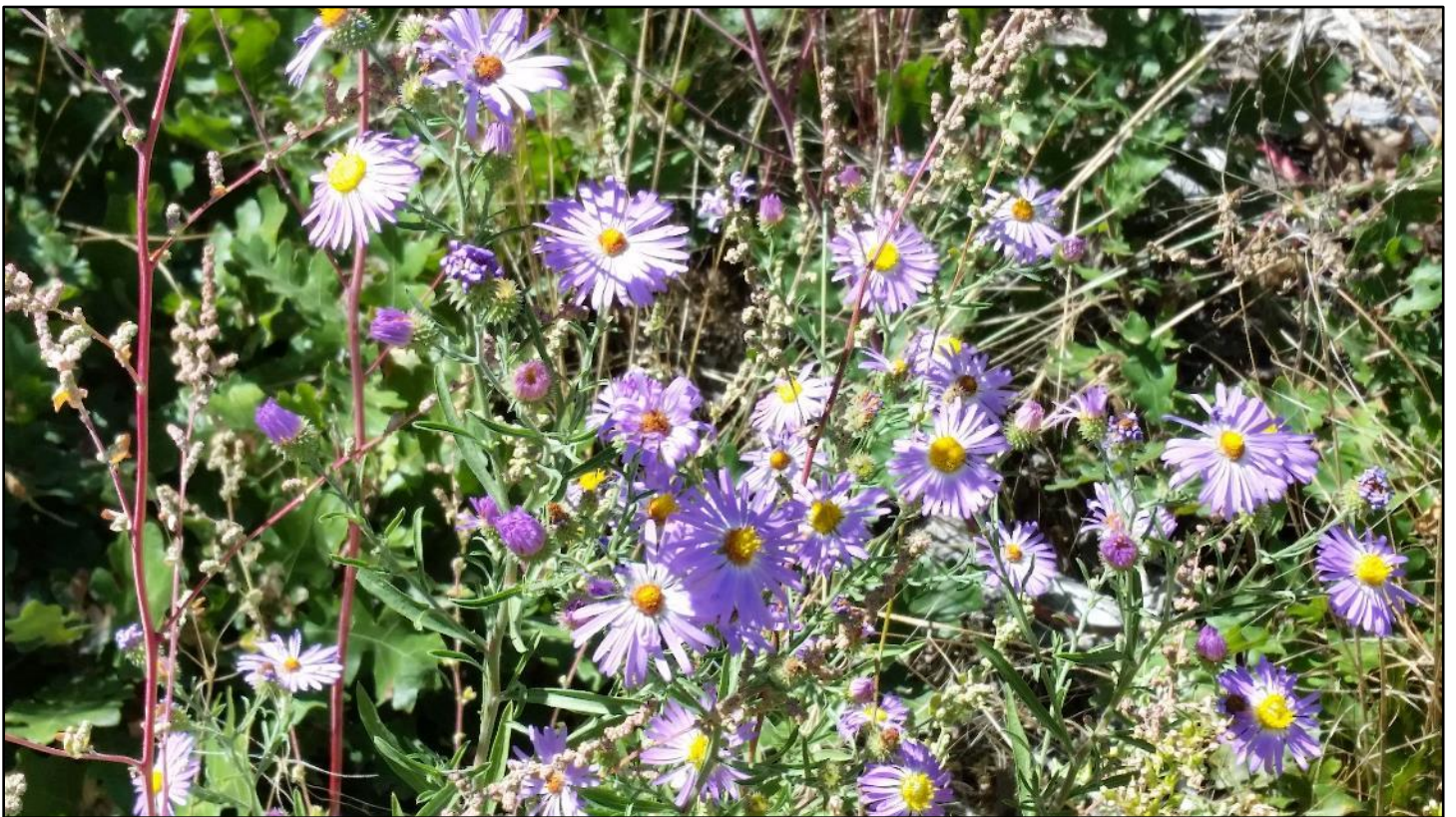
The crew has worked their way to the future connection to Deer Bed Trail.



In spite of the rocks, this guy is carving out great tread. Hmmm, chainsaw needed up ahead.



The wildflowers are tailing off for the year but it is show time for the showy goldeneye.



A sure sign of fall: the purple asters are in full bloom...