

CATIP Trail Work Report, October 3, 2019

On Thursday, October 3, ten volunteers worked with the USFS trail crew of Canyon, Augustus, and Joseph to extend the Vista Trail southward in the Cienega/Armijo Trails Improvement Project (CATIP). It's welcome to have our efforts turbo-charged by the young trail crew.

First, perhaps the most interesting event of the day. The first two or maybe more workers hiking in this morning saw a large black bear along the Vista Trail. How cool is that?

This has been a many-session effort as the FOSM crew works through rocky and brushy terrain. Today's work was along the Vista Trail's rocky ridge but we still made good progress. The trail is well named since it has great views in all directions.

The volunteer crew consisted of Byron Gardner, Jenny Blackmore, Jeff Huser, Steve Roholt, Phil Cromer, Mike and Pat Madden, Michael Arndt, Cleve Sharp, and Eric Russell.

Jim Houle graciously allowed us to park at his house.

The day began cold in Tijeras. By the time we reached the work area, now a 1.5 mile hike, the weather was sunny and in the 60's.



A "Before" Section – Cleve Sharp

It was a productive, hard day but we are approaching the switchback down to the user trail connection. I'd have more distance data but my garmin application lost its mind so I don't have any recent data to compare to.

Next session we should be nearing the south end of the Vista Trail. We may need to figure out the switchbacks on the north end soon.



Ok, so I got tired in the afternoon and spaced out taking pictures. So next time more pictures!

The Crew hacking away at the new tread - Eric