

FOSM 10/28/19 Special Project Report

With Canyon Young, Sandia Ranger District Trails Crew Boss, available to work with us on a Monday, five Friends of the Sandia Mountains (FOSM) volunteers dared the weather predictions to advance sign installation on the Cienega/Armijo Trail Improvement Project (CATIP).

While the day started out chilly with snow flurries and wind, by the time the trail session ended there was hardly a cloud in the sky.

The primary task was to install signs at the Canoncito/Elk Track Trails intersection. Elk Track Trail was completed over two years ago but procuring the signs, finding time to install them, and the remote location delayed their installation. The other task was pre-positioning 12 other CATIP signs for future installation at completed trail intersections. A total of 12 CATIP signs provided by a generous grant from REI have already been installed. There are still 42 more signs to go. Signs are pre-positioned at other intersections for the next installation project.

The five FOSM volunteers were Byron Garner, Phil Cromer, Steve Roholt, and Betsy and Bob Galloway.

All photos below by Betsy Galloway.



Whoa! Whose idea was this? Snow was coming down hard at the Canoncito and Bart's intersection.



First hole. Hustle guys, not sure when this snow will stop!



The first hole nears the required depth while the auger crew gets after the second hole.



Elk Track Trail was built almost two years ago. We finally got the sign in at the bottom.



Saddle up! Nice to check off the 2 signs at this remote southern end of CATIP. Hey, the snow melted!



Next task: twelve more signs to pre-position at a different location today. Anyone have a mule?



First snow of the season made for beautiful conditions on Canoncito Trail.