

FOSM Trail Session Report for 11/7/19

The Friends of the Sandia Mountains (FOSM) trail crew continued working on Cienega/Armijo Trail Improvement Project (CATIP) reroutes. After a wet weather front moved through the area, a very thick fog sat like a blanket at around 7,000 feet all day long. It was chilly but no wind at all. There were a few sections of muddy trail, especially in the morning but nothing too bad. No dust today!

The crew continued extending the last section of Deer Bed Trail downhill towards the start of Vista Trail, completing approximately 450 feet of new trail or 0.09 mile. Maybe a quarter mile left of trail building to go? It remains to be seen if the fall weather lets us finish this reroute.

The crew of nine volunteers consisted of experienced FOSM trail builders: Sim Cook, Jim Houle, Eric Russell, Phil Cromer, Jeff Huser, Mark Grazier, Jenny Blackmore, and Betsy and Bob Galloway.

All photos below by Betsy Galloway.

Bob Galloway
FOSM Project Leader



Before: this section looked like a cake-walk at first. But building it burned a lot of calories.



During: whoa, are we in Scotland? No, but it sure felt like it. No sun today for the crew.



After: The crew moves on to the next section.



Final trail grooming in the fog. Hmmm, maybe I need to bring clear safety glasses next time.



Before: the trail line winds down the masticated slope. Plenty of duff and debris to move...



During: I hope he routed the trail line around all those masticated stumps!



After: the result when the crew is finished is nice sustainable trail down the slope.



We were short on trail finishers today but this guy just does everything well.



No expansive views from Vista Trail today! The thick fog layer stayed with us all day.



The crew heads for the barn. Really nice trail was built on Madera Locura and Vista Trails.



Fall weather in the Sandias. This cactus is gathering the fallen oak leaves.