

FOSM Special Project Report for 11/12/19

Another special project by the Friends of the Sandia Mountains (FOSM) trail crew on the Cienega/Armijo Trail Improvement Project (CATIP) reroutes.

A small, experienced crew installed eight trail signs to mark intersections on completed reroutes to help users navigate the trails. The signs were procured with a generous grant by REI to FOSM. The FOSM power auger and assorted tools were used to install the signs. There are 34 of 52 trail signs left to install (and there are 11 signs already pre-positioned for installation when the opportunity arises).

Significant horse traffic is impacting some of the trail sections. For future outings like this one, a few more trail workers will be invited to perform minor trail maintenance: cut berms, move rocks, and clean up a few sections.

The crew of six FOSM volunteers were Phil Cromer, Bruce Hansche, Jenny Blackmore, Steve Roholt, and Betsy and Bob Galloway.

All photos below by Betsy Galloway.

Bob Galloway
FOSM Project Leader



Nobody is enjoying the view: all attention is focused on Mr. Chicken Can at work.



This was a tough intersection but it works. The trees on the left need to be cut to improve line of sight.



Another Chicken Can man clears the hole on what some fondly remember as the trail Turn from Hell.



The start of Overlook Trail off of La Barba. Note the new FOSM posthole digger with depth gauge...



The crew rotated through the tool selection to reach required depth (and take breaks).



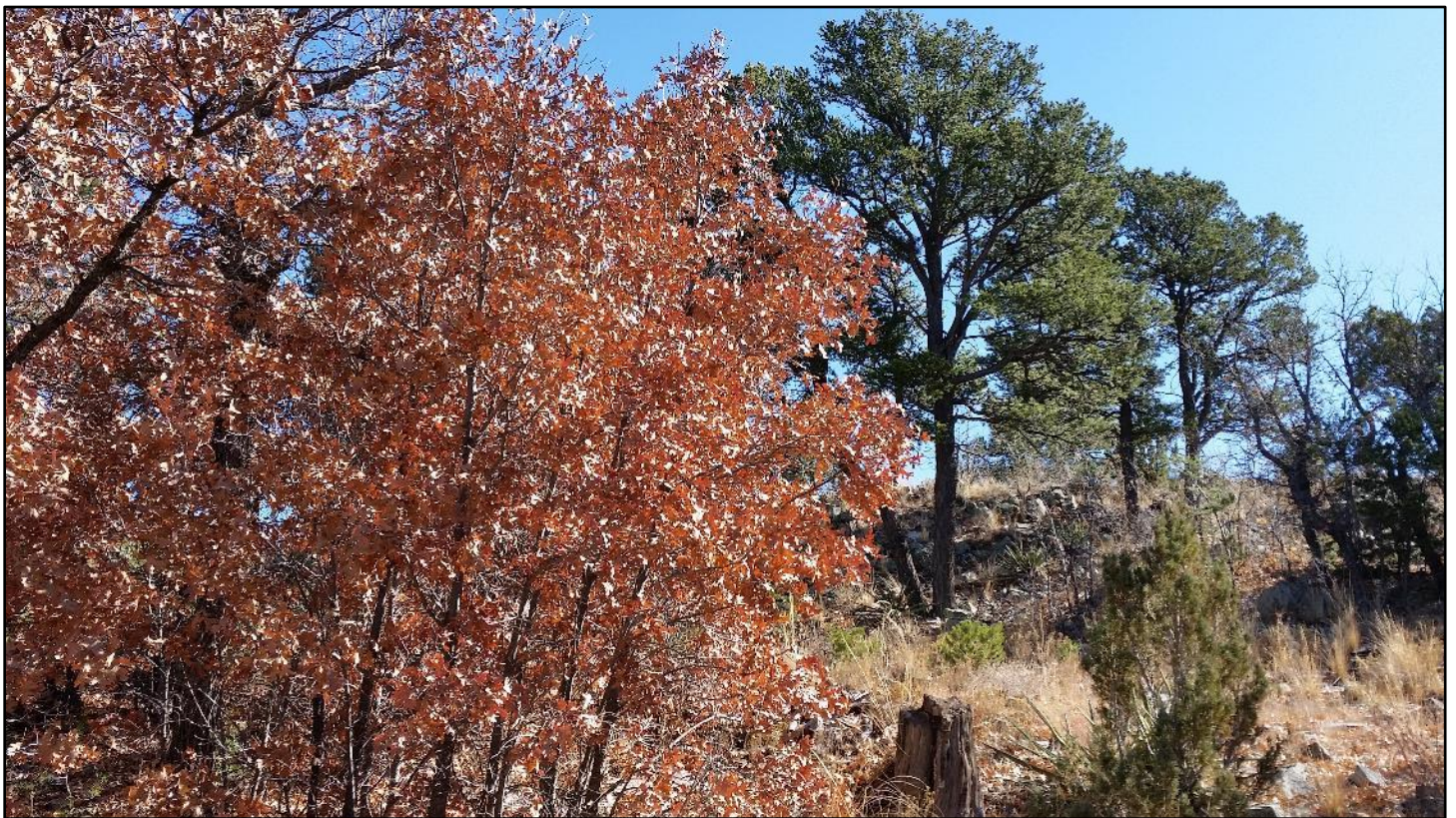
Another trail intersection finished. We found no two post holes were alike...



Last hole of the day for the Auger Boys. Once some BIG rocks were dug out, the auger did the rest.



Done. The crew opted to stay out a little longer to get this eighth trail sign installed.



The oak leaves shimmered in the fall sun, showing off their last colors before falling off.