

FOSM Special Trail Project Report for 12/20/19

The Friends of the Sandia Mountains (FOSM) managed to squeeze in one more small trail project in support of the Cienega/Armijo Trail Improvement Project (CATIP) in 2019.

Hoping to beat potential winter weather, a small crew installed two more signs at trail intersections on the Armijo Trail. Earlier in the year, FOSM trail crews with Sandia Ranger District (SRD) support completed a lot of work reconfiguring these intersections. While the old connecting trails still need some short reroutes, they are being used and installing the signs will help complete the CATIP trail network. A FOSM member suggested installing these signs earlier in the year and he was right – they are necessary.

The weather was chilly but there was plenty of sunshine, no wind, and best of all: NO MUD. Minimal arm-twisting was needed to lure a few folks out to plant the signs.

The crew of five FOSM volunteers were Jim Houle, Don Carnicom, Bruce Hansche, and Betsy and Bob Galloway.

All photos below by Betsy Galloway.

Bob Galloway
FOSM Project Leader



We had to get this sign installed. A lot of work went into this nice reroute over the ridge.



Checking the trail conditions: FOSM and SRD did fine work here. Looks like it has been here forever.



No auger was needed. The moist soil had few rocks, requiring minimal coaxing from the digging bar.



Packing in the rock fill. Many rocks were frozen to the ground and had to be pried out.



The start of Pinedrop Trail at the Armijo Trail junction is now official.