

FOSM Trail Project Report for 3/5/20

Conditions finally improved enough for the Friends of the Sandia Mountains (FOSM) to lead another work session on the Cienega/Armijo Trail Improvement Project (CATIP).

The crew mostly worked through a previously masticated area, building new trail and dealing with the usual rocks, roots, and stumps. A short section of user trail to be incorporated in the new trail was cleaned up and drainage on a downhill section was improved.

The working conditions were ideal: clear skies, temperatures from mid 40s to upper 50s, little wind, moist soil without too much mud, and a great crew to work with. After the first day of trail work following a couple of winter months, everyone was pretty tired.

The crew of thirteen volunteers led by Russell Berman, Sandia Ranger District Trails Foreman, were Jim Houle, Mark Grazier, Phil Cromer, Don Carnicom, Jenny Blackmore, Eric Russell, Byron Garner, Bruce Hansche, Selena Gutierrez, Pat and Mike Madden, and Betsy and Bob Galloway.

All photos below by Betsy Galloway.

Bob Galloway
FOSM Project Leader



Before: the crew works their way towards a user trail connection, moving a lot of debris.



After: this crew just builds really nice trail.



The crew has nearly reached the user trail connection.



At the user trail connection: this big boulder just had to come out of the tread.



Meanwhile, another crew works to improve drainage on an old road bed.



The old road bed is narrowed and the drainage is much improved.



The crew then started to work their way up another reroute in steep side slope.



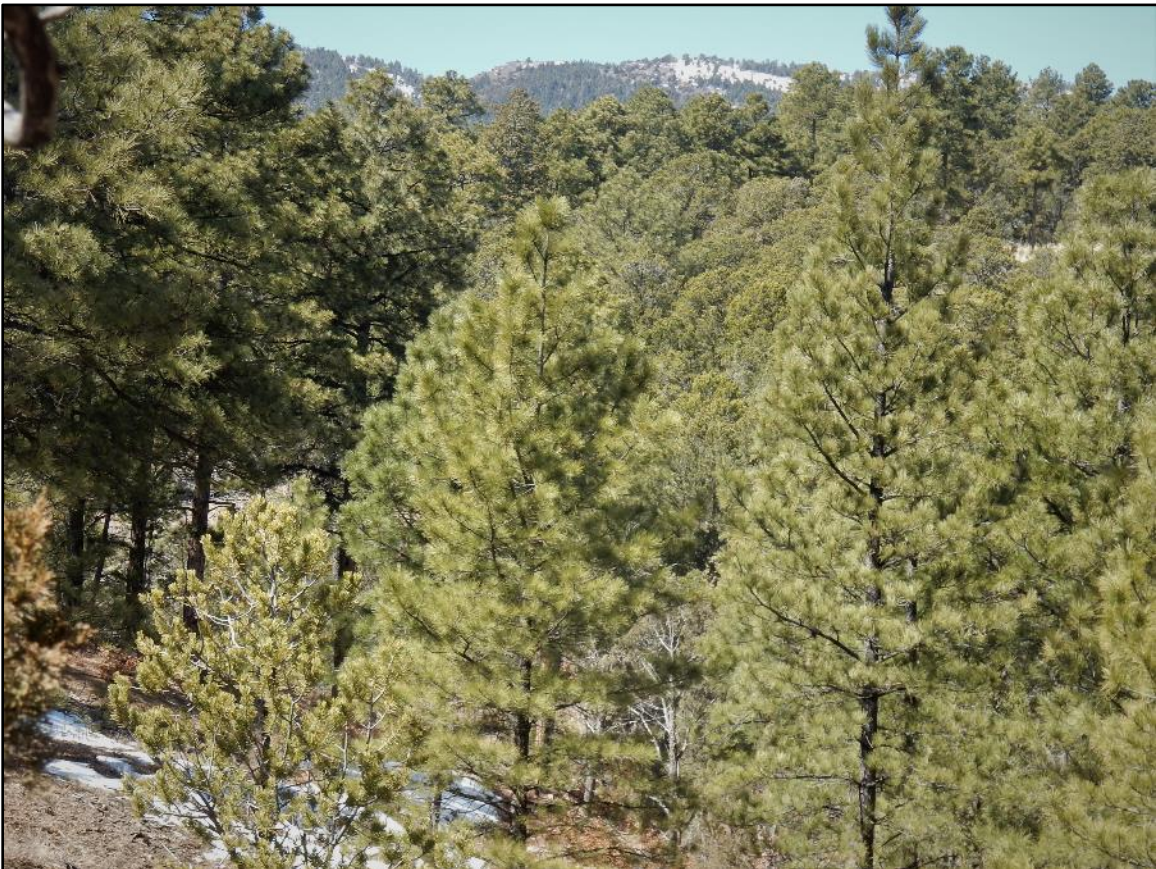
Of course there were still plenty of rocks to pull out.



At the upper end of the section, the crew worked to connect to another user trail.



Finishing the connection to the other user trail.



Working conditions were ideal and we did not encounter the snow seen in the trees.