

2023 Trail Project Accomplishments

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2023

Volunteer hours: 6339

Volunteer Value: \$208,481

of logs removed: 1795

Deferred Maintenance

(Miles of trail significantly improved): 60

Routine maintenance: 126

Meals made for trail projects: 685



Map of Trail Projects

Overall Map – [Static](#) & [Interactive](#)

Interactive Map with [Highlighted Trails](#)

Special Thanks to...

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Trails Improved by District:

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Wilderness District

Cooper Trail # 141 and Clayton Mesa Trail #175

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Mileage completed:

- 3.1 miles of Cooper Trail # 141
- Remainder of Clayton Mesa Trail #175

Accomplishments:

- 1 junction sign
- 186 logs removed.
- 52 trail markers
- spot brushing
- spot retread



Iron Creek Mesa Trail #171

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Mileage completed: 6.3 miles – entire Iron Creek Mesa Trail

Accomplishments:

- 69 logs removed
- 21 trail markers
- 8 drains
- 0.75 miles of new tread



CDT Upper Middle Fork & CDT High Route

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Mileage completed: 16 miles.

Accomplishments: 53 logs removed and 12 trail markers.

CDT Middle Fork Trail #157 from Snow Lake to 1 mile below Fly V Canyon. Fixed 7 large blowouts from last year's flood. Also logged and brushed the trail.

CDT High Route Trail improvements from Clear Creek to Aeroplane Mesa Trailhead. Trotter Trail #30 and Aeroplane Mesa Trail #705 – spot brushing and logged.



#164 over the Jerky Mtns & Clayton Mesa Trail #175

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Mileage completed:

- 2 miles of the Lilley Park Trail # 164 from Turkey Feather Pass to Jerky Mountains
- 1.5 miles of Clayton Mesa Trail from Turkey Feather Pass.



Accomplishments:

- 1 mile of new tread (switchbacks between Turkey Feather Pass and Jerky Mountains)
- 245 logs removed.
- 70 trail markers
- 10 drains
- spot brushing



West Fork Trail #151 from Willow Creek

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Mileage completed: 4.25 miles of the West Fork Trail from Willow Creek to Cooper Canyon

Accomplishments: 32 logs removed (most of them crosscut logs)



Loco Mountain Trail #143 & Clayton Mesa Trail #175

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Mileage completed: 6.25 miles. All of Loco Mountain Trail and 3.25 miles of the Clayton Mesa Trail starting at the Middle Fork. Note: GPS correction for Loco Mountain Trail and Clayton Mesa Trail.



Accomplishments: 51 logs removed.

Note: GPS correction for Loco Mountain Trail and Clayton Mesa Trail. See map link above or [Gila Trails Info Map](#).

#160 Granny Mtn, #159 Miller Springs, #155 Turkey Creek, & #403 Brushy Mtn Trails

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Mileage completed: 16 miles.

- Logged Granny Mtn Trail from the Junction with # 162 to Miller Springs Cabin
- Logged and spot-brushed the Miller Springs Trail # 159.
- Logged and brushed 2 miles of the Brushy Mtn trail from the junction with # 160.
- Logged the Turkey Creek trail from the junction with Miller Springs Trail # 159 to 2 miles upstream.

Accomplishments:

- 165 logs removed (many crosscut logs), 8 trail markers, brushing.



Big Bear Trail #28 and Lilley Park Trail #164 near Lilley & Woodland Park

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Mileage completed: 13.5 miles. Lilley Park Trail #164 from Big Bear to 2 miles west of Lilley Park. Big Bear Trail # 28 from the West Fork to the junction with # 164.

Accomplishments: removed over 115 logs, and built 33 trail markers, in addition to brushing and tread repair.



White Rocks Trail #27 & Green Fly Trail #26

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Mileage completed: 4.5 miles.

Accomplishments:

- removed 32 logs.
- installed 47 trail markers blazes.
- tread.
- juniper limbing and brushing
- removed rocks from the trail



Railroad Trail #96 (aka: Apache Creek trail & Military Trail)

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Mileage completed: 3 miles from trailhead.

Accomplishments:

- juniper limbing
- brushing
- trail marking



Gilita Creek (Middle Fork Trail #157)

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Mileage completed: 6 miles.

Accomplishments: 44 logs removed, washouts repaired, 6 cairns built



Mimbres River Trail #77

Mileage completed: 5 miles.

Accomplishments: 44 logs removed

Note: this trail may still be confusing in areas and brushy. But it is at least passable. Be aware that this is in the Black Fire area so trees may fall on the trail and the Mimbres River may be more prone to flooding.



Glenwood District

Little Whitewater Trail # 214

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Mileage completed:
3.5 miles of the Little Whitewater Trail

Accomplishments:

- 265 logs removed.
- 10 trail markers
- extensive brushing
- extensive retread

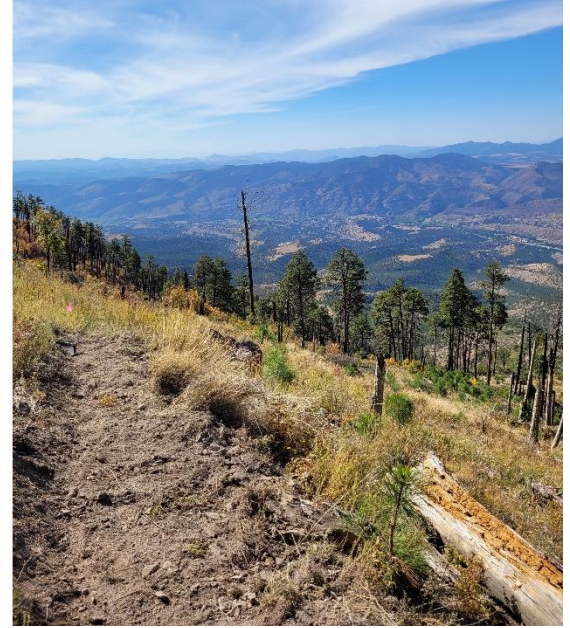


This was a challenging project. Major thanks to:

- The packers who packed up 100 gallons of water so we could dry camp – in addition to food, tools and gear.

- The trail volunteers who backpack up 2200 ft elevation in 3 miles to basecamp and then hiked up another 1700 ft elevation while doing trail work.

- The volunteer cooks who made 110 meals for the project.



Note: The last half mile is passable for hikers but still needs additional work to make it nice.

West Fork Mogollon Trail #224 & Rain Creek Trail #189

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Mileage completed: 2 miles of the West Fork Mogollon Trail (deferred maintenance) and 8.6 miles of the Rain Creek Trail #189 relogged.

Accomplishments:

- 123 logs removed
- 30 trail markers
- Brushing
- Spot tread



Holt Apache Trail #181

Mileage completed: 3.3 miles starting at the trailhead.

Accomplishments: logged



Making and Installing Signs

Many signs were made and installed.



Silver City District

Tadpole Ridge Trail #232 and Sheep Corral Trail #231

Both from Sheep Corral Trailhead

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Mileage completed:

- 4.5 miles of Tadpole Ridge Trail #232
- 5.6 miles of Sheep Corral # 231 (logged only)

Accomplishments:

- 46 logs removed
- Extensive brushing
- Spot retread
- 5 trail markers
- 16 drains



Crest Trail #79 North from Emory Pass

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Mileage completed: 2.25 miles

Accomplishments: brushed



CDT South of Sapillo Group Campground

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Mileage completed: 1.2 miles

Accomplishments: brushed



Tadpole Ridge Trail #232 from Highway 15

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Mileage completed: 4.5 miles starting from Highway 15

Accomplishments: 20 logs removed, brushing, spot tread, trail markers. The locust grows back very fast in some places along this trail – expect sections of tall locust despite recent brushing.



Woodhaul Wagon Road Trail #55

Allie Canyon Trail #100

Bear Canyon Trail #104

[Map of loop](#) [Photos](#) and [more photos](#)

Mileage completed: 22.25 miles

Accomplishments:

- 113 Logs removed,
- 175 trail markers built,
- Brushed
- spot tread



Sawmill Wagon Road #243 & #241

Mileage completed: 7 miles.

Accomplishments: Logged. Some section may still be brushy

Rabb Park Trail #747

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Mileage completed: 6.5 miles.

Accomplishments: 6.5 miles relogged.
Keeping last years work open.



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who made these trail project possible!**

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