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**Gila Trail Project with:**

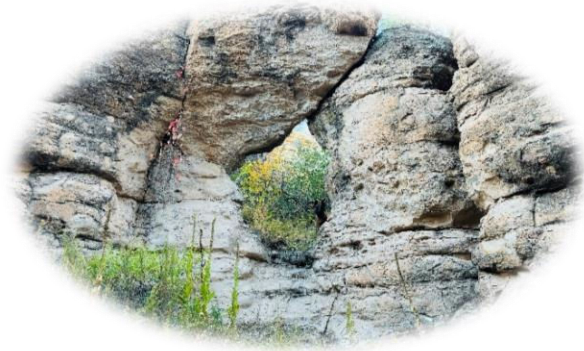


**All trail users welcome**  
**No trail work experience necessary**

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## **CDT in Brannon Park & Big Timber Trail # 95**

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**Date:** May 8<sup>th</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Project Partner:** [CDTC](#)

**Trail Work Description:** brushing, logging, spot retreading, and trail markers

**Project Difficulty:** Moderate

**Map of Project:** <https://caltopo.com/m/NJP6C>

**Backpack to Basecamp:** TBD – 6 miles or 7.5 miles

**Hiking/Riding during the day:** up to 6.5 miles.

**Meeting time and place:** 8:00 am at the CDT Trailhead on Highway 35. See directions below.

**Note:** We will likely be crossing the creek and getting our shoes wet for the backpack to basecamp

**Project contact:** Melissa Green – [groundworktrails@gmail.com](mailto:groundworktrails@gmail.com)

**Food and Water:**

- **Food:** Gila BCH homemade vacuum sealed meals (breakfasts and dinners) will be available for this project. We can accommodate meat eaters, vegetarians, and some gluten free diets. But you can also bring your own breakfast and dinners if you prefer.
  - o Everyone will need to provide their own lunches and snacks.
- **Water:** Please bring your own drinking water of the backpack to basecamp. At basecamp, we will filter water from the spring. If the spring is dry, we will have water packed in. There is no water available on the section of the trail where we are working, so be prepared to carry all your water for the trail work days – 4 quart minimum.

**What you will need to bring:** See packing list below – last page

**We will provide:** Tools, hard hats, trail and safety training, project supervision, and first aid kit with Wilderness First Responder trained personnel.

**Phone service:** No cell service at the trailhead or on the trail.

**Vehicle Requirement:** 2wd.

**Elevation:** 6100 – 7600 ft

**Nearest Town:** Mimbres. Silver City is the nearest town with a hospital.

**Weather:** Come prepared with layers. Mornings and evenings may be chilly. Days will likely be warm to hot.

**Why This Trail:** This section of the CDT has not been maintained in many years.

**Directions: From Silver City:** It is about 1-hour drive from Silver City. Take Highway 180 east to Highway 152 to Highway 35. Heading north, stay on Highway 35 for about 20 miles. You will pass the left turn to the Sapillo Campground. The trailhead is just past this on the right side of Highway 35.

**Schedule:**

*Schedules are flexible and dependent on the condition and energy level of the volunteers. Frequent breaks are encouraged. Gila BCH encourages volunteers to work within their limitations and take care of themselves during the project. Please check the weather in your project area prior to leaving for the project and pack accordingly.*

**Wednesday, May 7th**

Optional camping at [Sapillo Campground](#). Please bring your own food and water

**Thursday, May 8th**

8:00 am - Meet at the trailhead for introductions, work objectives, safety talk and turn a little gear into the horse packers

8:30 am – 12:00 pm –Backpack to basecamp

12 -1:30 – Lunch and set up camp

1:30pm-4pm – Trail maintenance

**Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> to Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 – 7:30 am - Breakfast

8 am - Work Objectives/Safety Talk

8 am – 12 pm - Trail maintenance or move camp when we are ready

12 - 12:30 pm - Lunch

12:30 - 3:30 pm - Trail maintenance

3:30 – return to camp

**Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 – 7:30 am - Breakfast

7:30 am – 8:30 am - Pack up camp and personal gear

8:30 am - Begin backpack to trailhead

2 pm – Drive home

**Packing List** – Last page

**RSVP required** - Melissa Green – [groundworktrails@gmail.com](mailto:groundworktrails@gmail.com)

## Pack List

### **Camping**

- Waterproofing for all gear (trash bags & ziplocks)
- Tent &/or tarp
- Ground cloth
- Sleeping pad
- Warm Sleeping bag
- Headlamp
- Extra headlamp batteries
- Backpacking Backpack

### **Clothing**

- Long underwear top and bottom
- Warm hat or buff
- Warm gloves (for cool mornings)
- Socks & underwear
- Sleep socks (always stay dry)
- Short sleeve shirt
- 2 pairs work pants (must be long pants) (extra is in case other is wet or ripped)
- 2 Long sleeve work shirts (for thick brush, sun protection & sudden temperature drops)
- Warm top and bottom layers – **No** Cotton – Wool or synthetic only
- Warm Jacket
- Camp shoes/sandals
- Durable Raincoat
- Rain pants
- Sleep clothes (especially if we are working in poison ivy)

### **Personal**

- Personal toiletry items & TP
- Knife / Leatherman
- Lighter
- Sunscreen
- Hand sanitizer
- Personal drink cup/coffee mug
- Lunches and snacks
- Food (see project description above)

### **Work**

- Sturdy boots or trail work appropriate shoes
- 4-quart water capacity minimum
- Heavy-duty work gloves
- Eye protection/sunglasses

### **Optional**

- Bowl and utensil
- Book
- Shorts (for camp)
- Chapstick
- Whistle
- Maps and GPS
- 1st aid kit
- Bandana
- Alarm clock
- Camp chair
- Soap (Biodegradable)
- Hiking Poles
- Backpacking pillow

Please let us know if you don't have something on the list or ask questions if you are unsure what you have is adequate