



Spring 2025 Gila Trail Projects

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

CDT Access Trail # 741 & Mimbres River Trail # 77

Date: March 20 - 24 2025

Who: equine- riders

Trail Work Description: logging

Project Difficulty: Easy

Map of project: <https://caltopo.com/m/K51UL73>

Ride during the day: up to 12 miles

Plan for Trail work: We will camp at the trailhead or at the large turnoff off the FS Road 150. The first day, we will log up to Sign Board Saddle. Then on the remainder of the project, we will help the hiker group log the Mimbres River Trail. On the last day, we will drive home.

Meeting time and place: 9 am at the basecamp. Location TBD. See directions below

Project contact: Melissa Green – 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 breakfasts and dinners if you prefer.
 - o Everyone will need to provide their own lunches and snacks.
- **Water:** We will provide water jugs for human consumption while we stay at the trailhead. Equine can drink from the tank nearby.

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: Spotty cell service at the trailhead. Some cell service at Sign Board Saddle. No cell service along the Mimbres River

Vehicle Requirement: 4wd medium clearance unless the road is muddy

Elevation: 7000 - 8400

Nearest Town: Silver City- has a hospital. Mimbres/San Lorenzo is closer but only has a small urgent care with limited hours

Weather: Be prepared with layers. Rain is possible. Mornings and evenings may be chilly. Days will likely be warm.

Why These Trails: These trails were affected in the 2022 Black Fire. They can be a great way to access the Aldo Leopold Wilderness without having to drive on the narrow and bumpy FS 150 road.

Directions: From Silver City: Take 180 east about 7.5 miles to hwy 152. Take a left onto hwy 152 and travel about 14 miles to hwy 35. Take a left on to hwy 35. Stay on hwy 35 until just past mile marker 15. Turn on to forest road # 150. Travel on this dirt road for 7.8 miles. Turn right through a big parking area/pull off. There are 2 signs at this turn. One is a big brown forest service sign that Mimbres River and Continental Divide trail (turn right arrow). There is also a hiking sign with # 77 above. **Do NOT turn off on an earlier road that says Mimbres River.**

Take the side road though the big pull off parking area. This is camping option 2. To get to the trailhead and camping option 1 take the side road to the trailhead. This is where the road has the potential of being hard to drive with a trailer. The road ends at the trailhead.

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, March 19th

Optional camping at the trailhead the night before. Please bring your own food and water.

Thursday, March 20th

9 am – Introductions, work objectives, and safety talk

9:30 am - trail maintenance on #174

12 - 12:30 pm - Lunch

12:30 - 4 pm – trail maintenance

4:00 – Return to camp

Friday, March 21st – Sunday, March 23rd

9 am - Work Objectives/Safety Talk

9:30 am – 12 pm - Trail maintenance on # 77

12 - 12:30 pm - Lunch

12:30 - 4:00 pm - Trail maintenance

4:00 – Return to camp

Monday, March 24th

9:00 am – Drive home

Packing List: last page

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
- 3-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