



# Spring 2026 Gila Trail Projects

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

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## **Mogollon Creek # 153 and Rain Creek Trail # 189 from 74 Mountain Trailhead**

**Date:** February 16 - 19, 2026

**Trail Work Description:** Mainly brushing, with some logging, removing rocks from the trail

**Project Difficulty:** Moderate

**Map of project:** <https://caltopo.com/m/026F9B0>

**Hike to Base Camp:** 5 miles

**Hiking during the day:** up to 6 miles

**Meeting time and place:** 9 am on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> at the Mogollon Creek Trailhead – also known as 74 mtn trailhead. See directions below.

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

**Plan:** After giving the group gear and our personal gear (max 40 lbs) to the packers, we will do trail work on our way to basecamp. In the following days, we will work on the trail on the other side of basecamp. Then we will backpack down to the trailhead at the end of the project.

### **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. Everyone will need to provide their own lunches and snacks.
- **Water:** Please bring water for the hike to base camp. Once at basecamp, we will pack in water for us to drink. Please bring a 3-quart water capacity since we will not have water while we are working on the trail.

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



**We will provide:** tent with a wood stove or propane heat, tools, pack support for getting in and out of basecamp, hard hats, trail and safety training, project supervision, and first aid kit with Wilderness First Responder trained personnel.

**Phone service:** There is some spotty Verizon cell service at the trailhead and throughout the project

**Vehicle Requirement:** Medium clearance (the creek crossing is the crux). It depends on flooding and amount of water in the creek

**Elevation:** 5300 ft - 6800 ft

**Nearest Town:** Silver City (Gila and Cliff do not have many amenities)

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

**Why This Trail:** These trails offer expansive views and interesting rock formations. This trail leads to Mogollon Creek and West Fork Mogollon.

**Directions:** From Silver City, take HWY 180 west to Cliff. Turn right onto Rt. 211 after passing the gas station in Cliff. (do not turn onto the RT. 211 earlier in the drive along 180 that leads to Gila). Then after passing the school, stay straight (or left) onto Rt. 293 at bottom of hill. Rt. 211 veers to the right at this Y intersection and this is not what you want. After about 2.15 miles on Rt.293, make a sharp left on to the Sacaton rd. This is an improved dirt road. Travel about 8.5 miles and turn right onto the 916 road – entering the 916 ranch. Continue on this road about 6 miles to the trailhead.

**Note:** “No trespassing” signs have been put up in areas where the dirt roads pass through private land. The “No Trespassing” signs look like you cannot drive through on the road. This is untrue. There is road easement to drive to the trailhead. Off road is private property so please respect the private land and only drive through.

## **Schedule:**

*Schedules are flexible and dependent on the condition and energy level of the volunteers. Frequent breaks are encouraged. GBCH 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.*

### **Sunday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**

Optional: Camping at 74 Mountain. Please bring your own food and water.

### **Monday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am – 10:00 am –Introductions, work objectives, safety talk, and gear check. Turn in food and some gear to the horse packers.

10:00 am – Begin doing trailwork to basecamp

12 – 12:30 pm - eat lunch

12:30 - 3 pm – Trail maintenance

3 - 4 pm – set up camp

### **Tuesday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup>**

8 am - Breakfast

8:30 – 12 pm – Trail maintenance

12 - 12:30 pm - Lunch

12:30 - 4 pm - Trail maintenance

4:00 – Return to camp

**Thursday, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>**

8 am - Breakfast

8:30 - 10 am - Pack up camp and personal gear

10:00 am - Begin backpacking to the trailhead

1 pm – Drive home

**Packing List:** last page

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

## Pack List

<p><b>Camping</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Waterproofing for all gear (trash bags &amp; ziplocks)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tent &amp;/or tarp</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ground cloth</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping pad</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Warm Sleeping bag</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Headlamp</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Extra headlamp batteries</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking Backpack</p> <p><b>Clothing</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Long underwear top and bottom</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Warm hat or buff</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Warm gloves (for cool mornings)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Socks &amp; underwear</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sleep socks (always stay dry)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Short sleeve shirt</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2 pairs work pants (must be long pants) (extra is in case other is wet or ripped)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2 Long sleeve work shirts (for thick brush, sun protection &amp; sudden temperature drops)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Warm top and bottom layers – <b>No</b> Cotton – Wool or synthetic only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Warm Jacket</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Camp shoes/sandals/water shoes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Durable Raincoat</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rain pants</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sleep clothes (especially if we are working in poison ivy)</p>	<p><b>Personal</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal toiletry items &amp; TP</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Knife / Leatherman</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lighter</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitizer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal drink cup/coffee mug</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lunches and snacks</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Food (see project description above)</p> <p><b>Work</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy boots or trail work appropriate shoes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3-quart water capacity minimum</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Heavy-duty work gloves</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Eye protection/sunglasses</p> <p><b>Optional</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bowl and utensil</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Book</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Shorts (for camp)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chapstick</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Whistle</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Maps and GPS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1st aid kit</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bandana</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Alarm clock</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Camp chair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Soap (Biodegradable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hiking Poles</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking pillow</p>
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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.