



Gila Trail Projects

All trail users welcome
No trail work experience necessary

CDT Access Trail # 741

Date: Sept 1-2, 2026 – Day work – join us for one or both days. Option of camping at the trailhead.

Trail Work Description: logging & brushing, and drains

Project Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Map of project: <https://caltopo.com/m/8NRJ21Q#>

Camp for hikers: at Mimbres River Trailhead

Camp for Equine: see Map

Hike during the day: up to 6 .5 miles

Ride during the day: up to 7.5 miles

Meeting time and place: 8:30 at the Mimbres River Trailhead on Sept 1 -2. See directions below. Note we are not meeting at the Cooney Place. Please read directions carefully.

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. Please bring your own water if you can. There is no water along this trail. 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: 2wd 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: This trail was 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. This work will allow for packers to pack in a trail crew that will be working on the Aspen Canyon reroute this fall.

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. Equine users will be camping here. If you are a hiker stay on this road .3 mile. This section is graveled. After this the road becomes worse and is not graveled. This is where you will need a medium clearance vehicle. Continue on the road .5 mile to the trailhead and corrals. This is where we will be meeting. (the medium clearance part of the road is not very bad)

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.

Tuesday, Sept 1st - Wednesday, Sept 2nd

8:30 am –Work objectives/safety talk, paperwork, hand out tools

9 am - 12 pm Trail training and trail maintenance

12–12:30 pm - Lunch

12:30–3:00 pm - Trail maintenance

3:30 pm- return to the trailhead

RSVP required - Melissa Green – 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