



2026 Gila Trail Projects

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

West Fork Mogollon #224



Date: Oct 23rd - 28th, 2026

Trail Work Description: Lots of brushing, in addition to logging, trail marking, and tread work.

Project Difficulty: Backpack in is difficult due to elevation gain. Trail work is moderate.

Map of project: <https://caltopo.com/m/03AT9#>

Who: Invite only due to difficult terrain and limited pack support.

Backpack to Basecamp: 6.5 miles

Hiking during the day: up to 6 miles

Plan for Trail work:

We will have limited stock support for this project. Tools, minimal kitchen items and group gear, water purification, and breakfasts/dinners will be packed in for this project. You will need to carry all your personal gear minus breakfasts/dinners. Since the trail is steep, we recommend hiking poles. We will take our time getting to base camp on the first day due to the terrain. We will work on the West Fork Mogollon Trail in the following days. Then, we will backpack out on the last day with equine packing out our group gear and tools.

Important Note: There is lots of poison ivy in sections of this trail. If you are highly allergic, this trail project is not a good choice.

Meeting time and place: 8:30 am at Rain Creek Trailhead. See directions below.

Project contact: Melissa Green – groundworktrails@gmail.com

Food and Water:

- **Water:** There is no water at the trailhead. Please bring water for the hike to basecamp – at least two quarts. At base camp, we will provide filtered creek water. There will be water along the trail we are working on.
- **Food:** Due to limited pack support, we will provide a simple granola breakfast and yogurt. Dinners will be a combo of the typical Gila BCH frozen meals and freeze-dried meals. But you can also bring your own breakfasts and dinners if you prefer.
 - o You will need to provide lunches and snacks.

What you will need to bring for day work: See packing list below – last page

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

Phone service: There is cell service at the trailhead and some points along the trail as we hike in, but no service where we will be doing trail work.

Vehicle Requirement: Medium clearance vehicles are preferred.

Elevation: 6000 – 7200 ft

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

Weather: Come prepared with layers. Mornings and evenings will be cool. Days will likely be warm. There will be pools to jump in during or after trail work. We will bring a hot tent for the cool mornings.

Why This Trail: This is a continuation of Gila BCH's work on the West Fork Mogollon Trail.

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 on the RT. 211 earlier in the drive along 180 that leads to Gila). Then after passing the school on a hill, stay straight (or left) onto Rt. 293 at the bottom of the 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 onto Sacaton Rd. This is an improved dirt road. Travel approximately 14.15 miles and then turn right and travel a short distance to the trailhead.

Note: "No trespassing" signs have been put up where dirt roads pass through private land, especially at a sharp right entering the Buckhorn Ranch. The "No Trespassing" signs look like you cannot drive through on the road. This is untrue. There is a 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. Gila BCH encourages volunteers to work within their limitations and care for themselves during the project. Please check the weather in your project area before leaving for the project and pack accordingly.

Thursday, Oct 22nd

Option of camping at the Rain Creek Trailhead the night before

Friday, Oct 23rd

8:30 am – Meet at the trail. Introductions, work objectives, safety talk and turn in gear to the packers

9:30 am – Begin backpack to basecamp

12:30 - 1 pm - Lunch

1 - 4 pm - Set up camp and trail maintenance

Saturday, Oct 24th to Tuesday, Oct 27th

7:30 – 8:00 am - Breakfast

8:30 – 9 am - Work Objectives/Safety Talk

9 am – 12 pm - Trail maintenance

12 - 12:30 pm - Lunch

12:30 - 4 pm - Trail maintenance

4 pm – return to camp

Wednesday, Oct 28th

7:00 – 7:30 am - Breakfast

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

8:30 am - Begin backpacking to the trailhead

3 pm – Drive home

Packing List – Last page

RSVP required - Melissa Green – groundworktrails@gmail.com

Pack List for West Fork Mogollon #224

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
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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.