



# 2026 Gila Trail Projects

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

## Little Whitewater #214

**Date:** Sept 25 – 29, 2026

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

**Project Difficulty:** difficult due to elevation changes.

**Map of project:** <https://caltopo.com/m/010TD0J>

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

**Distances:**

- to basecamp 1:
- **Via Holt Apache** 10 miles but it is a lot of elevation gain – 3200 ft elevation gain.
- **Via Whitewater Trailhead:** 8 miles but it is a lot of elevation gain
- **during the day:** up to 7 miles.

**Meeting time and place:** 7:00 am at the corrals just before the Sheridan Corral trailhead. See directions below. We will camp at along the road the night before

**Note:** We will walk through poison ivy on the way to the first basecamp. There may be some poison ivy at Tennessee Meadows but not likely anywhere we will be doing trail work.



**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 for the first day. For basecamp 1, we will have water packed in. For basecamp 2, we will filter water from the creek. There is no water available on the section of the Holt Apache Trail where we are working for the first few days, so be prepared to carry all your water for the day – 3 to 4 quart minimum depending on the temperature.

**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:** There is cell service at the trailhead. There is intermittent service along where we will be working and likely at our first basecamp. But no cell once we drop into South Fork Whitewater.

**Vehicle Requirement:** 2wd. This is a good dirt road. Most vehicles should be fine. There are some steep sections but nothing that has washouts.

**Elevation:** 5900 – 9500 ft

**Nearest Town:** Glenwood and Cliff have limited amenities, and a small HMS medical center open from 8 to 5. 15 Highway 211, Gila, NM 88038  
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

**Why This Trail:** These trails link in with work the FS and Gila BCH have done in the past year. It improves loop and out and back options.

**Directions:** From Silver City, at the junction of HWY 15 and 180, take HWY 180 west about 54 miles. You will drive through Cliff and Buckhorn. You will pass Little Dry and Big Dry Drainages. Turn right onto Forest Road 146, which is signed for hiking trail 181. There is also a green road sign that reads Sheridan Ridge Rd. Travel about 3.9 miles on this improved gravel road to the trailhead. Packers will park at the corrals for ease of parking and packing. So, we will stop there first to drop off gear. This is a short distance before 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.*

**Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** Camp the night before. Please bring your own food and water. See map for camp option.

#### **Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 am - Meet at the trailhead for introductions, work objectives, safety talk and turn in gear to packers

8:30 am – 12:00 pm –work towards basecamp 1

12 -12:30 - Lunch

12:30pm- 5 pm – work past basecamp and set up camp

**Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> to Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 – 7:30 am - Breakfast

8 am - Work Objectives/Safety Talk

8 am – 12 pm - Trail maintenance

12 - 12:30 pm - Lunch

12:30 - 3:30 pm - Trail maintenance

5 – return to camp

**Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 – 7:30 am - Breakfast

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

8:30 am – Trail work to Little Whitewater trailhead

4:30 pm – Drive home

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

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## 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