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SANTA FE CONSERVATION TRUST
REPORTING FOR CITY TRAIL VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
June 2018

TASKS TO BE COMPLETED	NOTES	Staff
1) <u>NEEDS ASSESSMENT</u>	On-going with visits to La Tierra Trails, Arbolitos Trail extension (Margaret's Trail), Zocalo Trail (2x).	Rogers
2) <u>RESEARCH & FUNDING</u>	Discussion with Park Division and City Manager's Office regarding extension of City Trail Volunteer Coordinator PSA. Communicate with MPO regarding federal funding available for trails (TAP & RTP). Discuss, choose not to reply to MPO "Request for Qualifications" specifying graphic presentation of standardized designs as central qualification to revise Metropolitan Bicycle Master Plan.	Rogers, Noss
3) <u>STEWARD RECRUITMENT</u>	Meet with Trails Alliance of Santa Fe, June 4, to discuss and schedule trail maintenance activities and coordinate posting trail closure information at trailheads. Post trail work days on SFCT and TAOSF web sites and publicize via e-mail and Facebook. Discuss trail work opportunities with students from Academy for Technology & the Classics.	Rogers, Noss
4) <u>TRAIL MAINTENANCE</u>	Open trailheads serving city trails within Dale Ball Trails' South Section, June 1 (remove tape-off by County); adjust closure by County near Junction 38 to open city trail, June 13. Trail maintenance work days with City Volunteers in La Tierra Trails and Santa Fe Estates Trail (Arbolitos Extension) on June 13, 20, and 27. Bridge build in Calle Lorca Park with Boy Scout volunteers, June 28.	Rogers
5) <u>TRAINING & EDUCATION</u>	Create and provide materials at trailheads, at bike shops, through e-mail, and on web site to inform public of trails affected by closures; respond to inquiries by e-mail and phone. Appear on KSFR Radio show to discuss interpretation of bike crash data, June 21.	Rogers, Yeomans
6) <u>COMMUNITY EVENTS / PROMOTION</u>	National Trails Day / Camino Real Trail opening bicycle ride and information booth at event at Dead Dog Well Trailhead, June 2. Debriefing with MPO and partners on Bike Week activities in May, June 12. Planning, recruitment, and coordination for eight Vámonos Santa Fe Walks events, including Walk with a Doc / SW Care (June 5); Take a Kid Hiking Day at La Cieneguilla Petroglyphs (June 9); Family Walk at the Railyard Park (June 9); Walk with the Faith Community at Alto Park (June 13); Seniors/ADA with Anthony Alarid at Alto Park (June 15); Walk with a Community Health Worker, Tierra Contenta (June 19); Walk with a Doc with Chrustus/St. Vincent Hospital at Villa Linda Park (June 21); Walk with a Notable Local (Councilor Abeyta) in Tierra Contenta (June 26). Publicize SFCT and partner trail events by e-mail, Facebook, on web site, and through flyers. Guide PBS television crew at Dale Ball Trails for "Samantha Brown's Places to Love," June 14. Create and send proposed bike route, meet with City Parks and Arts Commission staff on June 21 regarding Bike-In Movie July 7 at the SWAN Park. Promote and attend Santa Fe River Trail opening at Frenchy's Field, June 29.	Rogers, Houser, Noss, Smogor
7) <u>CITY CONTACTS</u>	Discuss trail closure activity with Richard Thompson and Chris Ortiz of City Parks, June 1. Discussion with Park Division and City Manager's Office regarding extension of City Trail Volunteer Coordinator PSA. Communication with BTAC off-road and on-road chairs. Met with BTAC Off-Road Subcommittee, June 19. Present to BTAC, June 20. Communicate with MPO regarding federal funding available for trails (TAP & RTP). Meet with City Parks and Arts Commission staff regarding Bike-In Movie at the SWAN Park. Forward inquiries on Tamarisk control to City IPCM specialist Victor Lucero.	Rogers, Noss

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8) <u>PLANNING / COORDINATION</u>	Consult with City, County, and SFNF staff regarding trail closures on June 1. Provide County with information on GUSTO planning and desirable trail alignments west of La Tierra Trails, as follow-up to Chili Line visit. Develop GUSTO mapping products to share with County, Study Area Champions, and public.	Rogers
9) <u>REPORTS</u>	Record and report trail work hours to TAOSF website. Post summaries of trail work and promotional events on SFCT web site. Prepare reports to City for May and June activities and assemble materials for report to BTAC, June 20.	Rogers

Also see www.sfct.org/trails on:

<https://sfct.org/june-1-2018-santa-fe-trail-closures/>

<https://sfct.org/national-trails-day-and-camino-real-trail-opening-june-2/>

<https://sfct.org/trail-work-in-june-2018/>



National Trails Day and Camino Real Trail Opening, June 2

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The Santa Fe Conservation Trust joined Santa Fe County, federal partners, and the trail-loving public at Dead Dog Well Trailhead to celebrating National Trails Day and the opening of the new Camino Real Trail on Sat., June 2, 2018. Parts of the new trail, which spans from the Santa Fe River Trail on the South Side of the city all the way to Diablo Canyon, were subject to Santa Fe National Forest's one-day-old forest closure, but were temporarily exempted from the closure for this permitted celebration.

Working in concert with Santa Fe County and the Santa Fe County Horse Coalition, SFCT's Trails Program Manager organized a bicycle ride from the Camino Real Trailhead on the Santa Fe River Trail near Airport Rd. to the celebration at BLM's Dead Dog Well Trailhead, a distance of nearly ten miles of trail. The ride started with pavement and finished with a very soft natural surface from SFNF's Headquarters Well Trailhead north. SFCT also set up an information booth at the event at Dead Dog Well Trailhead that was personed by our Executive Director and Land Program Manager.

Food, cool drinks, music, speeches, freebies, and other festivities organized by Santa Fe County were followed by a long,



A dozen cyclists head off from the Santa Fe River Trail onto the brand new Camino Real Trail to Diablo Canyon

Between the City's Municipal Recreation Center and SFNF's Headquarters Well we picked up four more riders but said good-bye to two where the

hot, and dusty ride home, but it was all worth it – except for the further demise of our tent! Once the forest closure is lifted, we can get back in there on our horses, bikes, and feet and pack that trail in some more. We are looking forward to that!

A long way to go for a bag of schwag,
but who's complaining?



pavement ends.



We were joined by Steve Burns Chavez, recently retired from the National Park Service and the major force behind the new trail, which was built with federal funding to provide access to the original Camino Real route to New Mexico's first capital, and the federal lands that it traverses

Once the pavement ended at County Road 62, the fat bike ruled!



Camino Real interpretation near HQ Well Trailhead. Not the guidance Onate relied on – good thing because we are not headed to Mexico City!



Two-wheelers and four-hoofers get along fine at the celebration



Hiker, dog, and Spanish flag-bearers make their way to the festivities at Dead Dog Well Trailhead



Heading back on the Camino Real Trail with the horses close behind



Trail Work in June 2018

The Trails Program Manager met up with five volunteers at La Tierra Trails the morning of June 13, including three members of the Trails Alliance of Santa Fe and two new recruits. We removed loose rocks from the tread and improved storm drainage south and east of Junction 2. ... Just in time for the monsoons, we hope!



Grade reversal in La Tierra Trails, June 13

On June 20, we headed over to work on a trail in Santa Fe Estates that continues the alignment of the **Arbolitos Trail** to connect to the top of the paved Canada Rincon Trail – a significant link for the **GUSTO** initiative that was also prioritized as a natural-surface connection in Santa Fe's Metropolitan Bicycle Master Plan of 2012.

We had been talking about fixing up this "informal trail" for a long time. It is in fact a formal alignment shown in subdivision documents but was ultimately created by users. The trail just needed a little tender loving care in the form of tread definition, pruning, and a short re-route. We also gathered rocks into the wheelbarrow to help create a better arroyo crossing near the bottom of the trail.

Ken Howard loads up some good rock for an arroyo crossing, Arbolitos Subdivision work in the background, June 20

Back in Dale Ball Trails, this "de-berming" will serve to drain stormwater off of the ridgeline trail

As things heated up, we headed up to Dale Ball Trails, North Section, on June 27 to



above La Piedra Junction, June 27

rebuild a grade reversal, de-berm, and remove loose rocks from the tread along the ridgeline that includes La Piedra junction. With all of the forest and some County trails closed, the popular 1-2-3 loop was buzzing with hikers.

Also on June 27, Eagle Scout candidate



Nicholas Ottersberg worked with fellow boy scouts, Assistant Scoutmasters, and technical advisors from the Santa Fe Fat Tire Society to pre-assemble a footbridge that we all worked together to install on the afternoon of June 28 at Southridge Park.

Nicholas worked over the previous year to plan and obtain materials for the footbridge, which will serve surrounding neighborhoods both as a recreational facility and as a way to get to the grocery store. The project will also help Nicholas earn his "wings" as an Eagle Scout. Thanks, and congratulations, Nick!



Boy scouts and members of the Santa Fe Fat Tire Society carry the pre-assembled bridge frame across Calle Lorca Park, June 28



Bridge in place: Finishing touches