

## September 2009 Work Trip Report

It was a fantastic week in the Mts. All the wild flowers were in bloom and it only rained when we were off of the trail. Thanks to Walt & Charlene for hosting Saturday evening meal and all the others for showing up and bringing other good things. No one left hungry or thirsty.

We were blessed to have WJ Cober (USFS MRNRA) work with us this week. He was really impressed with our work ethic and skill level on trail maintenance. I believe we scored a lot of BROWNIE POINTS with him. I mentioned he might share that with Beth and Sarah. WJ and I will have another week together in October and will be hiking the trail from Teas to Settlers Museum. Others are welcome to join us.

Saturday's work crew was fantastic. Two crews went out. Brains went to the first one and Brawn to the second. One went to Beaver Dam I and did 200 feet of sidehill, several dips, added 6 feet of planking to Boardwalk at Beaver Dam 1. The group also put in 3 new steps coming out of the bridge onto the hill also they staked out the steps before the board walk. We put in about 36 stakes in all. They also put in 3 new AT Posts and took off the old AT paint at the farm road and put in offset blazes. They were needed. Walt weed whacked the section near I-81.

The second group led by Andrew and Dwight put in 9 masterful rock steps and 2 rock waterbars just south of Hwy 42 and Olystery. They were all ROCK. They hauled and diced them. They completed the work by Lunchtime and then rested and had a few brews. WJ Cober work with this group. This is I believe the first time USFS personnel have worked on a crew of PATH members. All members of the work party got a 25% incentive pay raise. WORK WELL DONE. WJ will send pictures to Jim to put out.

Tuesday - Mark took in a new toilet seat to Jenkins and hauled out about 20 lbs of trash. He also opened up the privy and used a fork and turned it. Atilla sat in camp and rested and offered moral support. Job well done MARK. We stayed at Marcia's that evening. Thank you Marcia!!!!

Wednesday- Mark, Bill, WJ, Tom Blevins walked the tilson tract and hiked in to Crawfish Valley to look over the Relocation flagged there. All flagging had been removed. WJ was impressed by all the rock work that PATH had done in that area. VERY IMPRESSED with our efforts. They are working.

Thursday - Rainout on going to Dessert Dog Relo. Hiked from Davis Path to Settlers Museum. WJ, Bill and Mark were with WJ. Excitement at Settlers Museum. Seems some locals (drunk) were remodeling and decorating the school house interior. They were arrested and hauled off.

Friday - WJ, Bill, and Dwight went to the relo at Desert Dog. We moved it from the previous side of the trail to the other side through the Rhododendron. It will leave the saddle and go West for several Hundred feet and then a switchback up to the good trail

on the top. This will remove a very steep hill climb and about 60 check dams and water bars. This is slated for 2012 I believe

Workers: Let me know if I am in error.

Bill Boudman 6, WJ Cober 4, Tom Dillon 1, Dwight Levi 4, Betsy Trusscott 1, Mark Doty 4, Andrew Jones 1, Jeff Brown 1, Charlene Davis 4, Walt Davis 4, Bobby Bass 3, David Faucette 1, David Emrey 1, Martha Emrey 1, Andrew Mitchell 1, Ed Martin 1, Daughter Martin 1, Stan Treski 1.

Add - Jamie & Ted 1 each for June work.

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