

## **Old Section of Colorow Trail Work Day**

May 30, 2025 from 9am to 1pm

### **Overview**

Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers received approval from the BLM to perform work on the Old Section of Colorow Trail. CEC reached out to the town of New Castle to loop them in on the plan.

This section of trail had no drains and all the precipitation ran directly down the trail, which over time washed out the middle of the trail. The washed-out sections of trail became deeper than the surrounding trail and held snow and ice during the winter causing hikers to walk around these sections, widening the trail. In order to create a sustainable trail volunteers narrowed sections of the trail in order to protect the surrounding vegetation, built a rock drain above a severely run out section of trail, built several dirt drains, and removed loose rock from the trails.

RFOV understood and supported the importance of including litter pick up. Prior to trail work volunteers walked around Alder Park to pick up litter. There were lots of small pieces of food wrappers and single-use plastic.

### **Attendance**

- 7 people attended the trail day
  - 2 RFOV leaders
  - 2 CEC volunteers
  - 3 community members

### **Communication**

- Outreach: Posters in downtown New Castle, E-mail list from Earth Day, Dirt Demon's Mountain bike team, Facebook, RFOV and RFMBA shared links/posters on their social media and e-mail lists
  - Please share any additional ideas
- Barriers
  - RFOV community events are not posted on their event calendar
  - QR codes and sign-up link should be provided on all digital outreach
  - Provide longer notice
  - Day after school commenced

### **Future Trail Work**

- RFOV was given a \$250 donation
  - This leaves available funds for an addition trail day this fall
  - RFOV available dates (Friday's highlighted)
    - Sept. 2, **5,12,17**
    - Oct. 7, **8,15,17**

- Fridays are bolded as this is my preference because NC students do not have school on Friday's

### **RFOV Expertise**

- Expertise is in trail work, land restoration, and building native pollinator gardens
- Perform any project land managers reach out to them with
  - They are working on establishing contacts with New Castle land managers in order to continue to organize projects
- For community projects they prefer projects close to the trail heads that include light to moderate work

### **Food**

- Snacks and water were donated

### **Gear Swap**

- Not enough people participated