FOSM Members/Volunteers

Hello Everyone,

The report of the processing of a spruce log at Kiwanis Meadow Road Gate by FOSM and the TTYL/YCC crew on Wed., June 18, is attached.

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Photos 6-18-25 Bucking splitting hauling spruce tree...

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## Report of FOSM and TTYL/YCC Crews Project to Buck, Split, Load, and Haul Firewood from an Engelmann Spruce Log at the Kiwanis Meadow Road Gate at Sandia Crest, Wednesday, June 18, 2025

## Sam Beard and Joelle Hertel

On Wednesday, June 18, four FOSM members and the TTYL/YCC crew processed firewood from an Englemann spruce log at the Kiwanis Meadow Road gate at Sandia Crest. Jerry Carroll bucked the long log into 12-inch pieces, and members of the TTYL/YCC crew split the rounds with steel wedges and sledge hammers. Jerry also bucked several rails from the old Kiwanis Meadow fence, and all the wood was loaded onto Mike Oliver's trailer. Mike then hauled the wood to his wood lot where the TTYL/YCC crew helped unload the trailer. The Mountain Christian Church Wood Ministry will donate the wood to East Mountain families next winter.

Later, the Friends of the Sandia Mountains and Julie Padilla, SRD Recreation Staff Officer, provided a pizza, salad, and cookie lunch for the group in the Sandia Ranger Station conference room. FOSM members Joelle Hertel, Sam Beard, Jerry Carroll, and Lou Romero, joined Julie in thanking the TTYL/YCC crew for their work on the Kiwanis Meadow fence project.

Ninety-four sections of fence, 11 feet each, were completed in the fence project for a total of 1034 feet of barrier around the meadow. Layout of the fence was done by Canyon Young, Sandia Ranger District Trails and Wilderness Program Manager, with 330 feet on the south end near the cliff and 704 feet on the north end.

The TTYL/YCC crew members were Aidan Stewart (crew leader), Hans Martin, Jamie Medina-Soto, Eli Iwanczyk, Rebecca Dugger, Evan Cooney-Martin, and Lila Eaton.

Project photos are presented below.



Hans Martin splitting wood with a steel wedge and sledge hammer with Eli Iwanczyk observing at the gate to Kiwanis Meadow Road. All photos by Sam Beard unless noted otherwise



Eli starting to split a round of wood with Hans holding the wedge.



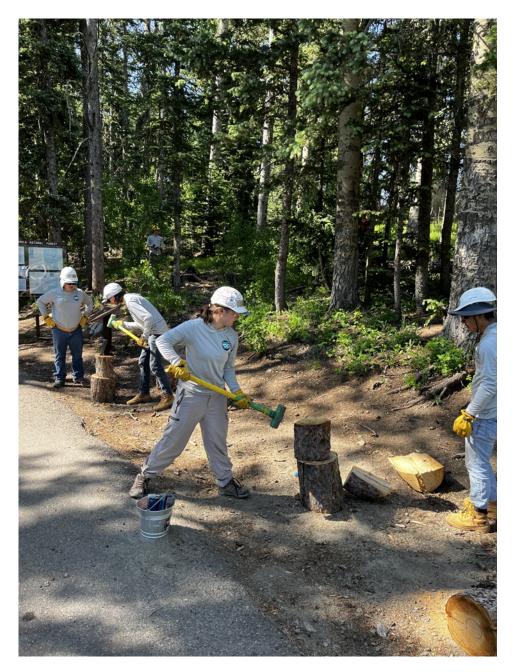
Evan Cooney-Martin splitting wood with Lila Eaton observing.



Lila splitting first piece of wood with Jamie Madina-Soto observing. Photo by Joelle Hertel



Lila setting wedge to split the piece of wood again. Photo by Joelle Hertel



Lila preparing to split another piece of wood. Photo by Joelle Hertel



The pile of Engelmann spruce wood split by the TTYL/YCC youths.



Jerry Carroll bucking the last piece of the spruce tree.



Mike Oliver standing beside his trailer load of split spruce wood and rails from the old buck and rail fence. He will haul the wood to his wood lot, and the Mountain Christian Church Wood Ministry will donate it to East Mountain families next winter.