

FOSM PROJECT:
OLD FAULTY TRAIL REROUTES AND IMPROVEMENTS
9/11/2025 - 11/21/2025

Re-opening the “Old Faulty Trail” was part of the original 2019 STIP project. It will eventually include an extension north past Bill Spring to the hairpin turn across the highway from “North Faulty”. The North Faulty trail is also known as The Mystery Trail, a name arbitrarily coined by Mike Coltrin (personal communication). However, as originally built, and as signs indicate, this whole system is simply, the Faulty Trail. It was originally constructed by David Holmes and his son, John and it contains numerous medallion trees, cut blazes and signs.

The Old Faulty project required 4 reroutes and trail improvements of the original trail such as brushing and tread rehab. Trail flagging was done by Canyon and Jen with Laura leading the FOSM crew. We worked 10 days through the 2 month government shutdown.

This “new” Old Faulty extends from the Sulphur/Faulty junction to Bill Spring. It is 0.87 miles long with 200 ft elevation change. It offers a unique loop hike between Sulphur and Cienega as described by Cliff Giles. It is classic Faulty - rugged, surrounded by tall trees along a steep side slope with fantastic views.

REROUTE SECTIONS:

- section 1.709 ft
- section 2.467 ft
- section 3.185 ft
- section 4.206 ft

TOTAL.1,567 ft new trail built

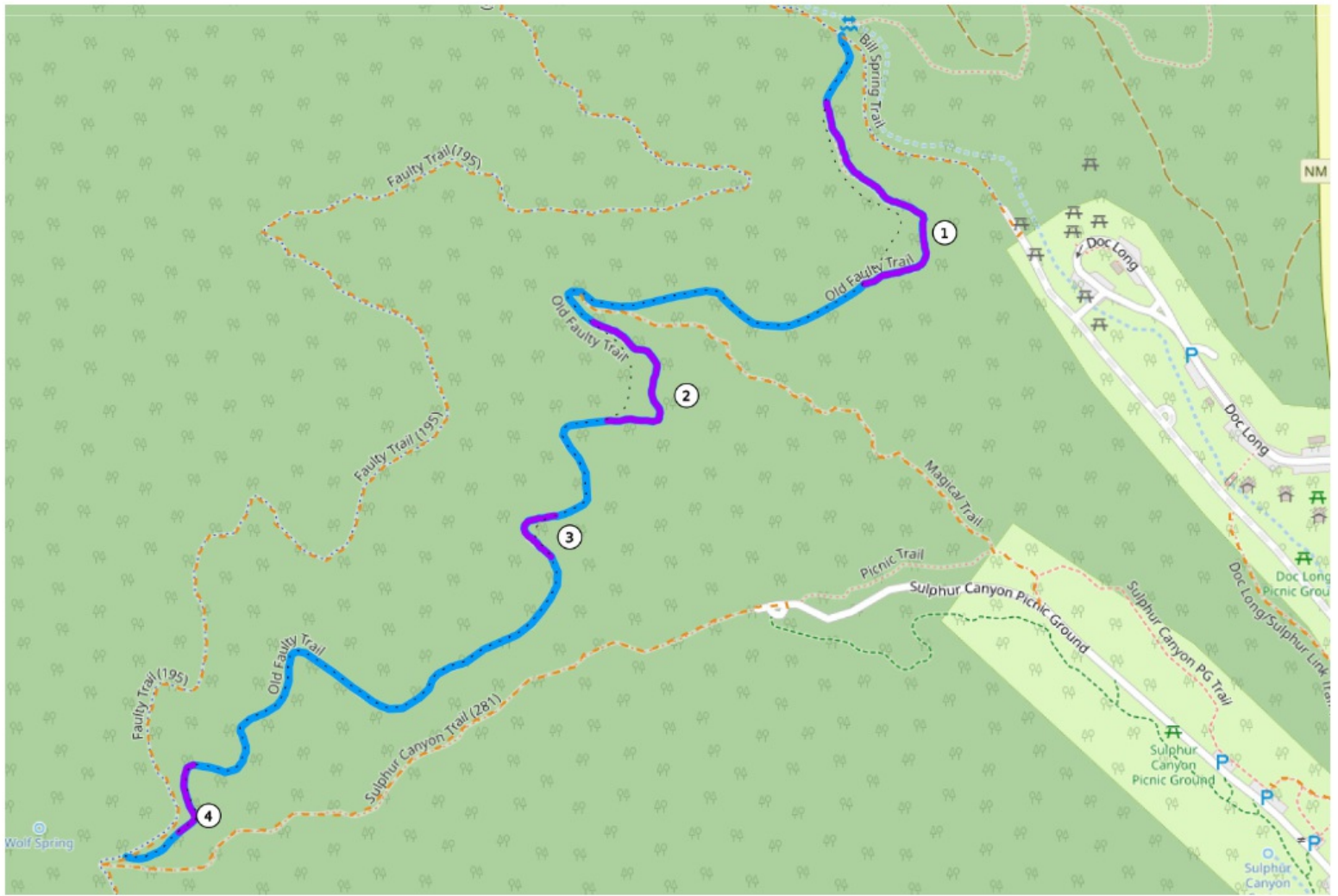
- percent rerouted34.1%
- avg new trail per day. . . .224 ft/day

DATES:

- date begin.9/11/2025
- date end.11/22/2025
- total work10 days
- trail reroute7 days
- trail rehab3 days

“New” OLD FAULTY with reroutes from Sulphur to Bill Spring:

- total length0.87 miles (4,594 feet)
- start elevation7,608 ft
- end elevation7,441 ft
- total descent200 ft
- total climb38 ft



Old Faulty Trail
WGS84
UTM Zone 13S
CALTPOPO

