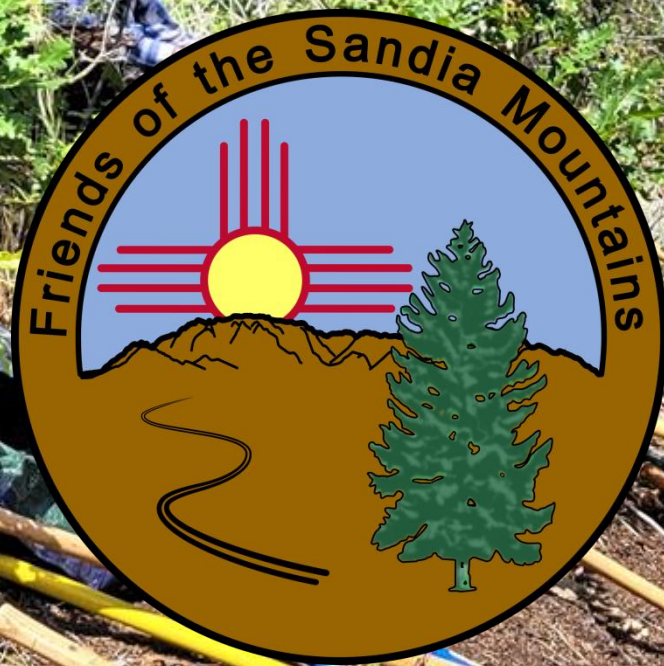




# North Faulty reroute 2025

A joint project by:



February 27<sup>th</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup> 2024



# History & Mystery

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- The North Faulty reroutes are part of the original 2019 STIP. The entire 16 mile Faulty trail beginning at Canyon Estates and ending at Sandia Cave was built by David Holmes and his son John between 1974 and 2007. They are mainly known for the medallion trees. The trail was later adopted by the USFS.
- However, there is some confusion about the real name. A description by Mike Coltrin in the *Sandia Mountain Hiking Guide* states:

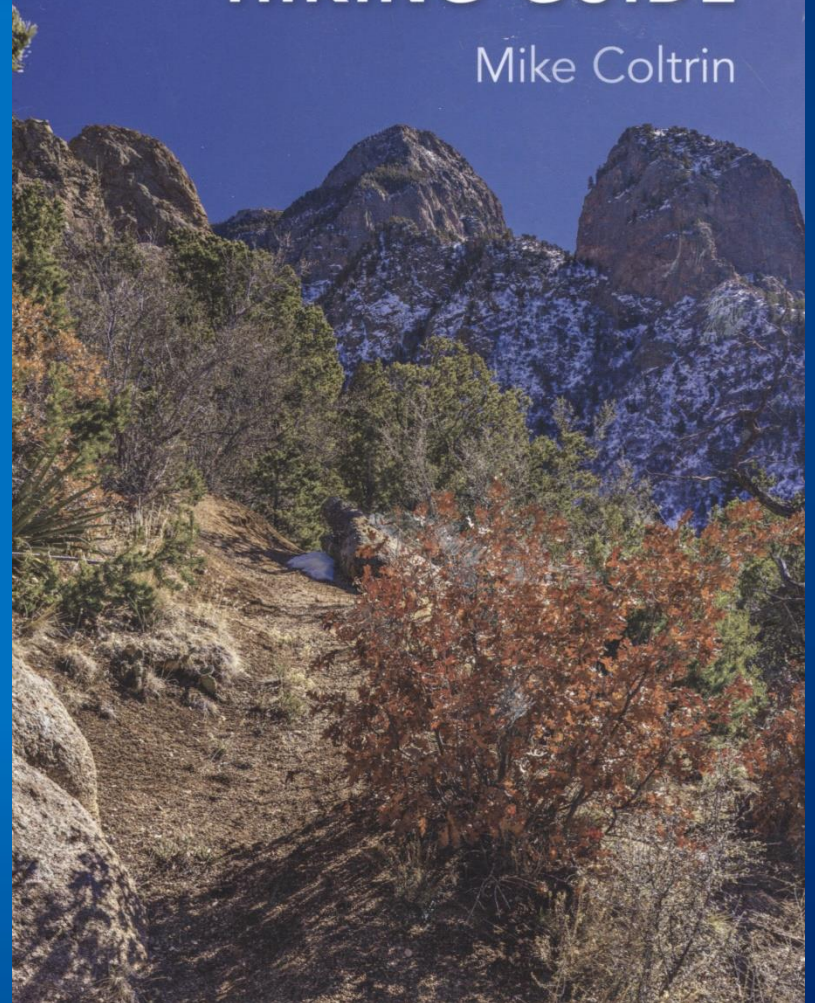
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*“..... a trail of unknown origin was forged north from Barro Canyon to Lagunita Seca (below Palomas Peak). The trail is blazed with diamond cuts into tree trunks along the route. I have designated this unnamed trail from the Crest Highway to Lagunita Seca the North Mystery Trail, in keeping with its predecessor. It is possible that one day the trail will be adopted by the forest service; time will tell”.*

REVISED AND EXPANDED EDITION

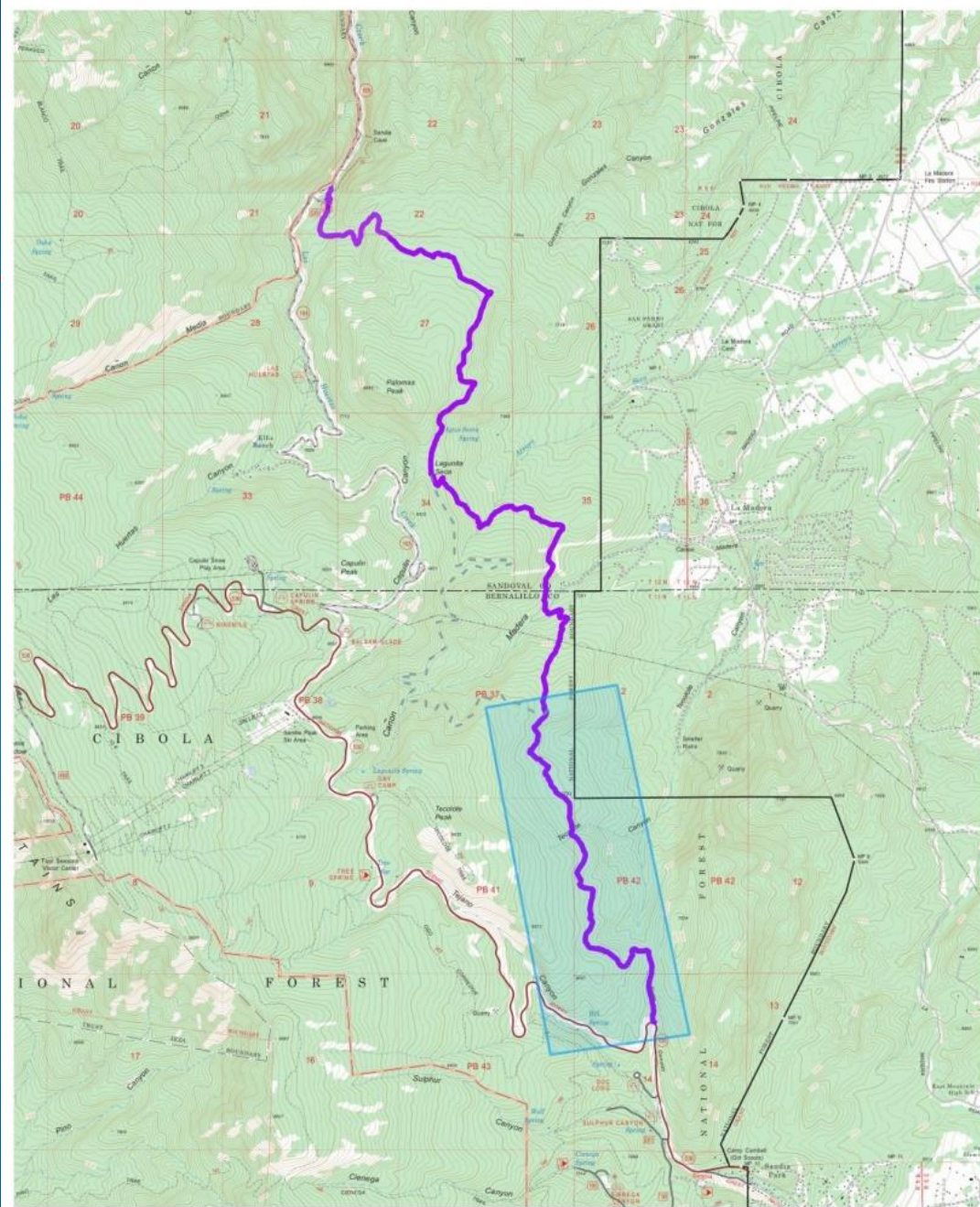
## SANDIA MOUNTAIN HIKING GUIDE

Mike Coltrin



# Description

The section of concern is a 2.58 mile segment beginning at the hairpin turn on the Crest Hwy above Doc Long to just before the steep descent into Cañon Madera where the Ann Boleyn trail takes off. The entire North Faulty trail to Sandia Cave is 7.94 miles. Top elevation for this segment is 7,913 feet and bottom 7,477 ft at the Crest Hwy for a total of 581 ft elevation loss and 157 ft net elevation gain.



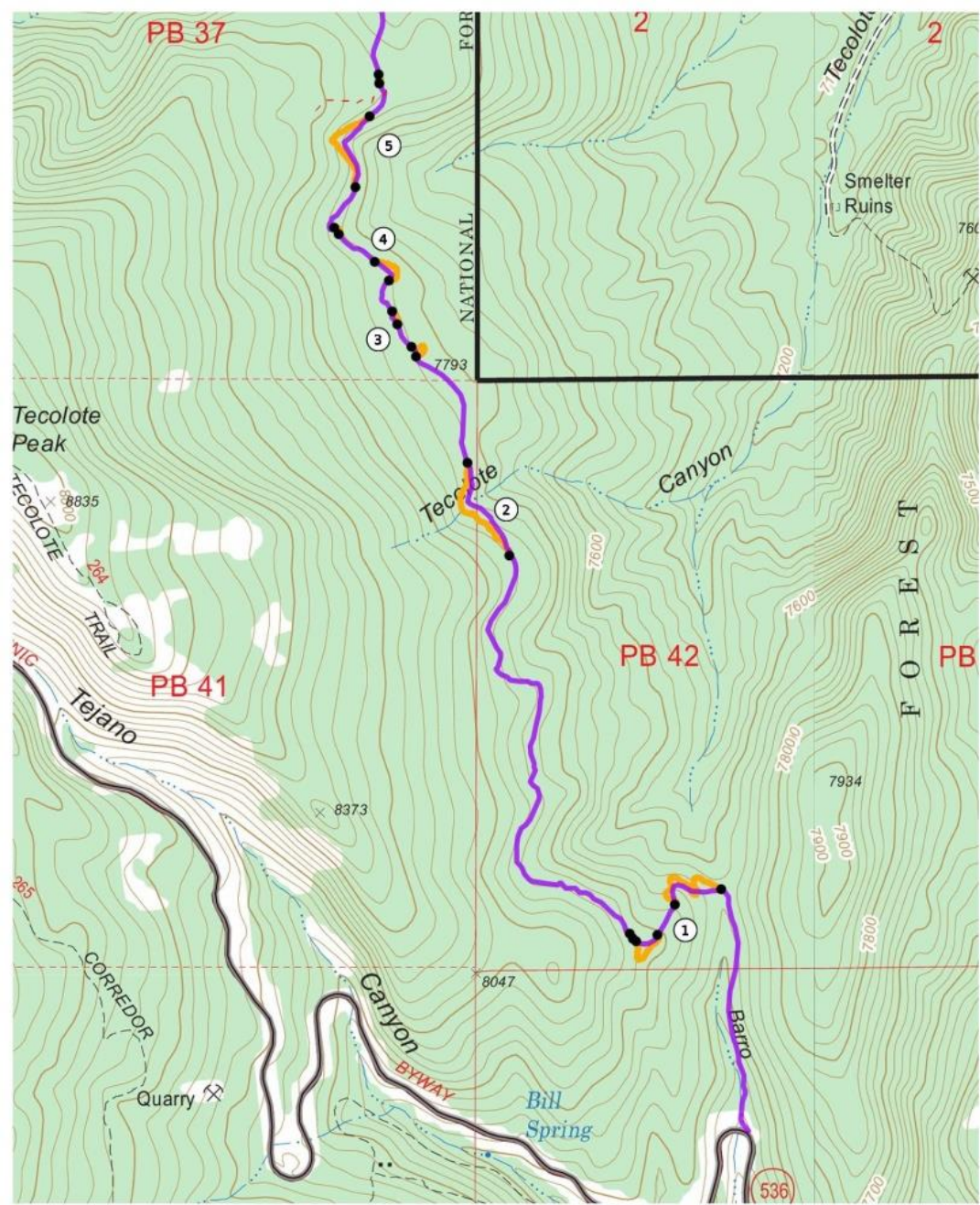
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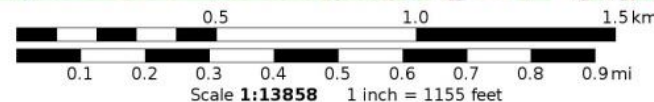
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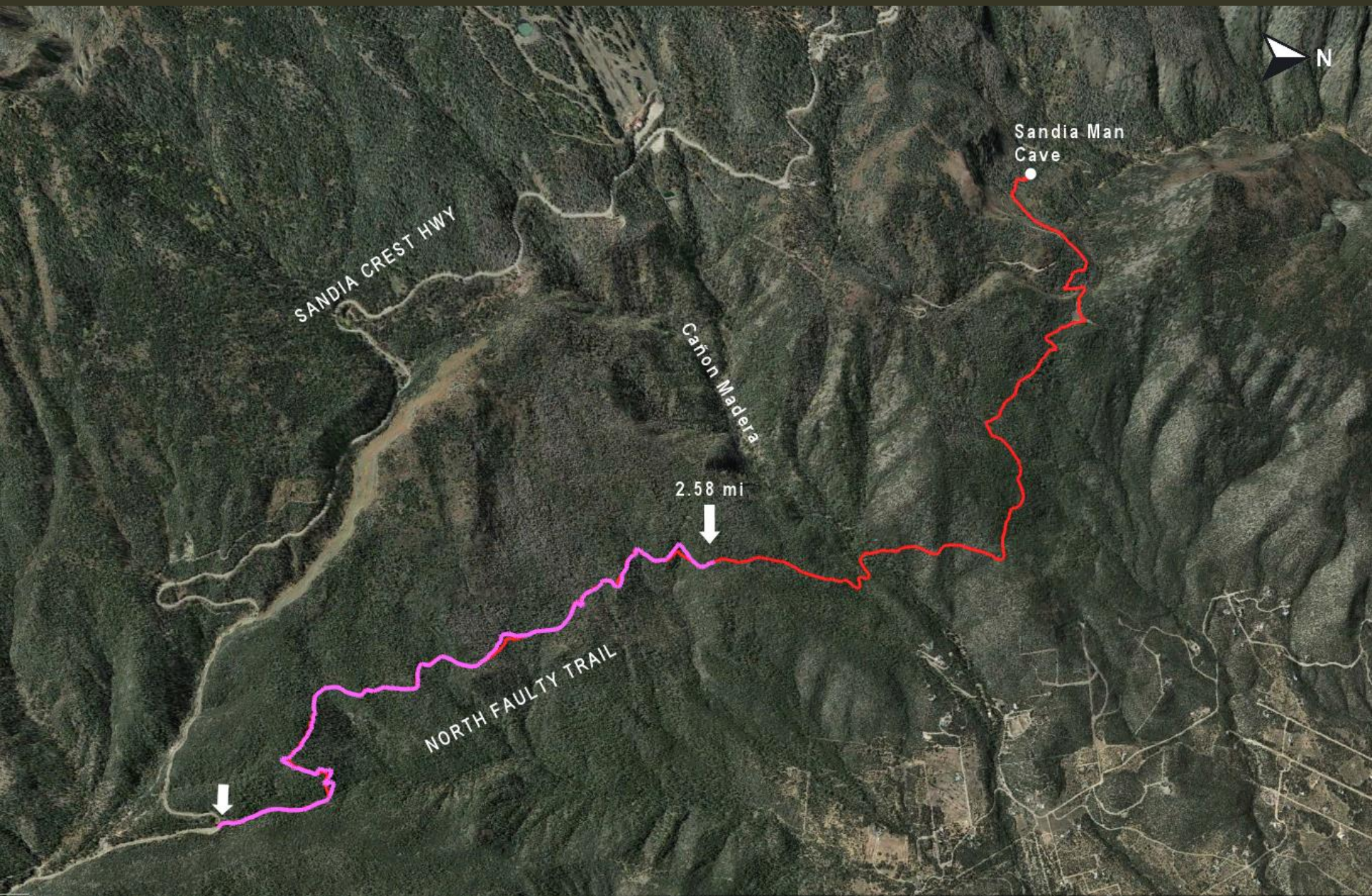
## 5 reroutes:

reroute #	length	distance from Crest Hwy
1	1,616ft	0.61mi
2	1,066ft	1.53mi
3	385ft	2.01mi
4	469ft	2.23mi
5	1,003ft	2.55mi
TOTAL	4,539ft	new trail



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SANDIA CREST HWY

Cañon Madera

NORTH FAULTY TRAIL

Sandia Man Cave

2.58 mi



# Summary

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- date started: .....February 27, 2025
- date completed: .....September 4, 2025
- months to complete: ..... 6
- number of trail building days: ..... 20
- number of brushing days:..... 1
- number of volunteers..... 23
- total volunteer days..... 212
- average daily progress: ..... 226 ft per day

# Summary

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- total length of reroutes completed..... 4,529 ft
- length of original section..... 13,622 ft (2.58 mi)
- total length of old trail obliterated ..... 3,404 ft
- percent of original trail rerouted: ..... 33.2 %

# 21 THURSDAYS ● START to FINISH

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY/LOCATION
1	2/27/2025	<b>START</b> section 1
2	3/6/2025	section 1
3	3/13/2025	section 1
4	3/20/2025	section 1
5	3/27/2025	section 5
6	4/3/2025	section 5
7	4/10/2025	section 5
8	4/17/2025	section 5
9	4/24/2025	section 5
10	5/1/2025	Finish section 5
11	5/15/2025	sections 4 and 4A

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY/LOCATION
12	5/22/2025	finish section 4
13	5/29/2025	
14	6/19/2025	BRUSHING ONLY NO TRAIL CONSTRUCTION
15	7/24/2025	section #2
16	7/31/2025	section #2
17	8/7/2025	section #2
18	8/14/2025	section #2
19	8/21/2025	section #2
20	8/28/2025	section #2
21	9/4/2025	<b>FINISH</b> section #2, small reroute section #1

# VOLUNTEERS and SRD DAYS WORKED

## FOSM VOLUNTEERS n=23

- Laura Leon [21]
- Bruce Hansche [17]
- Claudia Bergsohn [17]
- Eric Russell [17]
- John McNett [16]
- Luis Cuadros [16]
- Jim Houle [15]
- Rich Fagioli [15]
- Byron Garner [13]
- Bill Perkins [12]
- Mike Madden [9]

- Eric Messerschmidt [7]
- John Braly [6]
- Mackenzie Gibbs [6]
- Tony Pachelli [6]
- Bart VanderPlas [5]
- Larry Larrichio [5]
- Roland Stumpf [3]
- Dan Burwinkle [2]
- Cleve Sharp [1]
- Doran Bostwick [1]
- Jay Wulf [1]
- Scott Forman [1]

## SRD STAFF n=4

- Jen Medina-Gray [17]
- Chris Secor [10]
- Canyon Young [1]
- Kerry Wood [1]

### SUMMARY:

**total volunteer days....212**  
**total staff days.....29**  
**TOTAL.....241**

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- Ann Boleyn Beheaded  
1536 - Piñon
- Bloody Mary  
1553 - Piñon
- Edward VI King of England  
1551 - Piñon
- Grimms' Fairy Tales  
1812 - Ponderosa
- FAULTY sign  
ponderosa

