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Cibola Trail Rangers

Day 6 — Saturday, September 12, 2026, lower KOM reroute

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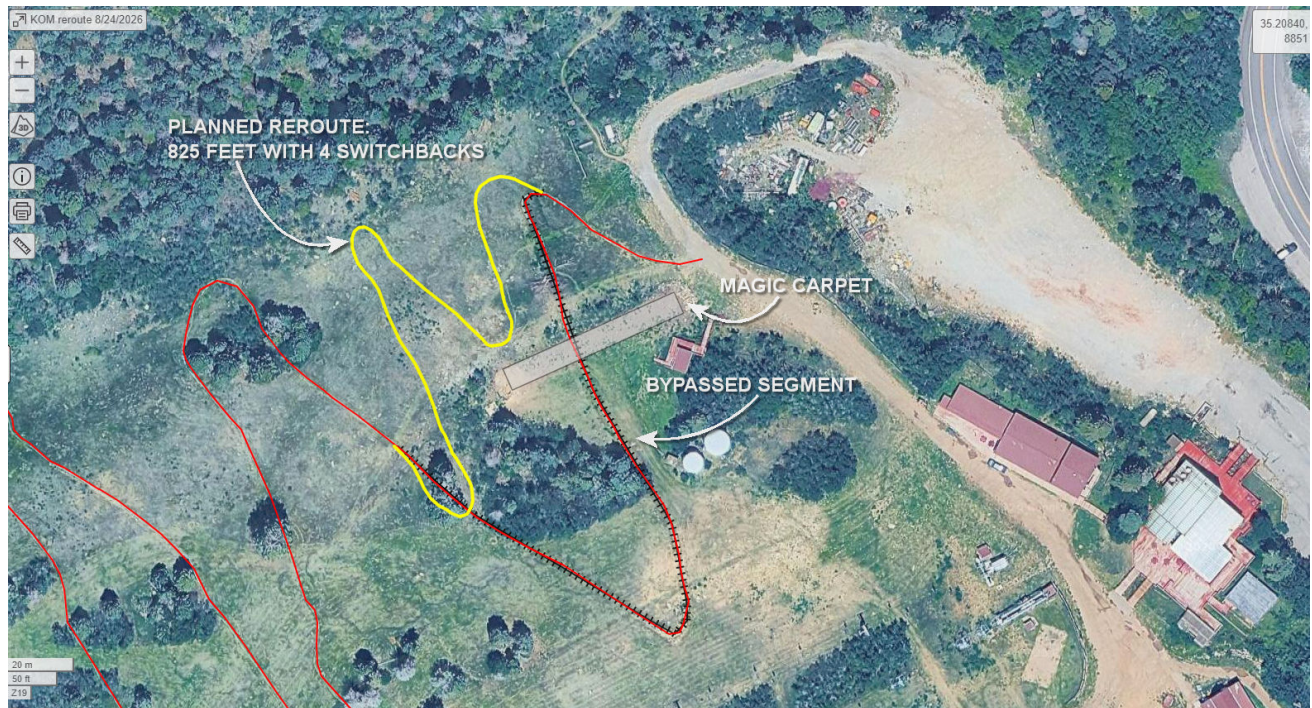
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See attached pdf file for photos



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**King of the Mountain and Golden
Eagle Trails Restoration Project
Day 6 — Saturday, September 12,
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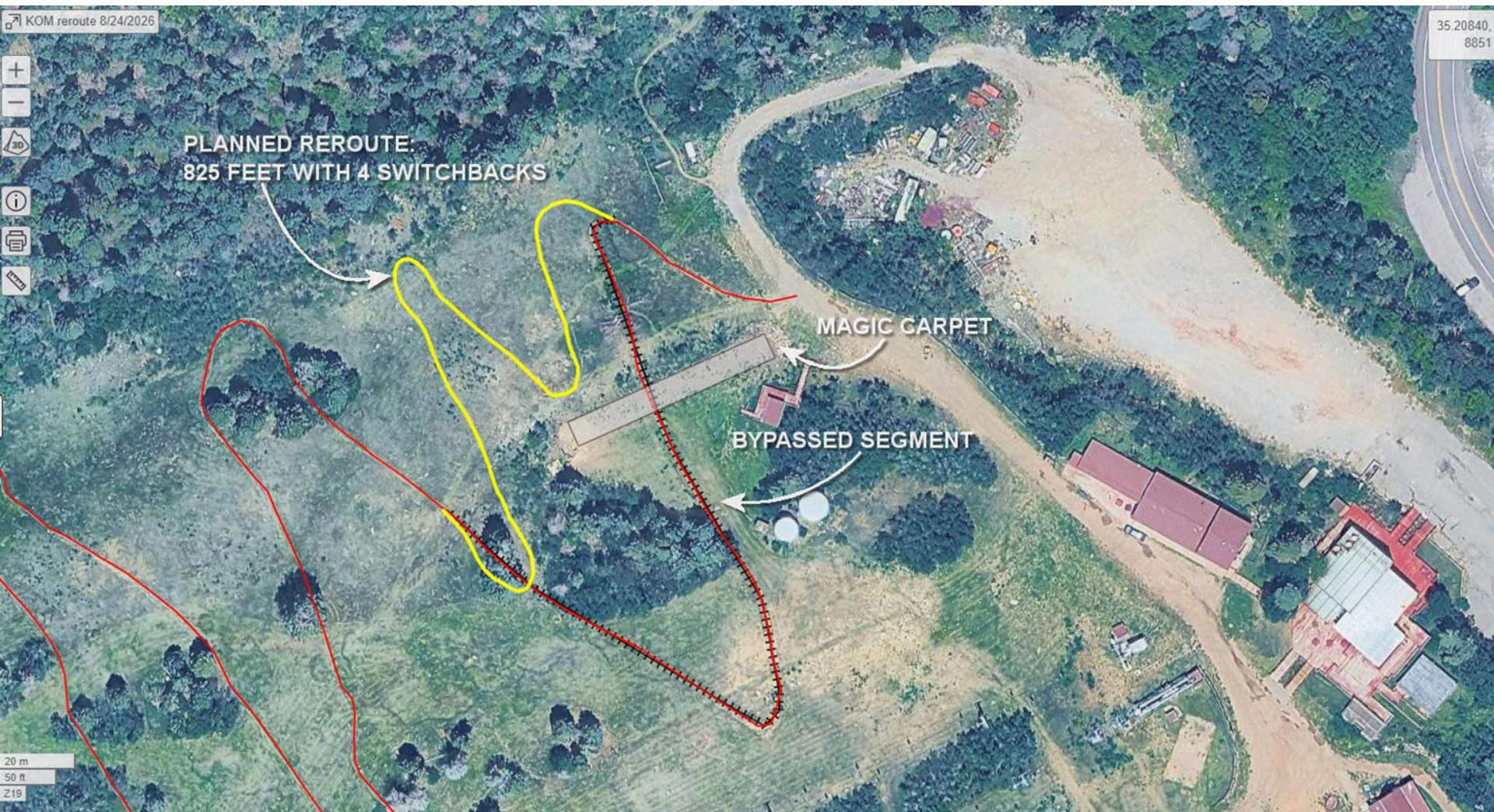
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PLANNED REROUTE:
825 FEET WITH 4 SWITCHBACKS

MAGIC CARPET

BYPASSED SEGMENT





Starting the day – Luis and Chris Casey



Working on the traverse and 2nd switchback



Layers of trail builders



Kimberlee digs deep



Sim Cook, master builder



Jay Wulf stands by his work



Claudia perfecting the switchback



Dig, dig dig



Resting after finishing
825 feet – that's 50 feet
per person!



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The first biker to climb our new reroute.
Thumbs up!