

Update 4/22/16 from Rick Trujillo:

Hello Everyone--

This is my third email newsletter of the season for announcing the work schedule for the 2016 Hardrock trail work volunteers. This note is to let you know that I have received your emails in which you express interest in volunteering for trail work in 2016 on behalf of the Hardrock 100.

As many of you know, the Hardrock Volunteers Trail Work is traditionally done over two days, usually the weekend before the Hardrock run proper. This normally means having the two work days straddle the July 4th holiday weekend. This year, however, the Hardrock run itself has been moved back one week from the normal, scheduled to begin early morning Friday, July 15. This leaves the weekend of July 9 and 10 open for trail work, rather than the normal July 4th holiday weekend.

Therefore, the 2016 Hardrock Hundred trail work volunteers work schedule is for the two consecutive days of Saturday, July 9, and Sunday, July 10. This is still more than three months away, hopefully enough time to allow for most of you to make work/travel/lodging-camping arrangements to attend the work parties. It is a little early to make firm work area commitments, except to say that work day 1 will be at Bear Creek Ouray and vicinity, and work day 2 will probably be at one or more locations in the Telluride area.

It is now late April and here in the western San Juan Mountains of Colorado Spring is springing up all around. As with the past several Winters, this one has been anything but normal, with erratic swings from one extreme to another. November was very stormy, with one storm dropping as much as two feet of snow right in the streets of Ouray, with nearly four feet total in town for the month. December and January continued to see snow storms, systematic with one or two per week, but with no more than a few inches at time, at least here in town. A big storm in early February dropped some 15 inches in Ouray. Then, unseasonable warm weather arrived and over the next eight weeks or so melted most of the snow in the valleys. Spring is anything but predictable, however, and a storm blew in a week ago dumping up to 18 inches in the Ouray area over the past weekend. It then hung around with spits of rain/snow, until finally moving out last night.

This morning dawned clear and cool and I could not resist a back country ski trip to McMillan Peak which allows distant views of various portions of the Hardrock course. I have attached some photographs to

show what Silverton and surroundings looked like earlier today. There certainly still is snow in the high country, but the valleys are mostly melted out. The moisture of the past week brought the seasonal moisture numbers back close to normal for this date as can be seen in the attached Snotel summary.

I will be sending another general information email such as this towards the end of the coming month of May. Then as we get into June I will provide more detailed information such as where and when to meet for each work day. For those who have asked, please note that there is no "registration" for trail work until the mornings of the two specified work days. Those who show up on either or both mornings will then be registered as having done so.

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