

Update April 2, 2017 from Rick Trujillo

Hello Everyone

This is my second email of the season to inform that I have received your emails and to announce the work schedule for the 2017 Hardrock trail work volunteers. As most of you know, the Hardrock volunteer trail work is traditionally done over two consecutive days, usually the weekend before the Hardrock run proper. This year will be the 24 running of the Hardrock Hundred, with the start in Silverton at 6:00 am, Friday, July 14.

Therefore, the 2017 Hardrock trail work volunteers work schedule is for the two consecutive days of Saturday, July 8 and Sunday July 9. This is still more than three months away, hopefully enough time to allow most of you to make work/travel/lodging/camping arrangements to attend the work parties. As with last year there will be two separate work groups, one focusing on the Hardrock route itself (overseen by me) with the second focusing on the Silverton Double Dirty 30 route (overseen by Megan Finnesy). It is a little early right now to state exactly where the work will be done for either work group, or to take tally as to who goes where, but pertinent information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the work dates.

I will be sending a general information email such as this once a month for May and early June. Then as we get into mid-June I will provide more information such as where and when to meet for each work day.

Today, April 2, dawned overcast relatively warm (32F) with only a light dusting of new snow on the ground here in Ouray. March may be said to have come in like a "bobcat" and to have left like a "bobcat" in that snow storms of small magnitude marked by beginning and end of the month. In between, however, the month was more like a "chipmunk" in that there were three straight weeks of blue skies with abnormally warm temperatures (10 nights above freezing, and days of 40s-50s and a high of 71F). All the snow in Ouray disappeared, just in time for a sequence of more normal storms to arrive and put down more new snow.

Yesterday I made a back country ski trip above Red Mountain pass with a quick visit to Silverton afterward. The skies were gray with spits of snow, making for flat light, but for those who might be interested I have attached some photos which show the early Spring reality for the natives, both human and animal.

