

Hello Everyone

This is my fourth update of the season 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 24th 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 now some five weeks away, but hopefully still enough time to allow most of you to make work/travel/lodging/camping arrangements to attend the work parties.

The snow is still sitting heavy in the High Country but the valleys and lower sectors of many trails are now mostly snow free. A recent reconnaissance visit to the "wash out" on the Bear Creek trail Ouray revealed that while the cribbing logs we installed there last year are still more-or-less in place, the whole system was disturbed and shifted while it was apparently water saturated and soft and will have to be rebuilt, again. Bear Creek Ouray is the only Hardrock trails sector that I can state with authority at this time where we will definitely be working on July 8 and/or 9.

This is my final general information email for this trail work season. In about two weeks I will send an email with information as to where and when to meet for each work day. This will be further refined with a final email in the first days of July.

June 1, dawned overcast and warm (50F) in Ouray with no new snow on the ground here in Ouray. Scattered strong thunderstorms dropped a lot of rain in the valleys and light snow in the mountains above Telluride. Yesterday may have seen the final winter's effort with 35F at sun up then temperature into the 70s in Ouray with the streams in high flow by late afternoon. The spring melt seems to finally be getting started.

Below are some recent photos of the Telluride and Ouray regions on June 1 and 2, showing both of the towns as well as the Oscar's pass and the Washout sites.

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