

## Update March 13, 2018 from Rick Trujillo

Hello Everyone

This is my fourth email of the season to inform that I have received your emails and to announce the work schedule for the 2018 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 25th running of the Hardrock Hundred, with the start in Silverton at 6:00 am, Friday, July 20.

Therefore, the 2018 Hardrock trail work volunteers work schedule is for the two consecutive days of Saturday, July 14 and Sunday July 15. This is still 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 previous years 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).

April is usually too early to state exactly where our trail work will be focused. Reconnaissance examinations must wait until the snow is sufficiently melted. It is safe to say, however, in regard to the Hardrock course our focus will definitely be on the Bear Creek trail at Ouray, and probably also on the long stretch between Sherman and Maggie Gulch aid stations. For the Silverton Double Dirty 30 course work will probably focus on the Silverton-Rico trail sector. More pertinent information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the work dates.

I will be sending a general information email such as this soon after the beginning of May and 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 7, dawned overcast, warm (41F) and damp with a light misty rain falling. The past March arrived like a lamb and left like a chipmunk in that there was a total of only six inches snow in Ouray for the month and the high temperature on the 31st was 63F. April 2 was a scorcher of 71F. Snow in town is presently restricted to scattered roof-fall piles, and going fast. Silverton had a brief torrential rainfall on March 23, as did Ouray. We are still in an unusually warm continuing drought.

For those who might be interested I have attached some pictures of the rapidly springing Spring in both Ouray and Silverton.

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