## Update March 13, 2018 from Rick Trujillo

## Hello Everyone

This is my third 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 four 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). 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 am somewhat late with this third information email due to having been traveling the past ten days. I should be back on schedule going forward and will be sending a general information email such as this soon after the beginning of each new month into 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.

I have received emails from a few listed volunteers stating that for various reasons they will not be able to attend the scheduled work days. Be informed that the de facto workers will not be tallied until the mornings of the actual work days. Therefore I will keep the names of all 2018 volunteers, whether or not they have informed me that they cannot attend either work day.

Today, March 13, dawned totally clear, relatively warm (31F) with no new snow. In fact there has been only one storm with 4 inches of new snow in Ouray so far for the month of March. After my previous information email of February 5 the weather finally resorted to somewhat normal, meaning cold temperatures and storms every few days. This was enough to keep Ouray's small ski hill open and the ice climbers rejoiced with a correspondingly significant drop in temperature. Abnormally warm

temperatures and dry conditions returned again in early March, forcing the closure of the ski hill on the 5th and the closure of the ice park on the 11th.

For those who might be interested I have attached some pictures of the snow and the ice situation in and above Ouray as of yesterday afternoon, March 12. There are also three photos of the Ouray school kids at our annual Cabin Fever Day ski competition at the ski hill on February 18, when we had some snow. The March 12 Snotel graph shows the lack of snow compared to the ten year average at the Red Mountain site. Yes, we have had at least some snow so far this winter, but we are still well below average.

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