

## Update May 10, 2018 from Rick Trujillo

Hello Everyone

This is my fifth 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 two 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 Ultra Marathon (formerly the Silverton Double Dirty 30) route (overseen by Megan Finnesy).

May 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 Ultra Marathon 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 June. Then as we get into the second half June, after making reconnaissance examinations of certain trails, I will provide more information such as where and when to meet for each work day.

Today, May 10, dawned clear, calm and warm (51F) in Ouray, yesterday's high was 76F. Snow is now non-existent in the valleys and rapidly disappearing in the high country. The streams in the Ouray-Silverton region are now in high muddy flow and the 2018 snow melt runoff is off to an early start. Although we received some rain/snow one week ago today, the valleys are presently dry, there is no moisture in the forecast for the next week, and the drought here in the western San Juans continues.

The Summer monsoon rains normally begin in late June or early July, hopefully they will arrive on schedule.

Attached are three photos of Ouray and the Ice Park that show them as of a few days ago. You will note that trees are budding and the Ice Park is nearly ice-free.

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