

Update 2/25/16 from Rick Trujillo:

Hello Everyone--

This is my first newsletter of the season for announcing the work schedule for the 2016 Hardrock trail work volunteers. I was gone for much of February climbing mountains in Central America, and there were some organizational mixups. I am home now for the duration, everything is now clarified, so here goes--

As many of you know, the Hardrock Volunteers Trail Work is traditionally done over two days, usually the weekend before the Hardrock run proper. This normally means having the two work days straddle the July 4th holiday weekend. This year, however, the Hardrock run itself has been moved back one week from the normal, scheduled to begin early morning Friday, July 15. This leaves the weekend of July 9 and 10 open for trail work, rather than the normal July 4th holiday weekend.

Therefore, the 2016 Hardrock Hundred trail work volunteers work schedule is for the two consecutive days of Saturday, July 9, and Sunday, July 10. This is still more than four months away, hopefully enough time to allow for most of you to make work/travel/lodging-camping arrangements to attend the work parties. It is a little early to make firm work area commitments, except to say that work day 1 will probably be at Bear Creek Ouray and vicinity, and work day 2 will probably be at one or more locations in the Telluride area.

It is late February and here in the western San Juan Mountains of Colorado it is late Winter. As with the past several Winters, this one has been anything but normal, with erratic swings from one extreme to another. November was very stormy, with one storm dropping as much as two feet of snow right in the streets of Ouray, with nearly four feet total in town for the month. December and January continued to see snow storms, systematic with one or two per week, but with no more than a few inches at time, at least here in town. A big storm in early February dropped some 15 inches in Ouray. Then, unseasonable warm weather arrived and proceeded to melt most of the snow in town and almost shut the Ouray Ice Park down. Two days ago we awoke to some 10 inches of overnight snow and things seem to have gotten back to normal. This morning I made a quick back country ski trip above Red Mountain Pass where the snow depth at the Saint Paul depth marker was just above 5 feet (dense settled snow). For those who may be interested, I have attached some photographs to show what Ouray and vicinity looked like as of mid-day today.

I will be sending a general information email such as this about once per month for March, April and May. Then as we get into June I will provide more detailed information such as where and when to meet for each work day.

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