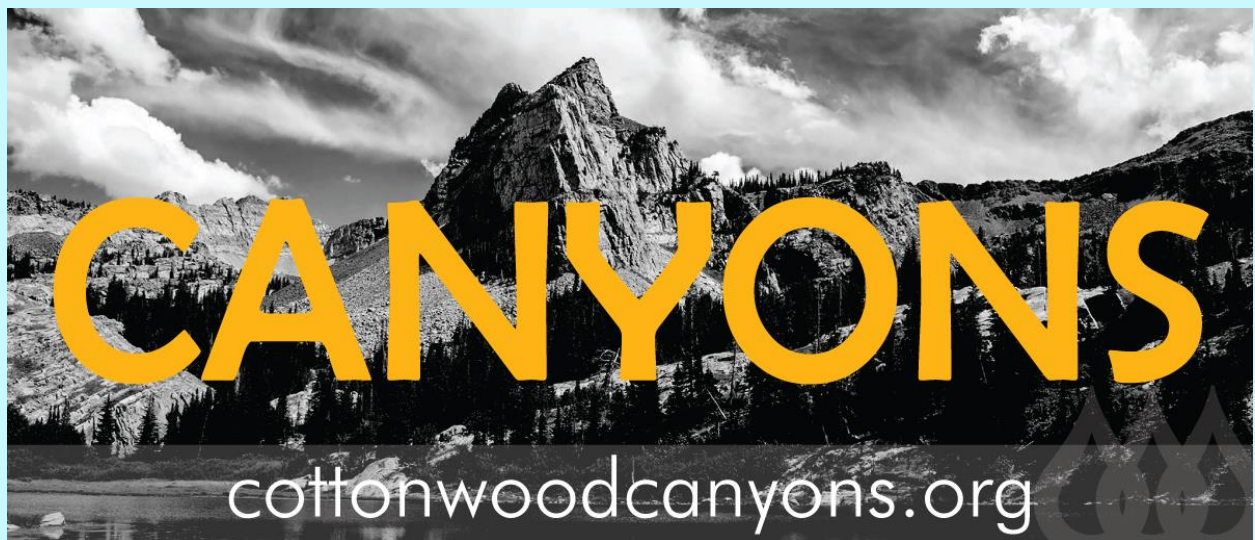


2025

SEASON REPORT

CCF TRAIL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM



SEASON TOTALS

Crew Size	10 members
Volunteers	392 individuals
Volunteer Hours	2486 hours
Projects	7 sites
Scouted Trails	24 trails
Scouted Mileage	71 miles
Trail Log Out	72 trees
Corridor Improved	7.6 miles
Area Naturalized	3450 ft ² *
Drains Improved	315
New Drains Built	18
New Tread Built	842 feet
Stream Crossings Built	3
Retaining Walls	782 ft ³
Total Amount of Rock Set*	65.6 tons
	131,250lbs, 875ft ^{3**}

*ft, ft², ft³ are shorthand for feet, square feet, and cubic feet, respectively

**Based on an average quartzite and granite density of 150lbs/ft³





The CCF Trail Crew building drainage structures on the Deseret Peak Trail. Photo credit: Emily Salle.

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OUR CREW



Trails Stewardship Director: Emily Salle

As Trails Stewardship Director, Emily ensured that things ran smoothly behind the scenes while also taking time to come out and support the crew in the field. Her dedication and hard work motivated the crew and fostered a positive, productive work environment.

Crew Lead: Grace Goodwin-Boyd

Grace returned to CCF for a second season as crew lead. She was pleased to be able to put together this report to highlight the crew's accomplishments this season.



Photo credit: Emily Salle



Photo credit: Grace Goodwin-Boyd

Assistant Crew Lead: Jillian Sands

Jillian came to CCF for her eighth season of trail work. Most recently working in Glacier National Park, Jillian brought significant expertise in a wide range of skills. Her positivity and capacity for hard work made her instrumental in the success of the season.

OUR CREW

Crew members: Mike Roberts, Alex Bennett, Cole Dugdale, Ryan Sauer, Braxton Kozerski, Sophie Buckland, Dixon Colston, Isaac Hodson



CCF Trail Crew. From left in back: Mike Roberts, Dixon Colston, Ryan Sauer, Alex Bennett, Braxton Kozerski, Cole Dugdale, Sophie Buckland, Grace Goodwin-Boyd, Jillian Sands.

The crew this year was composed of a nice mix of returners and new faces, with five members returning to CCF and four in their first season. CCF would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the crew for their hard work and dedication, which resulted in a commendable trail season.



OUR PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

Trails and projects in the report list primary funders and partners. Most trails and projects have multiple supporters.

AllTrails
Alta Ski Area
Alta Environmental Center
Big Cottonwood Community Council
Brighton Resort
Central Wasatch Commission
Cirque Series
Enbridge
LDS Earth Stewardship
National Forest Foundation
Petzl Foundation
REI Co-Op
Salt Lake County
Salt Lake City Public Utilities
Salt Lake Climbers Alliance
Scheels Sporting Goods

Seagull Printing
Snowbird Resort
Snowbird Play Forever Fund of the
Park City Community Foundation
Solitude Mountain Resort
The Brighton Institute
The David Kelby Johnson Memorial Foundation
The Ray and Tye Noorda Foundation
Town of Brighton
TrailsUtah
Unified Fire Authority
Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation
US Forest Service — Salt Lake
Ranger District (SLRD)
Wasatch Front 100 Mile Endurance Run
Wasatch Mountain Club
Wasatch Trail Run Series

Adopt-A-Trail Sponsors

Alpha Coffee
Aspen Appreciation Society
Backcountry.com
Brighton Resort
Hilton Salt Lake City Center
Town of Brighton
Visit Salt Lake
Wasatch Mountain Club



PROJECTS OVERVIEW

TREAD PROJECTS

Pipeline-Elbow Fork Connector

Peruvian Gulch Trail Reroute

Lower Albion Meadows Trail Reroute

ROCK PROJECT

Silver Lake

DRAINAGE AND STREAM PROTECTION

Cecret Lake Trail Stream Crossings

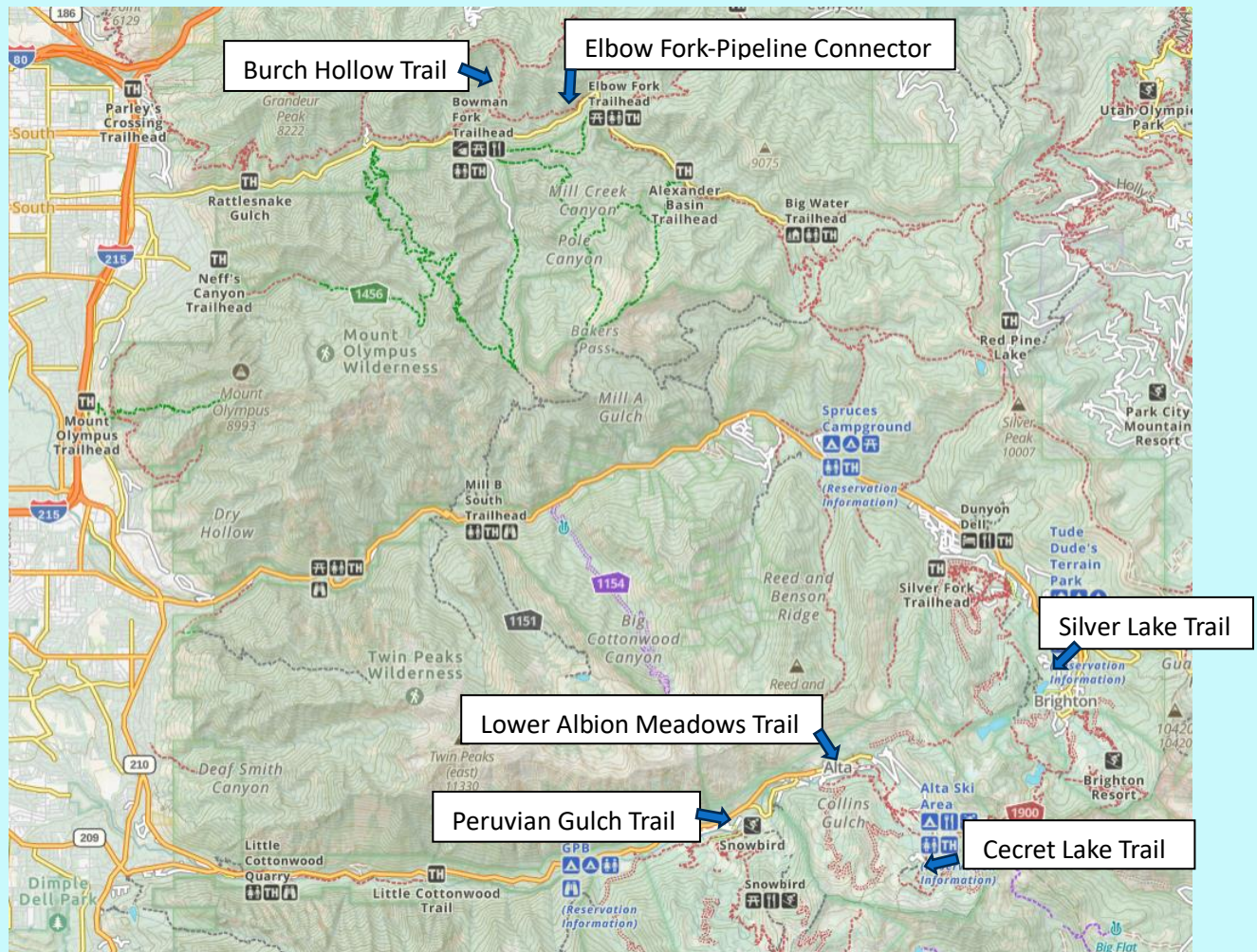
Deseret Peak Trail Drainage

HEAVY MAINTENANCE

Burch Hollow Trail



PROJECTS OVERVIEW



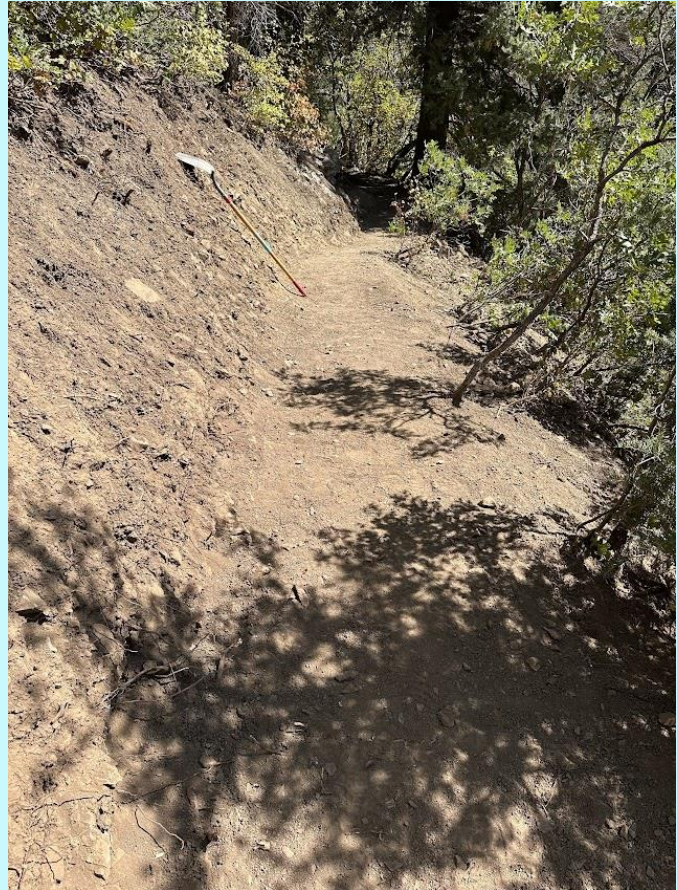
Project locations throughout the Tri-Canyons. Deseret Peak Trail not pictured. Map from gaiagps.com.



TREAD PROJECTS

Pipeline-Elbow Fork Connector

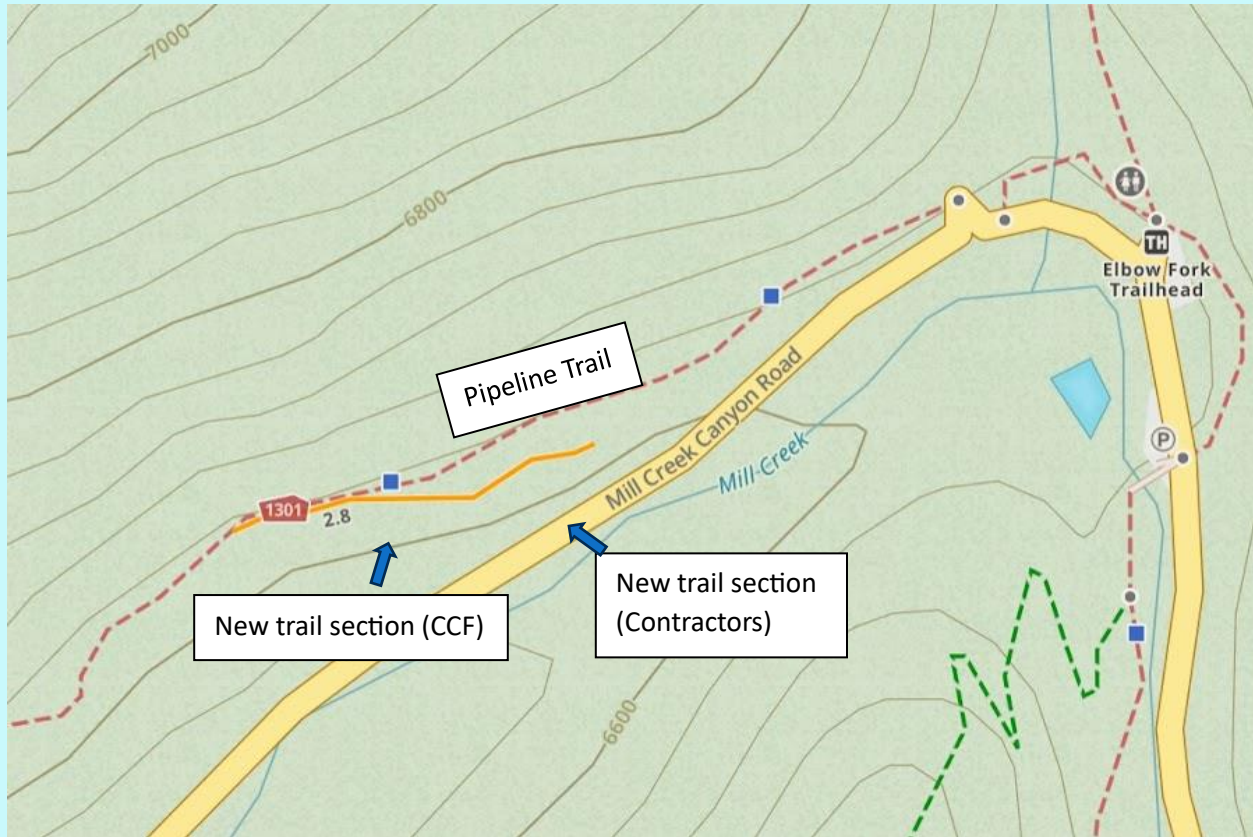
CCF created a new trail connecting the Pipeline Trail to what will be the new Elbow Fork Trailhead parking lot in Millcreek Canyon. Combating thick vegetation and a sidehill grade of as much as 60%, the crew produced 337 ft of new trail with a 3ft bench. Several sections required reinforcement with retaining walls as a result of the rugged terrain.



A completed section of the Pipeline-Elbow Fork Connector. Photo credit: Jillian Sands

TREAD PROJECTS

Pipeline-Elbow Fork Connector



Map credit: gaiagps.com

The new trail section built by CCF, shown on the map above in orange, measures 337 ft. It travels down from the Pipeline Trail and connects with a segment built by other contractors, shown on the map above in red. The new segment of trail will be an easy and safe way for users to reach the parking lot with minimal interaction with the road.



TREAD PROJECTS

Pipeline-Elbow Fork Connector



Before (above left) and after (right) of the site. Below, a reinforced switchback. Photo credit: Emily Salle, Jillian Sands



METRICS

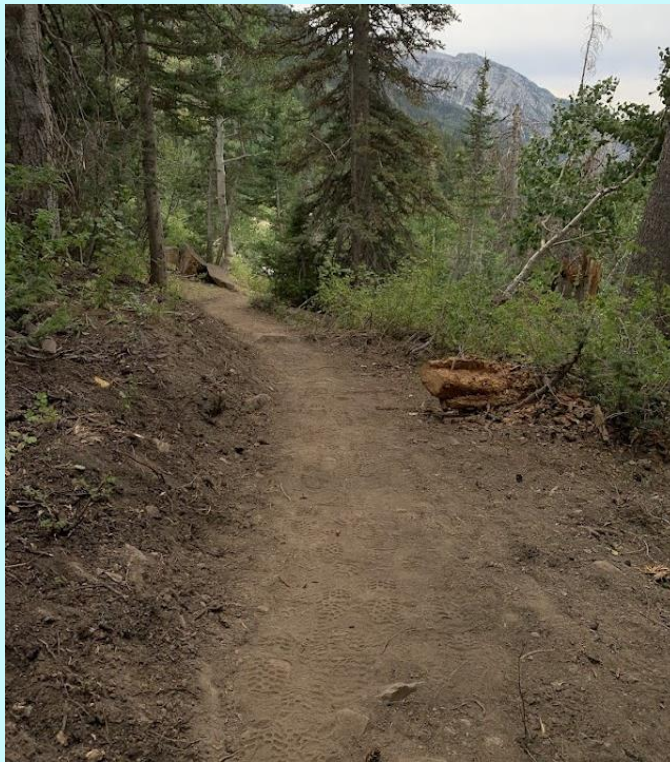
337 ft new tread

319 ft³ retaining wall



TREAD PROJECTS

Peruvian Gulch Trail Reroute: Little Cottonwood Canyon



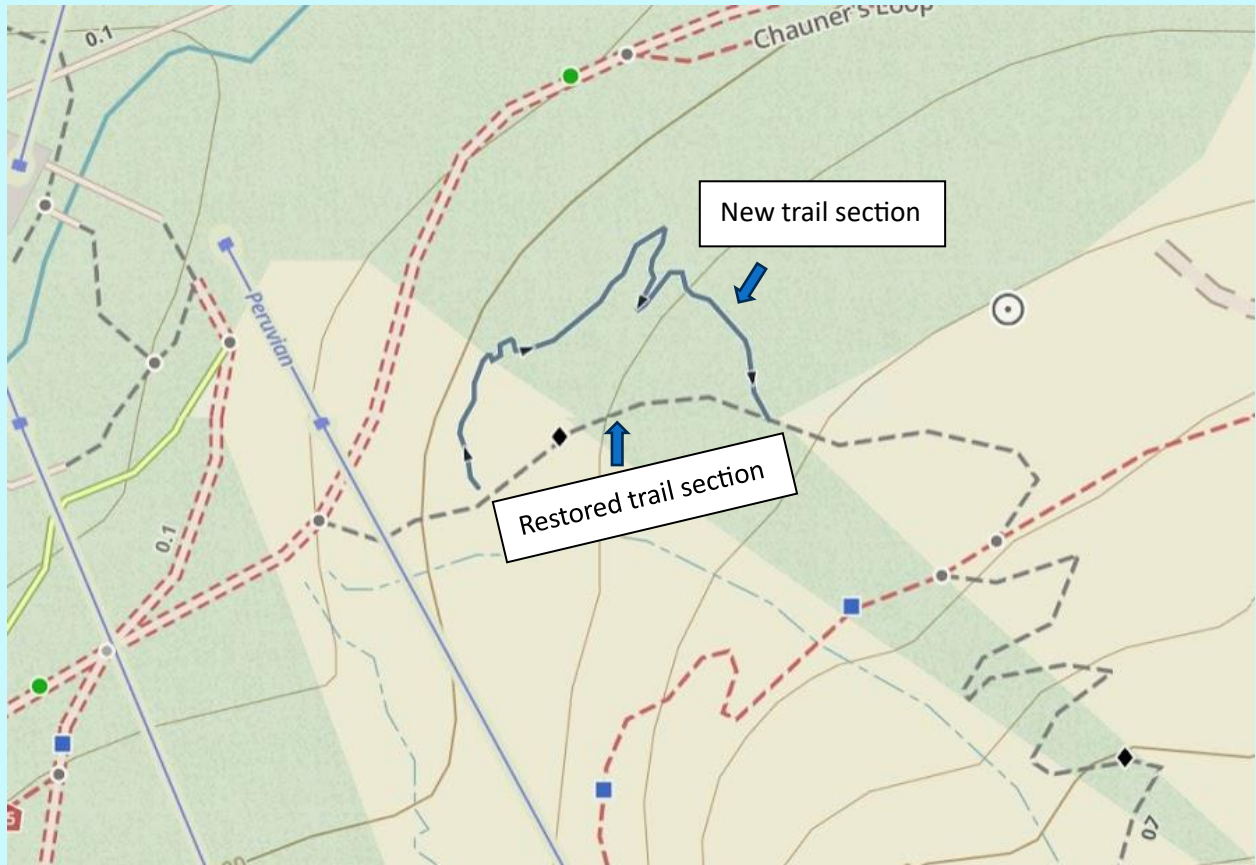
Examples of finished structures and sections.
Photo credits: Grace Goodwin-Boyd

This reroute circumvented a washed-out section of trail and replaced it with a sustainable option. The new section of trail features switchbacks and gentler grades that facilitate water shedding and provide a more pleasant user experience.



TREAD PROJECTS

Peruvian Gulch Trail Reroute



Map credit: gaiagps.com

Volunteers assisted in restoring the old section of trail. They helped install 49 restoration checks to mitigate soil runoff. The CCF Plants Crew and volunteers planted 300 native plants and finished the restoration by covering the former trail with debris to provide refuge for the new plants and to discourage use.



TREAD PROJECTS

Peruvian Gulch Reroute: Before and after



Photo credits: Emily Salle, Grace Goodwin-Boyd



TREAD PROJECTS

Peruvian Gulch Reroute: Metrics



The old section of trail was restored with restoration checks, native plants, and debris. Photo credits: Grace Goodwin-Boyd



METRICS

559 ft new tread constructed

11 rock steps installed

300 native plants installed

49 restoration checks installed



TREAD PROJECTS

Lower Albion Meadows Trail Reroute: Little Cottonwood Canyon



Finished sections of trail (top and bottom left) and crew and volunteers working on a section of trail (top right). Photo credit: Emily Salle

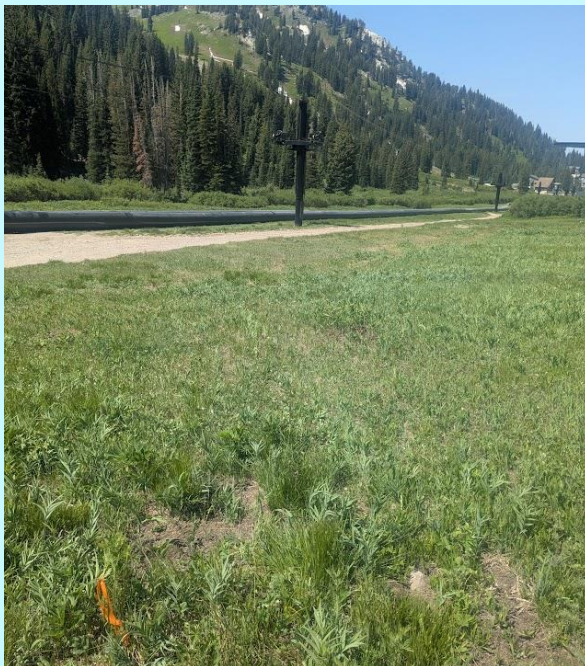


Thanks to an incredible effort from the CCF Trail Crew and volunteers, the Lower Albion Meadows Trail reroute at Alta was completed in just a day and a half. The new section of trail measures **477ft**. It avoids newly installed ski infrastructure and is a well-graded addition to the existing trail.



TREAD PROJECTS

Lower Albion Meadows Trail Reroute: Before and after



Before (left side) and after (right side). Photo credit: Emily Salle



ROCK PROJECT

Silver Lake Nature Trail: Big Cottonwood Canyon

The CCF Trail Crew built a large retaining wall adjacent to the Silver Lake boardwalk to support a section of trail and to stabilize large rocks in that area. The project also included bolstering a two-tier retaining wall on the opposite side of the trail to prevent erosion of that section, as well as naturalizing an area that was crossed with social trails.

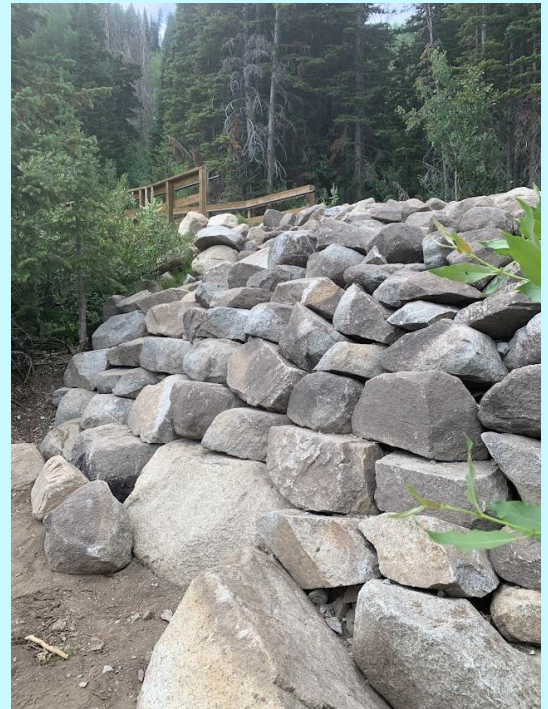


Photo credits: Grace Goodwin-Boyd

ROCK PROJECT

Silver Lake Trail: Before and after



Photo credits: Grace Goodwin-Boyd

Rock Project

Silver Lake Trail: Metrics



Members of the crew enjoy the results of their hard work. Photo credit: Grace Goodwin-Boyd

METRICS

423 ft³ retaining wall

2550 ft² naturalized

30 ft retreaded



DRAINAGE AND STREAM PROTECTION

Cecret Lake Trail Stream Crossings: Little Cottonwood Canyon

The Cecret Lake Trail at Alta is well-loved and sees high traffic throughout the summer. The CCF Trail Crew built two sets of stepping stones on the trail to minimize impact on the watershed at stream crossings, and restored social trails that had formed due to users trying to avoid the water.

METRICS

**25 stepping stones
installed**

400ft² naturalized



Before and after of a stream crossing on the Cecret Lake Trail. Photo credit: Grace Goodwin-Boyd

DRAINAGE AND STREAM PROTECTION

Dry Lake-Pockets Fork Trail Drainage: Stansbury Mountains

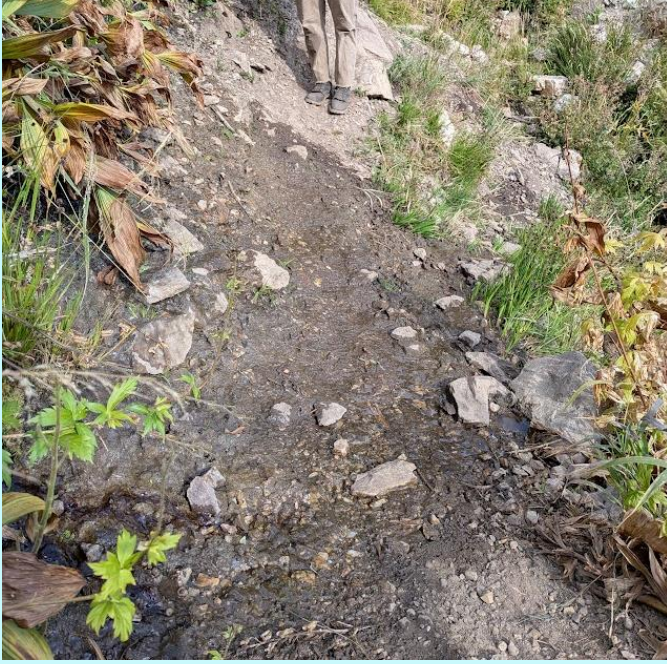
The Dry Lake-Pocket's Fork Trail project provided an opportunity for the crew to get out of the Cottonwood Canyons and mix it up with a work week in the Stansburys. They camped at the South Willow Lake Guard Station to make this excursion possible. The focus of the week was on a muddy, eroded section of trail where the crew installed a French drain, a water bar, and a reinforced stream crossing. The result was a wider, drier, more navigable section of trail.



French drain, left, and open culvert on the Dry Lake-Pockets Fork Trail. Photo credit: Grace Goodwin-Boyd

DRAINAGE AND STREAM PROTECTION

Dry Lake-Pockets Fork Trail: Before and after



DRAINAGE AND STREAM PROTECTION

Dry Lake-Pockets Fork Trail: Metrics

While the focus of the Dry Lake-Pockets Fork project was drainage and stream protection, the crew was also able to complete various maintenance tasks along the trail.

METRICS

1 French drain (51 ft³ rock)

1 open culvert (14 ft³ rock)

1 water bar (10 ft³ rock)

12.5ft³ backwall

0.26 miles lopped

4 drains cleared

9 trees removed

80 ft² naturalized (social trails junked)

171 ft retread



Wide view of the project site on the Dry Lake-Pockets Fork Trail. Photo credit: Emily Salle

HEAVY MAINTENANCE

Burch Hollow Trail: Millcreek Canyon

The Burch Hollow trail had not been maintained in 25 years and had just about disappeared. With help from volunteers, the CCF Trail Crew cleared the corridor on the entire trail and restored a majority of the tread, bringing it back to about two feet in width and realigning eroded sections.

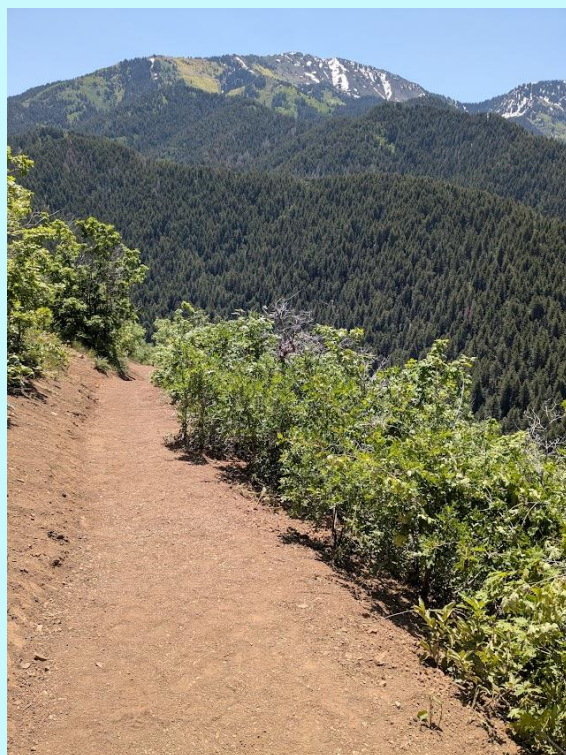


Photo credits: Emily Salle

METRICS

**1.6 miles of corridor
maintained**

**1.16 miles of trail
retreaded**



HEAVY MAINTENANCE

Burch Hollow Trail: Before and after

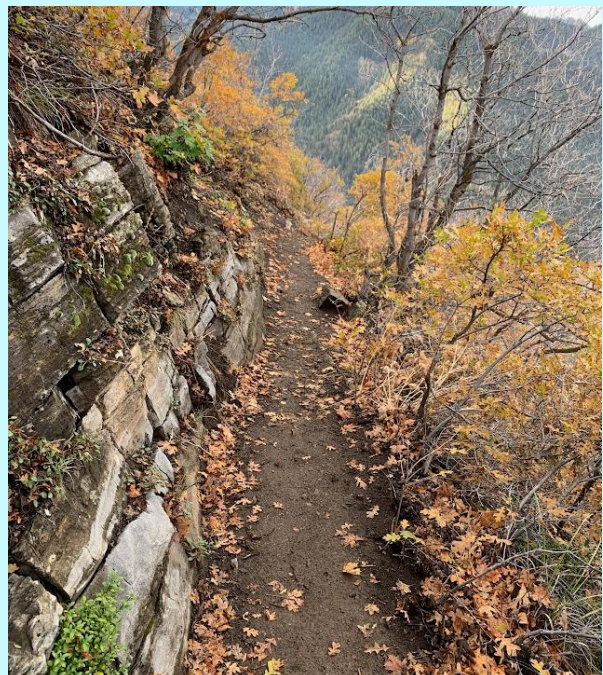
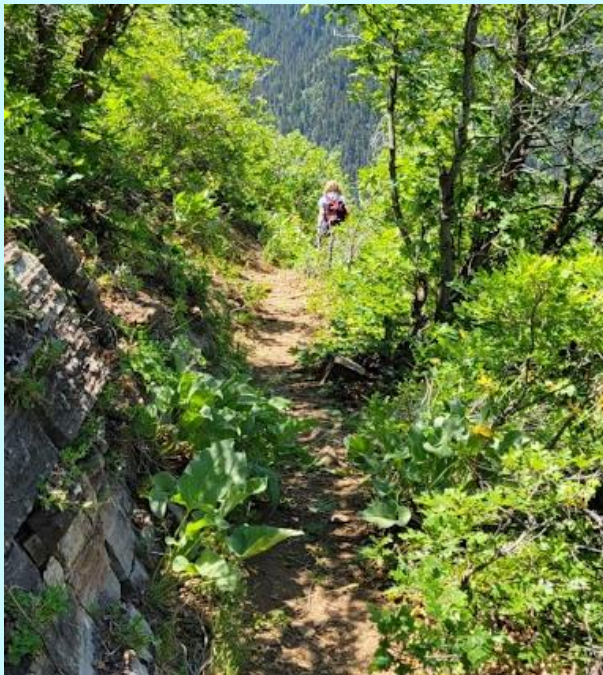
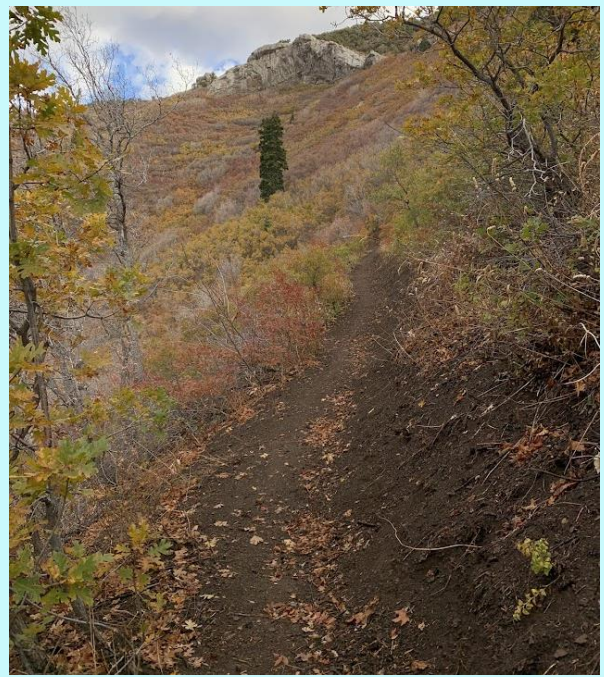
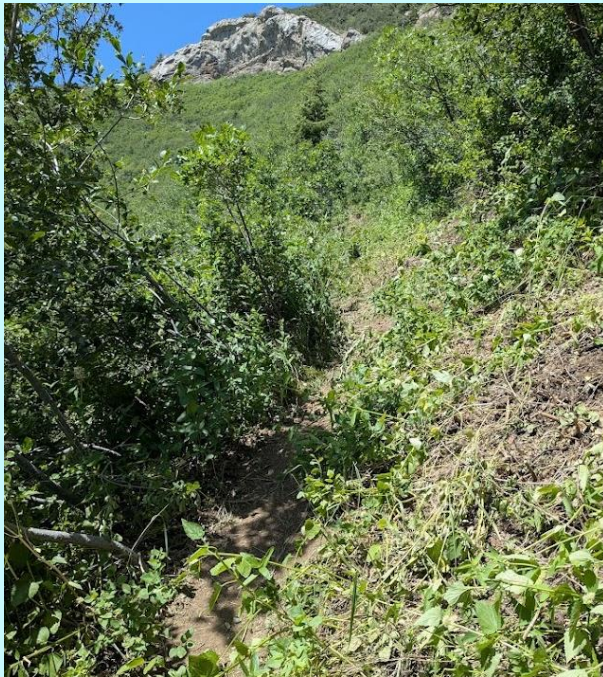


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ADDITIONAL TRAILS MAINTAINED/SCOUTED



Restored tread on the Dry Lake-Pockets Fork Trail.
Photo credit: Emily Salle

Trail maintenance includes log out, corridor brushback, drainage work, and structural and tread repair. Scouting includes assessing issues on a trail and making notes for future projects.

MILLCREEK CANYON

Alexander Basin Trail
Alexander Bowman Trail
Bowman Fork Trail
Desolation Trail
East Grandeur Trail
Pipeline Trail

BIG COTTONWOOD CANYON

Broads Fork Trail
Butler Fork Trail
Greens Basin
Lake Blanche Trail
Mill A Basin
Mill B North
Mill D North
Spruces-Donut Falls Connector



A cleared drain on the Lake Desolation Trail.
Photo credit: Grace Goodwin-Boyd



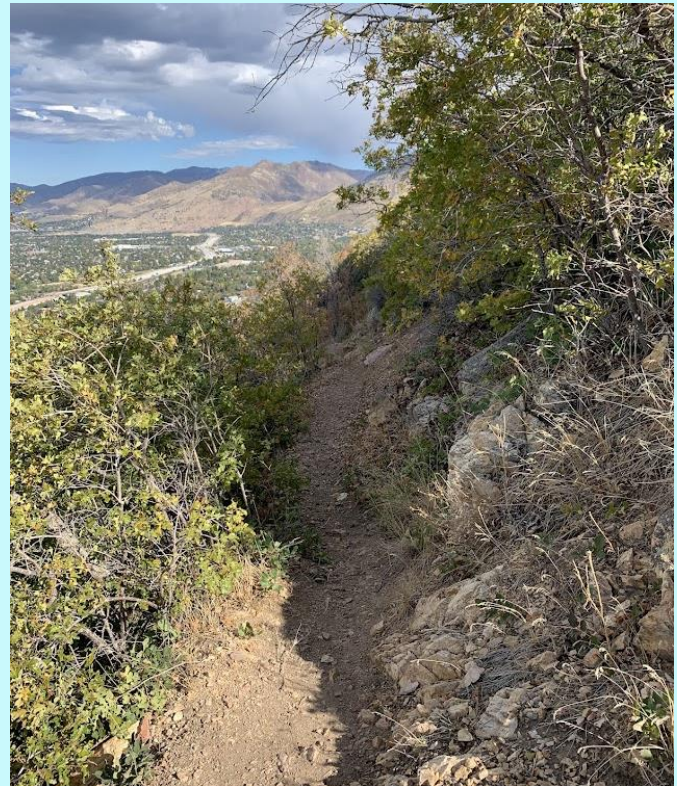
ADDITIONAL TRAILS MAINTAINED

LITTLE COTTONWOOD CANYON

Albion Meadows Trail
Catherine's Pass Trail
Maybird Gulch Trail
Red Pine Trail
Snake Pit Trail

WASATCH FRONT AND OTHERS

Adam's Canyon Trail
Bonneville Shoreline Trail- Ferguson
Bonneville Shoreline Trail- Mt Olympus to Z trail
Mount Olympus



Before and after photos of corridor maintenance on the BST. Photo credit: Grace Goodwin-Boyd

TRAINING: S212 AND FIRE SCHOOL

Two members of the crew attended S212 training through the Forest Service at Weber Basin Job Corps. The crew members were able to test their skills in the field and receive chainsaw certification cards.

Six other members attended Fire School, and five passed their pack test to receive Firefighter Type 2 designations. The CCF Trail Crew was able to put these skills to use several times during the season, performing defensible space work in the Town of Brighton.

Seven different crew members spent 139 hours over six days working with Unified Fire Authority. Tasks included chipping, cutting, and piling. The work was completed in the Silver Fork and Mill D neighborhoods, as well as at Camp Tuttle, with the goal of reducing fire danger in the Town of Brighton and creating defensible space around residences.



Crew members putting saw and fire skills to use. Photo credits: Grace Goodwin-Boyd

Thank you to everyone who made the accomplishments of this season possible, particularly the crew and our partners at the Salt Lake Ranger District. We at CCF are fortunate to be surrounded by capable, passionate people who care about improving the environment and recreation potential in the tri-canyons.



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