

Eighth Trail Work Day Completed

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Milan Trail Huggers

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With a snow storm just hours away, we had a total of 5 volunteers including Eric Johnson, Andy Thibodeau, Leo Couture, Steve Kellet and Larry Gomes show up for our eighth trail work day of the season.

It was cloudy and overcast with light mist in the air making the ground slippery. In spite of the conditions, the crew were able to cut dozens of trees into 10' lengths and pile them on the downhill side of the hill.

When the crew started, there was an area 200' long x 50' wide cleared. After about two hours of work, the length of that area had been increased by about 100' when a steady rain came in and ended the work day early.

There is still more to do on this project but with a snowstorm coming, moving around on this steep hillside will be just about impossible. We will have to wait for better weather to complete this project.

Many thanks to this great group of volunteers for their hard work. Please stay tuned to the club website and Facebook page for details about our next trail work day. Here are some pictures taken by Andy from Saturday:



Andy's dog Ness came along for the trail work day.



The crew heads over to cut up a large downed pine tree.



Steve Kellet cuts a Spruce tree hoping it will fall into the woods (it did!).



Larry Gomes pushes over a spruce tree hung up in the canopy.



The crew packs up after a cold rain started.



Cleared slope looking uphill. Hopefully the hung up trees will fall over the winter.



Cleared slope looking downhill with brush piled on the right.