

# Rail Trail Times

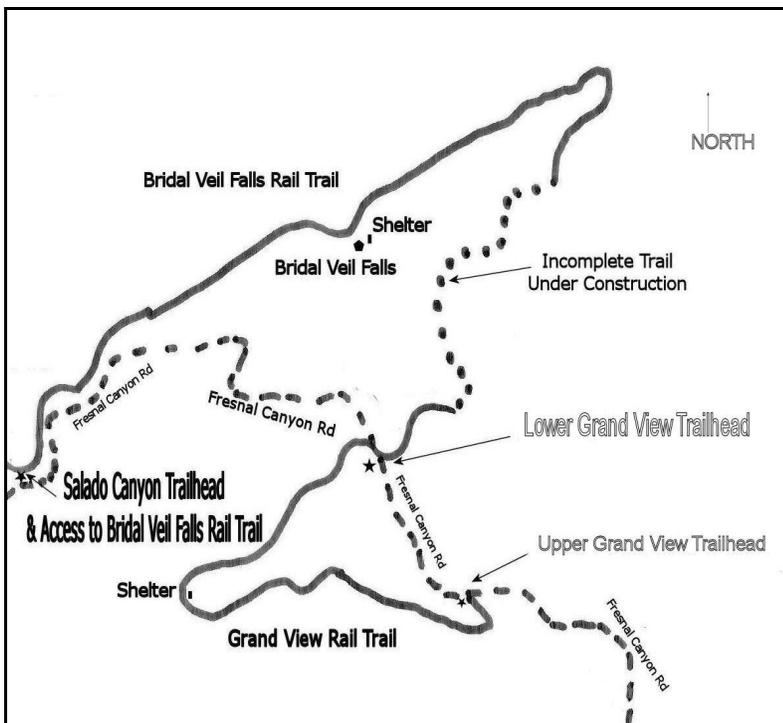
## Grand Opening of the Mexican Canyon Trestle Vista

9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 2, 2012

The Sacramento District of the US Forest Service is planning the Grand Opening of the Mexican Canyon Trestle Vista west of the Village of Cloudcroft on highway 82 in celebration of the American Hiking Society's National Trails Day © on Saturday, June 2, 2012. New Mexico Rails-to-Trails Association (NMRTA) members and friends are invited to partake in the events which include guided hikes on the nearby Osha & Cloud-climbing Rail Trails, a guided bike ride, a special Trestle Vista postal cancellation, and Smokey Bear. Festivities will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Trestle Recreation Area, near the depot replica building and flower garden on Saturday, June 2, 2012.

**Volunteers are needed** for these events. If you can help out, contact Peg Crim, Acting Public Affairs Officer, pcrim@fs.fed.us, (575) 434-7290 (w); (575) 551-1726 (c)

## Bridal Veil Falls Rail Trail Update

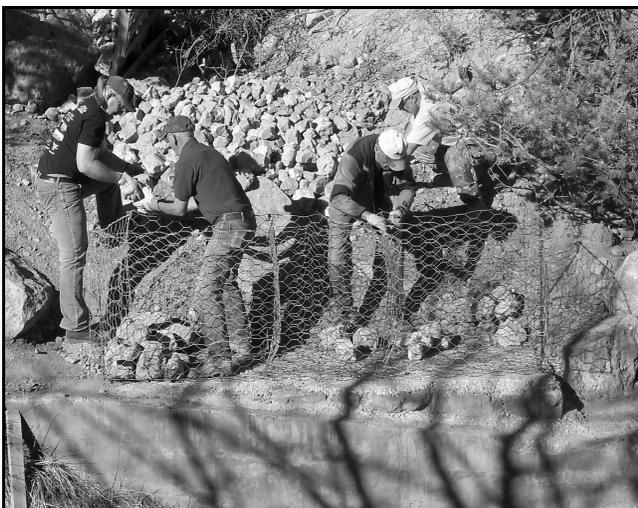


Our primary goal for 2012 is to construct the approximately 1-mile segment of trail that will connect the completed portion of Bridal Veil Falls Rail Trail to Fresnal Canyon Road.

Construction of this segment began in 2011 when NMRTA members and volunteers cut a new bypass around a wide and dangerously steep, abandoned trestle gulch (Trestle 136A).

To date, the trail has been cleared of brush, a culvert has been installed further up the trail in another dry gulch, and construction of a water crossing using two gabion supports over Fresnal Creek is well underway.

Portions of the trail are impassable while construction continues. We recommend that everyone wait to hike this section until completion.



Construction of first gabion



Filled gabion

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**High Altitude Outfitters**, Cloudcroft  
**Investment Co of SW**, Albuquerque  
**Lincoln National Forest Ranger District**  
**Mountain Monthly**, Cloudcroft  
**Native Plant Society of NM**, Albuquerque  
**Outdoor Adventures**, Alamogordo  
**Perspar Enterprises, Contractors**, Alamogordo  
**Sacramento Mtns Historical Society**, Cloudcroft  
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**Village of Cloudcroft Lodgers' Tax Fund**

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**2012 Officers Elected**

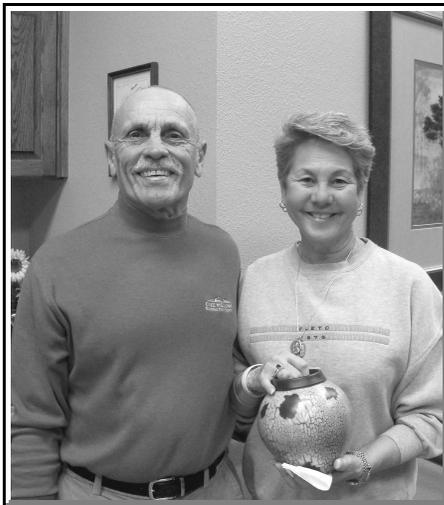
New officers were elected by the Board of Directors at its March 2012 meeting.

The officers are:

President: Grady Nicholson  
Vice-President: Don Draney  
Secretary/Treasurer: Judy Johnson

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NMRTA is designated a public charity under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.



Jim and Georgia Rink, who have been dedicated members since the inception of NMRTA, were honored at the annual meeting in February.

**NMRTA Workdays** are held on the third Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. You do not need to be a member to attend the workdays. Volunteers of all skill levels are welcome. There's something to do for everyone. Just bring your work gloves, sun protection, sturdy footwear and water. Tools are provided for you.

To receive notification of upcoming workdays by email, please send a message to: [nmrailtrails@gmail.com](mailto:nmrailtrails@gmail.com) with the word, "WORKDAYS" in the Subject Line.

Download our Trail Conditions Form to report problems encountered on the Rail Trails at [www.nmrailstotrails.org](http://www.nmrailstotrails.org)

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