

## Arizona Trail Association Volunteer Program Report

01/2021 – 6/2021

**Volunteer Hours Reported: 8479.25** (up from 3281 in 2020)

**Volunteers Engaged: 434**

### Key Events and Programs:

**Trail Skills Institute Video Series Update:** The final videos in the Trail Skills Institute Video Training Series have been completed and are in the final steps toward publication on the ATA's Youtube Channel. In the coming weeks, [watch for them here](#).

### New Stewards:

Andrew Franklin and Eric Rolen 19a (Superstition Wilderness); James Graham 26a (Highline); Joyce and Don Bayles 35a (Babbitt Ranch); Collin Nolen 9d (Redington Pass) Forrest Radarian 38a-b (Grand Canyon – Inner Gorge); Steve Marlatt and Laura White 4c (Temporal Gulch); Tom Matthew 7b (Las Cienegas).

### Revised COVID Protocols

Thanks to new guidance from the CDC and changes in local rules and recommendations, we were able to relax some of the restrictions we'd had in place during the pandemic. Our new protocols remove the mask mandate, social distancing requirement and restrictions on ride-sharing for vaccinated volunteers. Group size restrictions are still in place but have increased from 10 volunteers to 20. Volunteers and staff are still advised to continue to self-evaluate their condition and refrain from participation in the case of possible exposure to the contagion. The ATA will not be verifying vaccination status. The new protocols have taken 14 pages of content and reduced it to 1. Read the skinny [new protocol document here](#).

### Field Coordinators

Tasha Pontifex and Judy Tinchler have joined the Volunteer Program as contract Field Coordinators. The addition of these energetic and experienced individuals has been even better than cloning the Program Manager. Not only are we able to offer more opportunities and support stewards in their efforts to organize events on their passage, but we are able to capitalize on even more years of trail work know-how and experience. Less drive time, more trail time!

### ATA Hosted Events

Weekend Events: Passages 7, 17, 22, 25, 21, 23, 25, 31, 30, 35, 36

Group Engagement: The UofA College of Nursing brought 10 students out to build new trail on the Temporal Gulch Reroute. Kiewit Construction/SWVC brought 2 crews of 10 volunteers on their sponsored work day.

Temporal Gulch Initiative: Nearly 1500 volunteer hours reported so far this year (primarily on the Wildland Corridors build)

Volunteer Vacation: Alder Ridge's Big Beautiful Boulder Bash – 14 volunteers donated over 175 hours to help complete the Alder Ridge reroute.

Trail Skills Institute: Module 1&2 Basic Maintenance – Feb 20-21; Module 3 Stone Work – March 6-7; Cross-Cut Sawyer Certification Class – March 27-28; Module 5 Construction – April 10-11; (upcoming) June 12-13  
Module 1&2 Basic Maintenance

Tool Trailer Round-up: Tool Trailer Stewards, Regional Stewards, Trail Ops Staff and the VPM gathered together the 4 tool trailers to perform basic maintenance, even out tool supplies and identify needs across the state. Many dead soldiers were put to rest and others were given new life and renewed purpose.



Students from the UofA College of Nursing on a day of giving event on the Temporal Gulch Reroute 2/2021



Rounding up the tools at the Goldfields workyard



Two more certified Cross-cut Sawyers for the team!