



# The Dirt



**Official Volunteer & Partner Newsletter of the Santa Fe National Forest**  
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## Welcome to our newsletter!

Your source for volunteer and partner news, events, ways to get involved, and resources on the forest.

## In this issue...

- Fall and winter opportunities
- Conservation Legacy crews improve forest infrastructure
- A recipe in honor of trails
- End-of-season celebration



# RECRUITMENT CORNER

Upcoming Opportunities for Volunteer Work



## **SFNF Volunteer Celebration - December 8th**

So it's not technically volunteer *work*, but it's an opportunity to connect for next year's volunteer season. Come celebrate and meet the volunteer community! Details on page 7 of this issue.

## **Wilderness Sign Drilling - dates in Nov. and Dec.**

Interested in some fall/winter volunteer work? The Pecos/Las Vegas District needs help pre-drilling Wilderness trail signs for installation next season. Spend a brisk day sitting in our Pecos tool shed drilling sign holes in our wooden signs. We'll supply the power tools and hot cocoa! Contact Sarah Smith for more info ([sarah.smith3@usda.gov](mailto:sarah.smith3@usda.gov)).



# Fall Colors of Your National Forests

Did you know the Forest Service has an entire webpage dedicated to enjoying the fall season in your National Forests?

Visit the link below to learn about where to find fall colors, what to pack for a fall expedition, and download educational resources for learners of all ages!

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/visit/fall-colors>





# Conservation Legacy Crews Transform Forest Infrastructure



This year, crews from [Conservation Legacy](#) worked on projects across the Santa Fe National Forest to improve infrastructure like kiosks, fencing, trails, and more. Thanks to federal funding from the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the forest has been able to address deferred maintenance and improve how we serve the public. We love having youth crews help us out and teaching them about land management practices!



# Check out the Santa Fe National Forest Volunteer Page on our website!

Find all past issues of *The Dirt* newsletter on this page (link below).



<https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/santafe/workingtogether/volunteering>

# OCTOBER 2

## MARKED THE 54TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM ACT

*WHAT BETTER WAY TO CELEBRATE THAN BY MAKING YOUR OWN TRAIL MIX?*



Step 1. Pick up ingredients in bulk so you can save money and choose exactly what you want to add to your personalized mix.

Step 2. Mix together a balanced ratio of nuts, seeds, dried fruit, and chocolate. We won't tell anyone if you add a little extra chocolate!

Step 3. Enjoy! And visit the Forest Service's National Trails webpage to learn more about the National Trails System (link below). On the Santa Fe National Forest, we celebrate the Winsor National Recreation Trail (trail #254). Thanks for helping us maintain it!

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/trails/national>

# Celebrate Your Hard Work

**Join us on Thursday December 8th, 11am-1pm  
at the Santa Fe National Forest Supervisor's Office  
(11 Forest Lane, Santa Fe) for a lunchtime volunteer  
and partner appreciation celebration  
to close out the season.**

- **Connect with other volunteers and partners**
- **Enjoy some food and drink**
- **Snag a thank-you gift from the forest**

**Please bring something to share.  
RSVP requested (click link below):**

**<https://forms.gle/VDNkfEQgtKSaMMq8>**



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