Come to spectacular Mineral Creek Canyon in southwestern New Mexico over Memorial Day weekend for a 5 day trail maintenance project. Continuing the trail rehabilitation begun in 2013, we’ll improve tread, repair drainages, cut back vegetation, build rock walls, remove deadfall and construct reroutes.

Base camp will be at the junction of Mineral Creek and Red Canyon trails. Distance to camp via Mineral Creek Trail is 4 miles; via Red Canyon Trail the distance is 1.5 miles. Volunteers will backpack in on Thursday, 5/26/16, work Friday through Sunday and hike out on Monday after breakfast. The Forest Service will pack in kitchen, food and tools on horses. Volunteers carry only their personal gear.

NMVFO will provide all meals from breakfast 5/27/15 through lunch 5/30/16; bring your own plate, bowl, cup and utensils.

Bring work clothes: long pants, long-sleeved shirts, sturdy boots, work gloves and hat. Forest Service will provide hard hats. You’ll need a tent, bag, pad, day pack, water bottles and sunscreen. Be prepared with rain gear and clothing to layer.

Contact project leader Deborah Radcliffe, nmvfotrailworker@gmail.com, (505) 255-4960 to sign up or if you have questions.

Detailed directions will be provided to participants by the project leader. Both trailheads are located northeast of Alma, New Mexico. Alma is 250 miles from Albuquerque but Mineral Creek Canyon is well worth the drive.