

Trails Alliance of Santa Fe

Caring for the Trails that Connect Our Community

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DALE BALL TRAIL TO BE IMPROVED FOR SAFETY, ACCESS PUBLIC ENCOURAGED TO REVIEW PLANS, PARTICIPATE IN TRAILS ALLIANCE OF SANTA FE *Meeting called for Monday, September 14*

The public is encouraged to attend a meeting reviewing plans for improvements to the Dale Ball Trail trailhead on Sierra del Norte (off Hyde Park Road). Hosted by the Trails Alliance of Santa Fe, the meeting will take place on Monday, September 14 from 5:00 until 7:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers. Among those meeting with the public will be representatives of the City, Santa Fe County, and the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, the three entities which make up the Trails Alliance.

“We invite everyone interested in the Dale Ball Trails to participate, not only in the meeting, but also in using and helping to improve our community’s much-loved trails,” said Rici Peterson, executive director of the Santa Fe Conservation Trust. She noted that the Trails Alliance recruits, trains and dispatches volunteer teams to perform quality trail repair on Santa Fe’s public trails. Still in its first full season, the Trails Alliance has made repairs and improvements to more than eight of the 41 sections of the Dale Ball Trail and upgraded trails at the Cerrillos Hills Historic Park.

“We’re happy to be introducing the Trails Alliance of Santa Fe to the public at this time,” said Colleen Baker, manager of the County’s Open Space and Trails Program. “We welcome this opportunity for an open dialogue with members of the community, as well as for community participation in the work of the Trails Alliance.”

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The *Trails Alliance of Santa Fe* is a partnership between the non-profit Santa Fe Conservation Trust and the City and County of Santa Fe and is administered by the Santa Fe Conservation Trust. Contact us at 505/989-7019, susan@sfct.org, or PO Box 23985, Santa Fe NM 87502.

Work will take place on Friday, October 2nd to improve access to this particular section of the Dale Ball Trails by making the trailhead safer for hikers and mountain bikers. Volunteers from the Trails Alliance will work with the City to relocate the trailhead from its current position at the north end of the parking lot to the southeast end of the lot. This relocation will keep pedestrians and bikers safer from vehicle traffic entering and exiting the parking area.

Additionally, a new pedestrian/bike opening will be created at the southwest corner of the parking lot fence. This will make crossing Sierra del Norte Road safer for trail users in transit to or from the segments of the Dale Ball Trail that lie east of Sierra del Norte Road.

For Trails Alliance volunteer Cath Washburn, caring for the trails is “a lot of fun. My husband Steve and I moved to Santa Fe because of the beauty. We enjoy the Dale Ball trails so much that we thought we should do something to help care for them. They’re a local treasure that needs protection. We look forward to working on this project and encourage others to get involved.”

Along with Rici Peterson, who will facilitate the September 14 meeting, Leroy Pacheco, Supervisor of the City’s River, Watershed and Trails Section, and representatives from the County’s Open Space and Trails Program will talk about the planned trail improvements and field questions from the audience. City Council Chambers are located at 200 Lincoln Avenue. For more information visit www.trailsallianceofsantafe.org or call Susan Spinell, Trails Alliance Coordinator, at 989-7019.

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The Trails Alliance of Santa Fe is a new group that recruits, trains, and dispatches volunteer teams to perform quality trail repair on Santa Fe’s well-loved public trails, improving the on-trail experience for Santa Fe’s residents and visitors alike. Trails Alliance volunteers receive state-of-the-art trail improvement training, and help correct problems on trails such as erosion and trail switchback issues. Trails Alliance volunteers also monitor area trails on behalf of the City and County, helping to identify emerging trail issues before they become major problems. For further information, see trailsallianceofsantafe.org.