

Tahoe trail expert leads recovery efforts in SoCal

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On Saturday, a small cadre of trail volunteers were provided detailed training in advanced erosion control techniques, using rock armoring of the trail, rolling grade dips and a type of "mini-dip" known as a nick. The project was part of the Forest Service burned area recovery program (BAER), which provided funds to help deal with the impacts of the recent Jesusita Fire on Tunnel, Jesusita, Rattlesnake and West Fork of Cold Spring trails.

"We don't have a lot of money for the trail work," Santa Barbara District Wilderness Trail Manager Kerry Kellogg noted at Steven Park, where the fifteen volunteers assembled. "However, it does provide us the opportunity to bring in several CCC crews over the next month to work on reinforcing existing water control features and redesigning others."

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