

The South Fork Trail

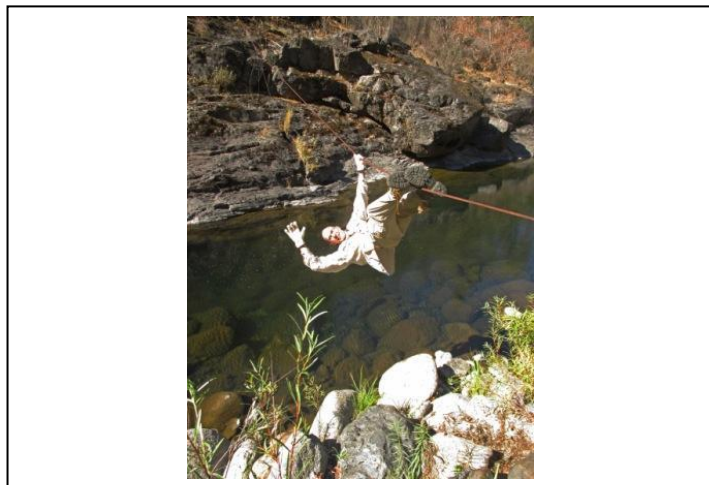
Segment 5: Peachtree Bar (West)

Report Date: June 13, 2022.

Trail Stats -- Mileage: 2.5 miles; Elevation Gain/Loss: 230 feet. 2,080' (top), 1,850' (bottom).

Status: https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1cK-eXqe6IX6YY26_JrNhdLB370vI92aL&ll=37.60174944115586%2C-119.79676961792443&z=12

Overall Goal -- To repair and maintain the segment for non-motorized users (hikers, runners equestrians and backpackers).



Project History –

The section of trail between Devil's Gulch and the South Fork of the Merced was scouted in 2014, 2015 and 2017; no work has occurred on this trail segment. Although it is a short section, there are many work details. A cable crossing used to exist across the South Fork, but that was swept away in 2016; the cable crossing at Devil's Gulch exists, but is not used. Bridge-crossings are not planned. The section of trail from the river crossing to Peachtree Bar was scouted in 2014 and 2015, then worked on once (October 29-31, 2019).

Past Activities --

Except where noted, all categories are described as "number of."

YEAR	OUTINGS	VOL-HOURS	TREES CLEARED	TREAD REPAIR (ft)	ROCKWORK	BRUSH REMOVED	CAMPSITE IMPROVE
2014	1	8			survey work		
2015	1	32			survey work		
2019	1	50	6	100'	0	312	0



Future Objectives –

1. Clear dead ladder fuel from trunks of oak trees in the trail corridor.
2. Restore the original trail; deter walking on the "user-trail" by the river.
3. Remove the large thicket of buckbrush from the trail corridor (12 hours).
4. (a) locate and flag overgrown trail segment (4 hours); (b) restore overgrown trail segment (40 hours)
5. Widen trail through the talus rock segment (40 hours)
6. Repair trail tread (0.5 miles)
7. Buck 5 fallen trees from trail
8. Remove brush and saplings encroaching onto trail by: (1) extract buck-brush, poison oak and deer-brush by roots (16 hrs labor); and, (2) clipping back brush (8 hrs labor)

South Fork Merced River Map Key

Hites Cove

Sim's
Cove

Zip
Creek

Kistler-
Grapevine

Bishop
Creek

Peachtree Bar
West

Peachtree Bar
East

SIERRA
NATIONAL
FOREST

Alder Creek

Merced River

140

2500

3000

4000

5000

6000

7000

2500

3500

3500

4000

3500

5000

6000

SOUTH FORK TRAIL- SEGMENT 5: Peachtree Bar (west)

