The South Fork Trail
Segment 1: Alder/Willard

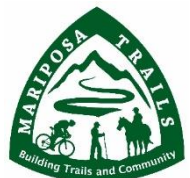**Report Date**: June 10, 2022.

Trail Stats -- <u>Mileage</u>: 2.1 miles; <u>Elevation Gain/Loss</u>: 512 feet. 4,938' (top), 4,426' (bottom); <u>Estimated Duration</u>: Going down (1.5 hours). Going up (2 hours)

Status: https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1cK-eXge6IX6YY26_JrNhdLB370vI92aL&ll=37.60174944115586%2C-119.79676961792443&z=12

Overall Goal -- To repair and maintain trail for non-motorized users (hikers, runners, backpacking and equestrians). Dogs and mountain bikes are not allowed in the section of trail located in Yosemite National Park. As the east entry to the South Fork Trail, this is a high priority trail.

Project History – The initial assessment of this trail by Mariposa Trails occurred on February 18, 2018. At that time, dense stands of Mountain Mahogany clogged the trail many of the Ponderosa Pine trees were still standing; although many were negatively affected by the Pine Bark Beetle. In 2020, the Mountain Mahogany was removed, as well as many of the fallen trees. In 2021, a CCC crew widened the trail, and shifted a small section of trail out of a riparian zone.

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
2018	1	18	0	4,000	0	25	0
2019	2	67	11	800	0	25	0
2020	5	95	9	500	0	300	0
2021	1+CCC	16	28	5,000	0	40	0
2022							

Future Objectives –

1. Install U.S. Forest Service Boundary Sign
2. Buck fallen trees from trail (approximately 30)
3. Remove brush and saplings encroaching onto trail by: (1) extract buck-brush, deer-brush & mountain mahogany by roots (20 hrs labor); and, (2) clipping back brush (8 hrs labor)
4. Clear dead ladder fuel from trunks of oak trees in the trail corridor.
5. In collaboration with Yosemite N.P., examine the possibility of connecting this trail segment to the Alder Creek Trail at Mosquito Creek using the Old Wawona Road. Install signs as needed.

SOUTH FORK TRAIL- SEGMENT 1: ALDER/WILLARD

The Wawona Road in Yosemite NP

Willard Creek

Improvement Needs

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South Fork Merced Trl

Bishop Creek Trl

Rush Creek Trl

S Fork Merced River

Alder-Cr

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Wawona, CA USGS 24K Topo Map