

## Front Range Back Country Horsemen Trail Clearing BLM land adjacent to Huerfano Wildlife State Area in Huerfano County, Colorado – July 18 -19, 2025



Front Range Back Country Horsemen Remove the last barbed wire in a multi-year project from BLM land adjacent to Huerfano State Wildlife Area (SWA) in Huerfano County, Colorado

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20 devoted members, including folks from Arizona and Missouri BCH chapters, cleared over 78 trees across 4 trails and collected all the remaining barb wire on the BLM property. Representatives from BLM and Colorado Parks and Wildlife joined in on the project providing both a UTV and ATV for tree and wire removal.

The project, started in 2018, is a culmination of chapter effort resulting in removal of the wire and to clear fallen trees from four trails in the area, significantly making the area much safer trail users in the area.

In attendance were more than 20 people and horses including folks from Missouri and Arizona along with a BLM rep and two people from CPW.

BLM provided a UTV, and CPW provided a UTV and ATV. One FRBCH member provided a flatback pickup to gather bundles of barbed wire and transport them back to the campground.

The map illustrates the trails cleared by FRBCH shown in red ovals. Four trails were cleared and the remaining wire on BLM property was removed.

Nineteen (19) trees were cleared from the first valley (V1), eight (8) from the second valley (V2), forty-five from V3 and six (6) from the upper switchbacks for a total of seventy-eight (78) trees.

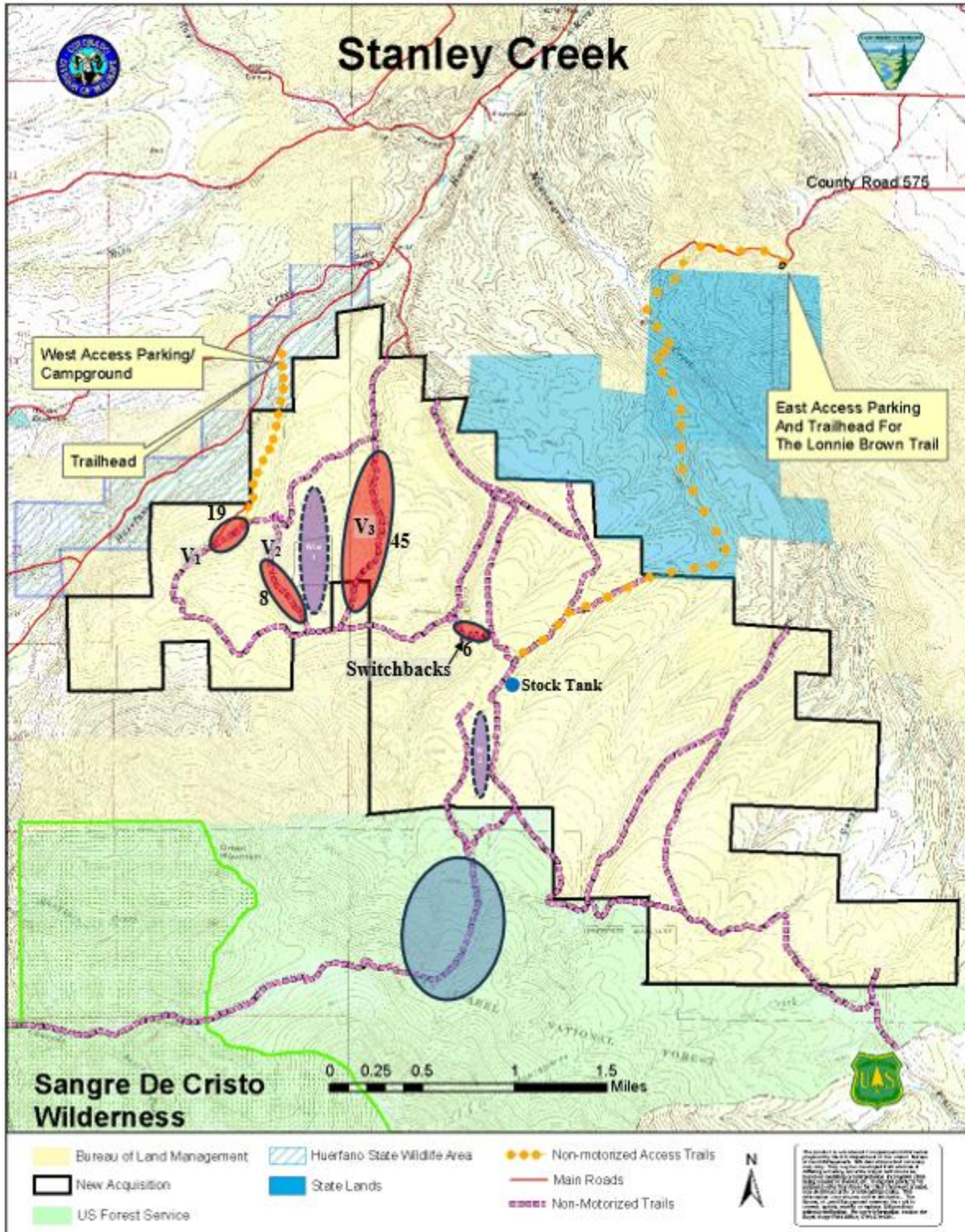
The limbs from the large pine trees were placed in the shortcuts along the switchbacks to restore the original path.

BY clearing the small section of V1 and all of V3, it is now possible to drive an ATV or UTV around this loop.

It is still not possible to drive up V2 because previous dead fall was cut short for horses only.

The purple ovals show the main areas in which bundles of barbed wire were removed. Wire 1 represents the meadow between V1 and V2. W2 is the meadow above the stock tank.

It is now possible to ride through these meadows without fear of horses or other trail users becoming entangled in wire.



**Results of FRBCH Work Project July 18 – 19, 2025.**

The blue oval is an area along the Cascade Trail that requires tree removal and may be proposed as a project for next year.



**Work Crew with Pack Horse Carrying Chainsaw**



**Work Crew Horses Having a Well-Deserved Drink**

