

TRACKWORK CONTINUES

- Wayne Monger, Assistant Roadmaster

Thanks again to Bill Parker, Charlie Spikes, Loren Ross, Tim Carter, Nick (sorry, no last name), Craig Walker, David Epling and everyone else that helped finishing up the track rebuilding project of Rip Track #1 in the biting cold on Saturday, Dec. 13 and Sunday, Dec. 14.

Tim, Nick and myself finished up setting around 80-90 spikes in the new Rip Track #2 switch on Sunday morning so that the track is ready for the air hammer to drive all of these spikes home. Since Tim and I left at

2:00 PM on Sunday to try and get out of the Feather River Canyon before the big snowstorm arrived (we just barely made it out over Jarbo Gap!), there was just one task left to go.

Bill, David and Kevin Caldwell got out there on Saturday, December 20 with the compressor and air hammer to finish off the job. Once the track is inspected and accepted, Rip #1 is back in service!!

Check out the photos below of our intrepid track crews getting some serious iron work done. Everyone did a fantastic job!



Our volunteers put in hours no matter the weather. A mild November day (above) finds work progressing on the switch for RIP track 1. One month later (right), snow is on the ground and the attire is noticeably bulkier as spikes are driving on the rebuilt trackage. Our 37 acre facility is surprisingly packed with track and the care and repair of the old infrastructure is an on-going process. Without good people on the ground, doing the dirty work, we would not get very far at all. Visible in these photos are Duane Vanderveen, Craig Simmons, Rod McClure, Matt Parker, Charlie Spikes, Spencer Walker and Kevin Caldwell. Thanks, everyone!



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