

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2015

In 2015 ... 618 CTF VOLUNTEERS contributed 20,069 hours preserving The Colorado Trail, an astounding \$515,371 worth of labor!

Adopt-A-Trail VOLUNTEERS • 234 Adopters & Helpers • 2,681 hours:

- Maintained the 567-mile CT (as they do annually)
- 93 volunteer Adopters plus their helpers
- Multiple excursions each summer
- Cleared the Trail, sawing and removing numerous fallen trees
- Cleaned hundreds of water diversions to preserve the tread and limit Trail erosion
- Repaired, replaced and installed signage, including directional signs and confidence markers
- Cut back foliage
- Repaired rockslides
- Reported Trail conditions to the CTF for planning & USFS coordination
- Installed new sign marking the highest point of The Colorado Trail

Trail Crew VOLUNTEERS • 272 Crew Members • 8,727 hours:

- Improved The Colorado Trail
- 1 one day, 11 weeklong, and 3 weekend Volunteer Trail Crews with an average of 18 participants each
- Cleaned out and painted CTF Cabin to prepare for sale
- Built and refurbished hundreds of water diversions (rolling dips, check steps, etc.)
- Removed trees and overgrowth
- Removed or shortened rocks impeding use of trail
- Replaced cairn with new post
- Built new trail extending an off road reroute
- Built or rebuilt 10+ turnpikes
- Took in and fed Trail users and educated them about the CTF

Behind the Scenes VOLUNTEERS • 112 Board, Ops & Other • 8,661 hours:

- Provided vision, planning, financial assistance, etc. (volunteer Board Members)
- Educated Trail users via on-Trail Outreach
- Made and installed Trail signs
- Scouted, organized and planned logistics for crews and special projects
- Collaborated with Forest Service personnel on trail work and maintenance, etc.
- Managed programs including Trail Crews and Adopt-A-Trail
- Volunteered pro-bono, professional services in graphic design, marketing, editing, etc.
- Mailed *Tread Lines* newsletter and other publications keeping 13,200 households informed
- Delivered completion certificates to over 150 completers
- Reached new CT Friends with presentations and brochures
- Handled accounting and oversight
- Delivered thank-you notes to donors and volunteers
- Partnered with many organizations including the USFS, BLM, CMC, Trails 2000, COMBA, CDTC and others
- Maintained the CTF website, keeping current all the valuable public info
- Registered participants for Trail Crews
- Planned events including the Friends Picnic, Durango Reception and Holiday Party
- Helped author revision of CT guides

Image Highlights 2015 CTF Volunteer Trail Accomplishments



Before CTF Volunteers - blocked trail



After CTF Volunteers - clear trail



Before CTF Volunteers - wet & eroded



After CTF Volunteers - dry raised tread



Before CTF Volunteers - mushy trail



After CTF Volunteers - firm trail