

2017 Trail Care Success

In 2017... 807 CTF VOLUNTEERS contributed 19,852 hours preserving The Colorado Trail, an astounding \$479,227 worth of labor!

Adopt-A-Trail VOLUNTEERS • 265 Adopters & Helpers • 3,007 hours:

- Maintained the 567-mile CT (as they do annually)
- 94 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 • 338 Crew Members • 7,437 hours:

- Improved The Colorado Trail
- Four one day, six weekend/long weekend, and seven weeklong crews, with an average of 21 members per crew
- Removed trees and overgrowth
- Constructed 0.4 miles of new trail
- Rebuilt approaches and decking to Wurts Ditch bridges
- Cleaned or constructed approximately 250 drains
- Dismantled logjam and placed 60 tons of rock to protect Elk Creek streambank
- Took in and fed Trail users and educated them about the CTF

Behind the Scenes VOLUNTEERS • 141 Board, Ops & Other • 3,457 hours:

- Provided vision, planning, financial assistance, etc. (volunteer Board Members)
- 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
- Volunteered pro-bono, professional services in graphic design, marketing, editing, etc.
- Mailed *Tread Lines* newsletter and other publications keeping 15,100 households informed
- Reached new CT Friends with presentations and brochures
- Handled accounting and oversight
- Wrote grant applications to help secure funds
- 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

Thanks to CTF Volunteers and Donors like you, The Colorado Trail remains one of the nation's premier long distance trails. Preservation of The Colorado Trail was made possible through your help.