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Friends of The Colorado Trail!



WE'RE MOVING IN!

That's right, The Colorado Trail Foundation's new Field Operations Center in Poncha Springs has been approved for occupancy and we've started rolling in the mountains of equipment it takes to fulfill our commitment to maintaining and improving one of the nation's great hiking, backpacking, mountain biking and equestrian trails.

A Tribute to our donors and volunteers

This marks a bright new era for the CTF, enabling us for the first time in our more than 40-year history to store and maintain all of our trailers, shovels, picks, Pulaskis, and myriad other equipment in one secure place protected from the elements.

In December we announced that the facility would be named the George Miller Field Operations Center for The Colorado Trail in honor of Miller, of Manitou Springs, a former CTF chairman and longtime volunteer operations manager who began working on the Trail in the early 1990s. Its location near the midway point of the Trail makes it an ideal spot to dispatch equipment to crews working on the 567 miles of tread stretching between Denver and Durango. Brent Adams, our Field Operations Manager whose engineering expertise proved invaluable in bringing the project to fruition, will have an office there.



The facility consists of two buildings: a 1,600-square-foot office/storage/maintenance building and a 1,900-square-foot trailer storage building. There is still work to be done before the facility is fully operational, including interior finish work and exterior landscaping. A trail crew led by Miller is scheduled in May to perform many of those tasks.

As we take this monumental step forward we would once again like to thank all of you who have contributed directly to the building of the new FOC as well as those whose donations throughout the year help cover our operational expenses. We hope you'll continue that support by making a contribution now, using the envelope included in this mailing, or by donating online at ColoradoTrail.org. It takes a lot of Friends like you to make our work a success.



A dedication ceremony at the FOC is scheduled for June 2, National Trails Day. Keep an eye on your inbox, our website and our social media platforms for more information on that and other Colorado Trail activities.

Thank You and Happy Trails

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