Hello to all of you Friends of The Colorado Trail from our little office here in Golden. Thank you for the support you give to The Colorado Trail Foundation. Your volunteer help and financial support are what keeps The Colorado Trail in great condition and preserves it as one of the best. Your involvement results in great enjoyment for many.

2008 was a good year for the CT. Our volunteer Adopters worked hard at their annual maintenance, clearing the entire Trail corridor and reporting their findings. Trail crew volunteers worked to improve sections where there were major problems. And contributors sent donations needed to finance the effort. It takes all of you for the big job of preserving the Trail.

An example of how this works was construction of the new boardwalk at Swan River. Last year we received news that the boardwalk had rotted and a horse rider’s animal had actually punched through.

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Reception time. Late in the afternoon we hustled across town to Carver Brewing where we had invited a large group of Durango-area volunteers and friends. Board members, adopters, trail group representatives, horse packers and Forest Service personnel all came to meet one another and talk about The Colorado Trail. There were 62 of us jammed into the back room and the room was buzzing. Everyone enjoyed renewing friendships, learning faces to go with long-known names, and sharing CT experiences.

A short program was highlighted by some Trail history related by Gudy Gaskill. She talked about Ted La May who in the 1980’s was the local Forest Service District Ranger. Ted was in the audience and smiled as she recalled how in the beginning he was not upbeat about the idea of The Colorado Trail and skeptical that volunteers could plan and build it. Gudy persisted back then and invited Ted to join a Trail crew. He came. After building trail for a week with volunteers and Gudy, Ted realized that volunteers could, in fact, build good trail and organize the logistics to complete the CT. He became a strong supporter of the Trail and would go on to lead many Colorado Trail work crews, care for the section that he adopted, and train many volunteers in quality trail maintenance.

It was a good day for the CTF.
Happy trails, Steve ♦

“Thank you for all your work. I started the on the Trail in 1997 and have hiked most of it from Waterton to Highway 50 numerous times. The Trail is getting better each year. Where the Trail used to follow the road through Buffalo Creek, there is now a bridge across the South Platte and a trail instead of road. The reroute on Segment 4 from the saddle to Long Gulch is a brilliant design, snow free early and providing great views. The tread from Brookside-McCurdy to the saddle was skinny in places and braided in other places; that has all been corrected. The Trail is now a much better experience.”

-- Dick Matthews

Recognizing our Volunteers

Pat Rush, CTF Office Worker

With a 500-mile Trail to care-take and an office staff of only two, the CTF needs volunteers in the Golden office as well as out on the Trail. Pat Rush has been a weekly office volunteer since 1999. She does computer and data entry work, records donations and store sales, and helps with our bookkeeping records. She often helps for long hours during such busy times as crew registrations and mailing Tread Lines. Pat has weathered numerous changes in our database software and even served as “test volunteer.” If a new database function passed the “Pat test,” it was OK. In addition to volunteering in the office, Pat has worked on several Trail crews and helped with many CTF events, contributing her food and cooking skills, all with a sense of humor. We value greatly all of Pat’s good work.

Janet Farrar, Coordinator of the Adopt-A-Trail Program

Janet Farrar has coordinated our Adopt-A-Trail Program since 2003. Being an avid hiker (completing the CT in 2003), mountain climber, cross-country skier, snowshoer, gardener, and traveler, we’re continually amazed how Janet “fits in” her CTF volunteer assignment. But she finds the time to keep in good communication with the Adopters, Operations and the CTF office. This summer she teamed up with Gudy Gaskill to present awards to Adopters who had maintained their sections of the Trail for ten years or more. And every year Janet works with Gudy in managing a class at the CTF cabin for members of the Colorado Mountain Club who want to climb the nearby peaks, serving as hike leader and instructor as well. Janet’s extensive service is important to the CTF. ♦
The U.S. Forest Service honored three long-term volunteers of The Colorado Trail Foundation with special recognition at our Friends Picnic in September. USFS Director of Long Distance Trails, Greg Warren, presented plaques to George Miller, Merle McDonald and Jerry Brown “for outstanding leadership and volunteer service in support of The Colorado Trail.” Divide District Ranger Tom Malacek came to Denver to personally underscore the agency’s appreciation for their service.

Here are highlights of all that these three men have done to maintain The Colorado Trail that merited this high honor:

George Miller

George Miller volunteers for The Colorado Trail Foundation more than 700 hours every year as our Operations Manager. A member of the CTF Board of Directors and Executive Committee, George is involved with nearly everything concerning the Trail including scouting for and prioritizing Trail work, coordinating with Forest Service personnel, planning and scheduling Trail crews and leaders, leading Crews, purchasing and maintaining equipment and shuttling equipment trailers.

George Miller got his start with The Colorado Trail Foundation in 1989 as a result of his interest in hiking and buying the CT Guidebook in which he found a card to submit if interested in helping care for the Trail. He filled it out and sent it in. He enjoyed his first Trail crew in 1990 and after a second crew, he helped put the equipment away for the winter. Looking back on this, George says, “I think that’s what got me started with managing the equipment.”

George led his first Trail crew in 1992 and the same summer began assisting with the CTF treks—helping the hikers, shuttling gear, and caring for equipment. George can fix or build just about anything and he soon became the CTF “go to” guy. In the mid 1990’s he was already spending 200 to 300 hours per year volunteering for the CTF. George was elected to the CTF Board of Directors in 1994 and chuckles when he admits he hasn’t missed a meeting.

In 1997, George and his wife Lila began managing the trekking program for the CTF, nearly a full-time task with scheduling, registering, organizing, staffing, and leading the week-long hikes. When George and Lila stepped aside from the trekking program in 2002, the CTF committee tasked with finding replacement personnel came up with a need for 12 or 13 people to do what George and Lila had been doing.

In January of 1999, following Gudy Gaskill, George Miller became the second President of The Colorado Trail Foundation. He opened the Foundation’s first office in a small room at the American Mountaineering Center in Golden that continues as the Foundation headquarters today.

As our Operations Manager since 2000, George drives 5–6,000 miles each year planning, arranging and coordinating work on the Trail. When asked to sum up his involvement with The Colorado Trail Foundation, George Miller says humbly, “I really enjoy it—I wouldn’t do it if I didn’t.”

Merle McDonald

Merle McDonald is one of the great “Friends” of the Trail who, as he humbly admits, has done about every task there is in The Colorado Trail Foundation.

Merle first volunteered to work on trails with the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club while serving with the military in Washington, D.C. Through family connections in Colorado Springs in 1987, a newspaper article calling for Colorado Trail volunteers caught his eye. He later moved to Colorado and joined a CT Trail crew. Meeting good people, making new friends, working on the Trail, and experiencing the Colorado mountains—he was hooked.

Merle liked being a caretaker of the Trail and adopted the segment on Mt.Yale the first year of the Adopt-A-Trail program (he thinks about 1988) and soon became coordinator of the AAT program. Being an adopter, he says, gave him a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment and his involvement in the Foundation grew. Merle is a long-time member of the Board of Directors and for three years served as the Foundation’s President. He has hiked the Trail from end-to-end and been a crew leader for more than 15 years.

Merle was instrumental in setting up The Colorado Trail Foundation office, including development of the CTF accounting system and databases and continues to manage our computer equipment. Most recently Merle supervised production and co-authored the 7th Revised Edition of *The Colorado Trail, The Official Guidebook of The Colorado Trail Foundation*.

Merle says that being involved with The Colorado Trail Foundation has been rewarding and fun. He sums up his volunteerism with the same thoughts he had some 20 years ago, “What I like the most are the people and working on the Trail.”
Jerry Brown

Jerry Brown is a surveyor, cartographer, and GPS professional who has volunteered thousands of hours to assist The Colorado Trail Foundation.

Jerry lives in Durango and spends much of his time outdoors. Growing up in Boulder, Colorado, Jerry developed interests of cycling, skiing, snowshoeing, mountaineering and backpacking. A veteran of the Vietnam era as US Army Medic, Jerry then spent a number of years as a teacher of the handicapped.

His skills in surveying and mapping have taken Jerry all over the world to jungles, deep canyons and high mountains. A GPS expert, Jerry has developed software that is the standard across the globe.

Jerry was one of the early CT completers who traveled end-to-end on bicycle. On his first bike trip in 1989 during a rainstorm, he rolled into a CT trail crew and the volunteers invited him to stay for dinner and dry out. Friendships began to form and the long Trail got under his skin. A few years later he responded to a CTF website request for a volunteer with GPS expertise and Jerry began surveying and mapping the Trail. Jerry became a CTF board member in 2002 and got even more involved.

Jerry has completed The Colorado Trail five times. On three of the trips he hauled professional-grade survey equipment and each day gathered GPS data. Jerry has aggregated and processed the data from multiple surveys and contributed the information to the CTF for such purposes as accurate data for the CT Guidebook and Databook.

Most recently, Jerry and map-company-friend Mark Silver, created the new 2008 Colorado Trail Map Book. They spent hundreds of hours producing this compilation of high-quality topo maps and then donated it to the Foundation. These new maps and GPS data are proving of tremendous value to users of the Trail and to our volunteers as we maintain it. Thanks to Jerry, The Colorado Trail is one of the best-mapped trails anywhere.
Pulaskis, McLeods and 330 Trail Crew Volunteers

Volunteers grabbed pulaskis, mcleods and rock bars, the tools of trail building, and formed 12 crews to make needed improvements on the Trail this summer. Led by volunteer crew leaders, some 330 people freely gave their time and hard work to solve erosion problems, build water diversions, remove boulders, widen the tread, improve bridges, and construct new tread to reroute the Trail.

Snapshot of the 2008 Trail Crews

- 10 week-long and 2 weekend crews
- 330 volunteers put in 9,991 hours of work
- Improved 12.72 miles of tread
- Built or repaired 417 water diversions including water bars, culverts, rolling dips and French drains
- Constructed .63 miles of new Trail
- Refined the Cataract Ridge reroute with tread and signage
- Constructed 3 directional signposts in confusing locations
- Removed 30 downed trees
- Educated Trail users about the CT and CTF

Ernie Norris, leader of a weeklong crew at Cascade Creek, says, “Trying to describe a Colorado Trail Crew is like trying to explain the awe-inspiring grandeur of the Grand Canyon with a 3x5 photo. I continue to be overwhelmed by the dedication, cooperation and charm of the great people who contribute a week of their lives to the Trail. Everyone, from the youngest at 16 to our most senior at 82, clearly enjoyed their experience whether chatting around the fire, tossing the ‘ice-cream ball,’ competing in the can-smashing contest, or preparing a meal and cleaning up. I feel fortunate to have been part of this crew.”

Trail users often praise the efforts of CT crew volunteers. As an example, here is what “WyoTex” wrote in TrailJournals.com about running into Cindy Johnson’s weeklong women’s crew near Kenosha Pass:

“My birthday on The Colorado Trail was special all day with magnificent views and groves of aspen and fields of wild flowers. The weather was great all day and we were able to walk 14 miles. We had a surprise as we were about to climb up yet another hill. Over the top came four ladies with picks, shovels, and other heavy-duty implements, wearing orange hard hats.

“When they arrived they introduced themselves as CT Trail crew volunteers and said they were doing Trail maintenance. They asked if we would like to join them for dinner. Now how can two hungry guys pass up an offer like that? These gals work hard and eat good, real food. We were treated to chicken stir fry with loads of fresh veggies. Before dinner I enjoyed fresh sliced cucumbers, pretzels, crackers, cheese, and a delicious dip. To top off a great way to spend a 47th birthday, I had a huge slice of strawberry cheesecake. We sat around the fire and enjoyed some laughs and had a really good time. These trail volunteers do some amazing work. I couldn’t thank them enough. The Trail was in superb condition. What a special day.”

Crew reports and photos are posted on our website, www.ColoradoTrail.org. Check them out.

People register in advance to participate in CT Trail Crews and often find it so rewarding and fun that they register year after year. The CTF will complete and mail out the 2009 crew schedule and registration form by February. You can also find it posted on our website. Plan now to join a crew next summer.△

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“The sound of a redtail hawk screeching . . . the wind through the aspen groves sounds like a creek around every other corner . . . the smell of the pines dancing in the blue sky above . . . the power and beauty of the rain and thunder give us a huge amount of respect for mother nature and father sky. This is all inspiring to write, to sing, and to become close to oneself. There is a beautiful picture in every step along the way of The Colorado Trail.”

-- Pete Kartsounes, Boulder, CO
What would the CT be without our Adopters? The answer is that without these dedicated volunteers involved in our Adopt-A-Trail program, the CT would soon be in a sorry condition. Their efforts are key to keeping The Colorado Trail in good shape.

CTF Adopters take responsibility for a particular section of the Trail, clearing the corridor of fallen trees, cleaning out the water diversions to limit erosion and reporting Trail conditions to the Foundation. Each spring they schedule one or more trips, timing them with hopes to arrive shortly after most of the snow has melted, to assure that the Trail is open.

Program Snapshot: Adopt-A-Trail

- 60 Adopter sections varying in length from 3 miles to 15 miles
- 56 Adopters (4 sections currently need Adopters)
- 21 Adopters have maintained their sections for more than 10 years

You can imagine all that’s involved with an Adopter’s logistics: road conditions, vehicles, camping gear, volunteer helpers, food, tools, you name it. Every Adopter shapes his or her own approach, but most recruit family members and friends and make an outing of it. In their first visit each season, they are uncertain what they will find—snow, fallen trees, hill slides, erosion, Trail flooded by beavers, signs missing, etc. It’s always an adventure. But we know our Adopters enjoy it because they tell us and quite a number hang on to their sections for many years.

This year a big consideration for Adopters was snow. Suzanne Reed and friends hiked in on snowshoes on their first trip. She reported that the Trail was covered with several feet of snow making navigation and footing difficult. Where the hillside got really steep, Suzanne lost her grip, and her breath, when she found herself, “heading downhill fast before coming to rest in a small indentation in the snow. At that point we decided to turn back and try again in a few weeks!”

Deeper and longer lasting than usual last winter, the snows also brought down more trees. Jerry Brown and six friends hiked in more than five miles to reach their section and were met by an enormous tangle of fallen trees. Because their section is in wilderness, chainsaws are prohibited. But Jerry’s group was prepared. They used their crosscut, bow and pocket saws to cut 234 trees to clear the Trail!

Adopter Accomplishments in 2008

- 330 volunteers (Adopters and helpers) gave 1,794 hours (plus more unreported)
- Removed 463 fallen trees
- Cleaned 58 water diversions (water bars, rolling dips and drains)
- Fixed signs and added or replaced dozens of Trail markers
- Educated Trail users about the CT and CTF

Adopter reports, comments and photos are posted on the CTF website, www.ColoradoTrail.org. They’re fun to read so please visit and check them out.
Super Crew Works on National Trails Day

National Trails Day, always the first Saturday in June, proved a superb way to begin our 2008 crew season of improving the CT. More than 130 hikers, cyclists and horse riders came and contributed 1,785 hours of work on the Trail.

This first CT Crew effort of the summer was hosted by COMBA (Colorado Mountain Bike Association), the adopter of Segment 1. Other CTF partners included the Front Range Back Country Horsemen, IMBA (International Mountain Bicycling Association), Parker-Elizabeth (Horse) Riding Club, Team Evergreen Trailblazers, the Boulder Mountain Bike Alliance and the U.S. Forest Service. Numerous merchants co-sponsored and made various contributions.

Horseback folks packed the tools and water into the work sites the day before and day after. Their efforts were crucial to our success due to the complex logistics.

COMBA leaders organized the huge group into teams with 18 crew leaders and it worked well. The cyclists were first to head up the Trail six miles where they repaired damage from trees that had fallen in a 2007 blow down. Next, hikers climbed up to their work sites to construct water diversions needed to prevent tread erosion.

Support volunteers organized food and drinks and managed parking for the big group. The morning breakfast they provided got us going and the afternoon barbeque hit the spot.

Everyone had a good workout, experienced a sense of accomplishment, and made new friends. The result was a major improvement on six miles of the Trail.

- 18,480 feet of tread improved
- 57 water bars and rolling dips installed
- 7 problems with tree roots fixed
- 3 major hazards removed
- 13 switchbacks rebuilt or repaired

It was a great way to celebrate National Trails Day on The Colorado Trail. ▲

“\nIn spite of all the blisters, lost toenails and stiff joints, The Colorado Trail has been one of my proudest accomplishments in life. Walk on!”

-- Beth Balser, Colorado Springs, CO
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The food was good and there was plenty to go around. Adopters and crew leaders were recognized. The wood cutting contest using muscle-powered “pocket chainsaws” was fun to watch. Our friend at the Forest Service, Greg Warren, presented three plaques to honor George Miller, Merle McDonald and Jerry Brown.

We received a number of follow-up emails afterwards. Dave Slowey wrote, “We had a good time. We had some nice talks during the event—two that stood out were with Dudley Butler and Gudy Gaskill. Both are celebrities in my mind. (I enjoyed reading about Gudy on your website at www.ColoradoTrail.org/Gudy.html.) Now I have a question: What happened to all the cake? When I needed critical energy for the next Paul Bunyon contest I found every crumb of the German chocolate was gone! So I was just wondering if you might have seen other CT Friends in a cake eating contest while I was actively involved in the pocket chainsaw contest? I can’t wait till next year’s cake eating rematch.”

Alan and LeAnn Richards’s message was, “We enjoyed the CTF picnic on Saturday—it’s a great organization with a great cause! It was also a pleasure to meet many of the other volunteers, contributors and adopters.”

And Phil Hansen said, “Thanks go out to each of you picnic organizers. Nice job! We had several folks from our Adopters crew at the gathering and a good time was had by all!”

Hike the Trail on a Supported Trek

Hiking The Colorado Trail on one of The Colorado Foundation’s supported treks is a great way to cover all 485 miles. A big reason trekkers return year after year is because they’re able to hike carrying lightweight daypacks while the trekking staff transports the camping gear, sets up camp and prepares great meals.

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Competitors in wood cutting energize the Picnic. Those pocket chainsaws really cut!
The CTF office receives many questions about how to plan a “thru hike” on The Colorado Trail. Because there are many approaches, we pass along information shared by a completer who has recently hiked the Trail. John Holman, a professor at Drake University in Indiana, completed a thru hike in 2007 and sent the following report:

“I was able to complete the hike more or less as I had planned. No injuries, illness or major delays. Here is a summary of statistics from my thru hike:

- Began the hike on June 26 at Waterton Canyon near Denver
- Ended on August 11 at Junction Creek at Durango
- 46 days from beginning to end
- 42 days walking
- 7 nights off the Trail: One night off on the 4th of July in Breckenridge at Steve and Sue Enderlin’s after 8 nights out. Off in Lake City 3 nights and then 1 night in Durango for re-supply and vehicle logistics. Two nights off in Durango from Molas Pass
- Walked with my friends Jim and Charlene for 5 days
- Learned at CO 114 that my son James was not going to be able to walk with me from Spring Creek Pass to the end as we had planned. I picked up my pace from here
- 25 days between showers
- Was re-supplied 7 times: The first was 4 days after the start, then at Copper Mountain, Twin Lakes, Mount Princeton Hot Springs, CO 114 outside of Saguache, Spring Creek Pass, and Molas Pass
- Lowest mileage day, 2.5 miles (storm delay at Spring Creek Pass)
- Highest mileage day, 23.5 miles
- Lost 25 pounds of Iowa fat!

Needless to say, the experience was terrific! I came off The Colorado Trail with a tremendous respect for the Trail and the dedicated people who made it a reality and those who continue to maintain the CT. And yes, I want my completion certificate!”

In October when the CTF participated in the Mountain Fest held annually by The Colorado Mountain Club, we told about the CT through the experience of two thru hikers—John Scott and Paul Magnanti.

John, who lives in Littleton, CO, hiked the length of the Trail this summer. He had wanted to make the trek for several years and planned carefully to cover his work and family obligations while away. Dozens of friends and family members met the 47-year-old at the Waterton trailhead for his departure—and he was off.

His load was medium-light but a few days into the trip he met a seasoned long-distance hiker who helped him trim his equipment further. He eliminated 13 pounds from his pack and bought lighter, cooler shoes. He found that ultra-light backpacking was easier on his feet and the rest of his body, too.

He became totally immersed in the adventure and found it a great challenge. John completed the Trail in 24 days and when he returned home the scales revealed that he’d lost 30 pounds. He says the hike on The Colorado Trail was one of the most meaningful experiences of his life.

Paul Magnanti thru hiked the CT four years ago, having already completed the Appalachian Trail and the Pacific Crest Trail. Paul had intended to hike the Continental Divide Trail but during his planning for the CDT “something just didn’t feel right.” The 30-year-old Boulder resident still wanted an adventure so he planned instead to hike The Colorado Trail.

Paul likes to hike with simple gear and clothing – “just the essentials.” After hiking much longer trails end-to-end, the CT seemed relatively short and simple. He hiked The Colorado Trail near the end of the Trail season and caught a few light snowstorms. Paul told his story through pictures and his photographs of the Colorado high country with a skiff of snow are spectacular.

He completed The Colorado Trail in only 21 days, saying that he would have been a day or two quicker if it hadn’t snowed. He has written a useful planning guide to thru hiking the CT on his website (www.pmags.com) that we recommend for anyone planning a thru hike. Paul has since completed the CDT.

The presentations by these two thru hikers gave an inviting picture of experiences on The Colorado Trail. Many people visited our booth at the CMC Mountain Fest and we signed up 52 new individuals who we hope will become “Friends” of the Trail.
Gudy Leads Classes at the CTF Cabin

The Outdoor Education Classes at the CTF cabin coordinated by Gudy Gaskill were a hit with students again this year. Gudy both directed the educational program and cooked for the workshops throughout the summer. Participants enjoyed being with Gudy each week and valued the outdoor sessions taught by expert instructors.

The week-long classes are conducted each summer from mid June into August. Gudy is setting up the 2009 class schedule that will be mailed to you and posted on our website in early February. Begin planning now for an educational week with Gudy next summer at the CTF cabin high in the San Juan Mountains.

Our Partnership with the U.S. Forest Service

We are grateful for the assistance and support we receive from the U.S. Forest Service and its staff members. The agency, for example, provides funding for this Tread Lines newsletter that helps us keep in touch with volunteers and contributors. While Greg Warren in the regional USFS office is our primary liaison with the agency, we could not maintain The Colorado Trail without the good cooperation of the District Forest Rangers and their trails staff members. We value the partnership.

You Can Rent the CTF Cabin

Did you know that the CTF cabin deep in the San Juan Mountains is available for rent this winter? Gudy Gaskill says there’s great skiing, solitude and endless beauty. It takes a five-mile ski or snowshoe from the end of the plowed road to reach the rustic, one room cabin with loft. But it’s worth it. There’s a corner kitchen with working cookstove and oven and a wood-burning stove for heat. Chopped wood for the stove is stacked outside and you can melt snow for fresh water. It’s a cozy cabin that sleeps six on mattresses and bench pads. Rental is $10.00 per night per person. Call Gudy Gaskill at (303) 526-2721 to make arrangements. Sandwiched between 14ers Sunshine, Red Cloud and Handies near Cinnamon Pass, it is a magical place to experience Colorado’s Rocky Mountain winter.
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