President’s Corner

by Merle McDonald

Board of Directors Changes

On March 11, the Foundation had its semiannual Board of Directors meeting in the conference room of the American Mountaineering Center in Golden. One of the main items on the agenda was the election of new members to the Board. An interesting feature of the by-laws of The Colorado Trail Foundation is that directors are elected for a three-year term and that one can only serve two consecutive terms. The two-consecutive-term limitation really hit us hard this year—we lost Tommy Thompson, deputy regional director of the Rocky Mountain Region of USFS; Stuart Macdonald, Colorado State Trails Coordinator; George Miller, last year’s

Gudy Will Lead a Crew!

It was announced in March that a Camp Hale 3 trail crew will be added to the list of crews this summer, and it will be led by Gudy Gaskill. Gudy’s crew (#1700) will work in the Camp Hale area July 1–8 to reroute the CT off a steep jeep road and some private property. Spaces on the crew are still open. Sign up soon!!
The Colorado Trail.®

The Colorado Trail Foundation is a nonprofit corporation, governed by public agencies and private-sector representatives. The Foundation recruits and trains volunteers for trail construction crews, supplies and supports the crews, conducts fully supported weeklong treks on the trail, teaches accredited classes, maintains the trail through its Adopt-A-Trail program, distributes information on The Colorado Trail activities and trail crews, and trains and distributes publications. Donations to the CTF are tax deductible.

Serving on the Board of Directors are Melanie Barvitski, Steve Deitemeyer, Tracy Esslinger, Gudy Gaskill, Jill Gilpin, Jon Greeneisen, Susan Junkin, Glenn Kepler, Ted La May, Chuck Leary, Ken Marshall, Merle McDonald, Julie Mesdag, Pat Nagorka, Richard Nolde, Cole Sandau, Stan Ward, and Paul Wilbert.

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Volunteers Make It Happen

As Gudy has always said, “Volunteers make it happen.” That is still the case even though we now have a small office in the American Mountaineering Center, which Suzanne Reed and Marian Phillips take turns staffing. Volunteers still make it happen—Jon and Marylin Greeneisen take care of all of the crew registrations; George and Lila Miller take care of all the camp equipment and organize and manage the Treks; Charlotte Briber answers the CTF phone number that is listed in all of the older publications and helps the caller find the CT information he or she needs; Liz Truitt spends one or two days a week taking care of the Foundation’s accounting and banking; Pat Rush spends several hours a week opening mail, logging it in, and directing it to the right person; Gayla Solomon helps on a regular basis with mailings, inventory, and other tasks as needed; Paul Newendorp makes all of the wooden trail signs; Peggy Brackett does all of the mailing for the Store items; Terri Rowan produced a mailing list for press releases; Peggy Bond is designing a new relational database for the Foundation that will eliminate a lot of the double entry we have had to do over the past few years; Paul Berteau manages the program for recognizing those who have completed the CT; Julie...
Mesdag and Gudy Gaskill mailed out 10,000 brochures on our summer programs; Keiko Ozaki, a senior at Wheatridge High School and aspiring graphic designer, designed the new graphic for our T-shirts. These are some of the people who work year-round completely behind the scenes. In addition, there are the adopters, the crew leaders, and all of the volunteers who work on the Trail every summer. Volunteers really do make it happen.

New Guidebook

Our five-year contract with Westcliffe Publishing for The Colorado Trail: The Official Guidebook expired in November of last year. It was determined that the book needed a major redesign and updating and that we would contract with the publications branch of the Colorado Mountain Club to do it. The process is well under way. We have until September 15th to post our final changes that we make on the Trail this summer. The book should go to the printer in October and be available around Christmas.

Summer Activities

We are ready to head out for summer projects and activities, with most of the crews and Treks already filled. Only a few openings are left. Contact Jon and Marylin Greeneisen at (303) 221-5620 or the CT Office at (303) 384-3729 Ext. 113 for the latest information regarding openings on crews. For information on Treks, call Lila Miller at (719) 685-1278. And contact Gudy Gaskill at (303) 526-2721 to sign up for openings in the CTF education classes. There is still time to sign up, so don’t miss out! See related stories on pages 5 and 7.

An interesting sidelight to our summer crews is obtaining approvals on all of the environmental impact requirements. The Forest Service is too shorthanded to meet all the EIA requirements. Two of our summer projects are still waiting for a biological assessment, and a warning flag has gone up on another based on the pending reintroduction of the lynx to the area. We have been advised by the Forest Service that in the future, groups such as ours may have to contract with commercial consulting firms for the environmental assessment. Ouch!

CTF Education Center

I had the opportunity to visit the CTF Education Center twice this past winter. There wasn’t much snow below 10,000 ft, but above that it was great. The beauty and solitude of American Basin in the bright winter sun was spectacular! I loved it. It is a long, hard walk/ski-in to the cabin, but once you are there, it is great. For others who would like to try a winter trip to the Ed Facility, the walk/snowshoe/ski-in is not technically difficult but extremely energy consuming. One January, it took a group of three of us almost two full days to make it in. Normally it takes only six or seven hours to make it. It is about 7 miles up hill, in (usually) deep snow. And you are all alone with no outside help available. So be cautious. See related story and photograph on page 6.
Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, June 3
National Trails Day, with The Colorado Trail on Kenosha Pass

Join us at Kenosha Pass, on Highway 285, between Bailey and Fairplay from 8–12 noon. The CT crosses the highway here, and a variety of users take advantage of easy access to the trail. We will be sharing with the diverse users of the trail, serving refreshments, recruiting volunteers, leading interpretive hikes, and providing kids’ activities. Our theme will be “Into the millennium on The Colorado Trail.” If you would like to volunteer your time and/or come and share with others the ways you have used the trail, contact Julie Mesdag at jwmesdag@hotmail.com, or (303) 816-0133.

Sunday, June 11
CT Crew Leader’s Training, New South Platte River Bridge

Get training on the use of trail tools, building and outsloping of trail tread, construction of water bars, switchbacks, and water dips, standards for clearing and brushing trails, use of geosynthetics, trail maintenance, safety tips for crew leaders, and setup and running of the main camp and kitchen. The training session is open to volunteers who are interested in becoming crew leaders as well as those who just want to brush up on their skills. Training will be conducted by Ted La May, with the help of past crew leaders who are in attendance.

Friday, June 16
New REI Flagship Store

Enjoy a CTF slide show presentation by Gudy Gaskill at the new REI flagship store, located at 1416 Platte St., Denver CO 80202; (303) 756-3100.

Tuesday Evening, August 29
Michael Martin Murphey Solo Benefit Concert at Mt. Princeton Hot Springs

Join us Tuesday evening, August 29, for a solo benefit concert for The Colorado Trail, as Michael Martin Murphey entertains with his unique brand of western music. He and Willard Forman of Rocking 3M/Summit Trail Adventures bring their trail riders through this area on their third leg of five rides on the CT finishing in Durango in 2002. Michael Murphey is riding the CT to help increase awareness of it and also raise money for maintenance in the future. Look for details this summer on our Web site (www.coloradotrail.org). Mt. Princeton Hot Springs is between Buena Vista and Salida off Hwy 285.

Saturday, September 16 from 4 to 7 p.m.
Trail crew and CTF Friends Reunion and Potluck
Parfet Park, across the street from the AMC, Golden, Colorado

Don’t miss the reunion this year! It promises to be great fun! We’d love to have a record number of Friends join us this year. The American Mountaineering Center building will be open so those of you who have not seen our office can have a look. We’ll see you there!
Meet Old Friends on Trail Crews This Summer

by Jon and Marylin Greeneisen, Crew Registrars

If you’re signed up for one of the 17 trail crews this summer, you’re likely to see some old acquaintances. Of the 181 volunteers who have sent in registrations, 71 percent are “veterans” who have worked on CT crews before. Just 29 percent are joining a CT crew for the first time.

A number of families are coming again to help improve the trail. Fathers, sons, and daughters are coming, grandparents with their grandchildren, brothers, and, of course, many husbands and wives.

As in most years, 61 percent of volunteers signed up are from Colorado. But that means nearly 40 percent (69 volunteers) are coming from outside Colorado—21 other states and one foreign country, in fact. Twenty volunteers (11 percent of those on the roster) are coming from Texas. Others are coming from Michigan, Kansas, Missouri, Arizona, Maine, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, New Jersey, Ohio, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, North Carolina, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Virginia, and New Mexico. One couple is coming all the way from England to work on the CT.

Crew leaders again have many years of experience among them. Merle McDonald and Phil Smith will be leading three crews each. Ted La May and George Miller will each be leading two crews.

There is still plenty of time to sign up for a crew. As of May 2, a third of the crew slots were still open. Crews with available spaces included 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 15, and 17 (the new crew led by Gudy). Full groups included crews 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 16. George Miller reports he could use some help on Crews 6 and 7. Call him at (719) 685-1278 if you can give him a hand.

Fun While Learning

by Gudy Gaskill

The summer classroom series still has spaces left in the wildflower class (August 6–12) and in the watercolor class (July 23–29). These classes are fun to take, with excellent instructors, and enhance both the soul and the mind. A typical wildflower class will spend four days in the area at different elevation levels, from sub-alpine to alpine, keying out the flowers for identification as to the family, by checking out the leaves, petals, and stamen. The book and materials are furnished as well as all bountiful meals and instruction. Since the Education Center, where the classes are held (see photo and story on page 6), is nestled next to three 14,000-foot peaks, a climb of one or two of them is always in the offing. If you love hiking and the out-of-doors, and even if you think that you don’t have talent in the field of art, either of these classes will lift your spirit in beauty alone. The facility is in a superb, unforgettable mountain setting. Relax on the deck after a full day outside and watch the evening sunset.

Contact me at (303) 526-2721 to register! This week will be the highlight of your summer. Unforgettable. Join us.

Wanted

A working monitor for an old Macintosh IIcx computer. Gudy has lots of CT records stored and needs to have access to form letters, etc. (a newer Mac with a modem would not be refused, although Web access is not necessary).

Contact Gudy Gaskill at (303) 526-2721 or e-mail gudyct@aol.com.

The CT yurt needs a wood stove to replace the one that’s there. If anyone has one they’d like to get rid of and put to good use, please contact the CTF office.
I would like to introduce you to a little-known treasure of The Colorado Trail Foundation. This is our Education Center in American Basin west of Lake City. The CTF purchased this lovely A-frame cabin several years ago from longtime friend of the trail John Wilson. The beautiful valley in which it sits is host to trailheads for three very popular fourteeners, Redcloud, Sunshine, and Handies. The views are spectacular and the solitude is incomparable.

During the summer season, this facility is used to offer our educational classes. Gudy Gaskill hosts classes in Wildflowers, Watercolors, Geology, and a sampler medley of all three classes. As noted on page 5, she still has a few openings for these classes, but you will need to contact her quickly before they fill. Call Gudy soon at (303) 526-2721.

When the cabin is not in use for the classes, it is available to Friends of the CTF. We ask users of the cabin to make a donation to the Foundation to assist in the cabin’s maintenance. It is fully furnished with everything necessary except your food and sleeping bag. There are four bunks on the main floor and two more in the loft. It makes a great getaway location year-round. In the winter, it is available after a five-mile ski-in from the year-round road out of Lake City.

Gudy manages the facility and keeps the reservations. If you are interested in using this wonderful resource, call Gudy at the number above, and she will help you with your plans and possibilities.
Dust off the boots, air out the sleeping bag, and find the daypack—it is time to go trekking. The six weeks of supported treks scheduled for the summer of 2000 are right around the corner. The treks are almost full except for a few available places on Section 1, Chatfield to Kenosha Pass from June 25 to July 1, and on Section 7, Molas Pass to Durango from August 6 to August 12. These places will be filled on a first-come/first-served basis. Call Lila Miller at the trek office at (719) 685-1278 if you are interested in a place on one of these two treks.

There will be a mix of old friends and those who have never trekked with us before. People will be coming from Washington, D.C., Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Missouri, New York, Arizona, Kansas, Texas, Wisconsin, and from all over Colorado. A large percentage of these are new to The Colorado Trail. The Web site, word of mouth, Tread Lines, and other means of spreading the word about the wonderful Colorado Trail are starting to be felt.

For the first time in several years, we are offering Section 1, Chatfield to Kenosha Pass. We had a number of requests, and we determined that there were enough people interested for us to do this section. We are doing it early, June 25 through July 1, before the weather gets too warm. We start again after the July 4 week with Sections 5, 6, and 7, then repeat Sections 6 and 7. The crews are getting ready to lead hikes up and down the hills, cook the meals, and move to the next campsite. All of the equipment is being checked, menus fine-tuned, and vehicles serviced so that the summer will go as smoothly as possible.

If all goes well, the weather will be warm and dry, new friendships will begin, and old ones will be renewed, there will be no blisters or injuries, and all will enjoy themselves and want to come again and bring a friend.

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Like most of the world’s computer programs, the Colorado Trail Foundation’s database did survive Y2K without a glitch. Nonetheless, it is getting a new look for the new century. The new database will incorporate all of the Foundation’s existing data and expand to include and/or consolidate other information such as member donations, shop sales, vendor and organizational contacts, trail crew assignments, and survey results.

The project has been undertaken by Peggy Lucas Bond. After several Wednesday morning meetings at the CTF office, a data model has been developed, and a prototype for inputting member names and organizational contacts is up and running on the office computers. The Access database should be completed by June.

Peggy is new to the CTF as a volunteer but is not unfamiliar with the Trail. She is the daughter of Bill Lucas and has followed the Trail’s development, though from afar. Bill Lucas was the Regional Director of the Rocky Mountain Region when the idea for The Colorado Trail was conceived. Peggy has only recently returned to the States after a 13-year stay in France, where she taught Computer Science at the American University of Paris, and was a software consultant to petrochemical companies and international organizations. She and her husband have retired to Colorado to hike.

If anyone would like to know more about the database, Peggy can be contacted at bondma@cs.com.
Saluting Our Adopters

We want to pay special **tribute to the adopters** of The Colorado Trail. The CTF’s **Adopt-A-Trail Program** is the structure that provides for the maintenance of the CT on a continuing basis. The AAT Program divides the CT into 53 segments that are then “adopted” by 53 individuals or groups who provide maintenance on “their” section on a continuing basis. **This is a labor of love!** Without the continuing efforts of these dedicated individuals, the CT would quickly become unusable. For example, a typical winter will drop about one tree per mile of the CT—a lot of trees to move! But imagine this—during the winter of 1994–1995, 154 trees were blown across a single 20-mile-long section of the CT in the San Juans!

The 53 maintenance sections vary in length from 3 to 20 miles, primarily based on vehicle accessibility. [**Note:** These sections do not correspond to the segments delineated in *The Colorado Trail: The Official Guidebook.*] The amount of annual maintenance required is also a consideration in the length of the section. The primary tasks facing most adopters each spring are deadfall removal and control of erosion. Water is the most serious threat to a trail. Since it is obviously impossible to keep water off a trail, the objective is to have any water that gets on a trail leave as soon as possible by the most direct route practical. Therefore, continuing maintenance of water bars and tread slope is critical. The adopters also provide the Forest Service and the CTF with an annual status report on their section of the CT. Again, **without the volunteer efforts of the very dedicated adopters, the CT would soon cease to exist. Thanks, Adopters!**

### Adopter Responsibilities

An adopter is responsible for the following on the adopted section:

1. **Surveying** (looking at) the section and removing deadfall and other obstructions at the beginning of the hiking season.
2. Maintaining adequate **signage.** (Signs are furnished by the CTF or USFS.)
3. Maintaining **erosion structures** (waterbars and drains) and correcting minor erosion problems.
4. Controlling **vegetation** within the eight-foot-wide trail corridor.
5. Maintaining the **tread** (the walking surface) in a usable condition.
6. Providing annual **status reports** (a one-page form) to the Forest Service and the Colorado Trail Foundation on their section of the Trail.
7. **Advising** the Forest Service and The Colorado Trail Foundation of maintenance requirements beyond the adopter’s resources and/or capabilities.

Upon request, the Forest Service will provide technical advice and assistance, tools, and materials, subject to budgetary restrictions.

Over the years, maintenance sections have been adopted by individuals, family groups, Scout Troops, school science classes, hiking clubs, bicycle clubs, horseback-riding groups, Colorado Mountain Club chapters, Army National Guard Units, and groups of friends.

Most of the adopters have been with the program since its inception in 1988. The turnover each year is small, less than 10 percent. Nevertheless, this year, the following sections are available for adoption:

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Persons or groups interested in adopting a section of The Colorado Trail or wanting additional information should call the Adopt-A-Trail Program coordinator, **Glenn Kepler,** at (303) 986-3707 or e-mail him at GlennWKeplerSr@msn.com. Anyone who is interested in assisting an adopter with maintenance should contact The Colorado Trail Foundation office at the phone number or addresses listed on page 2.
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Thank You, Adopters!
Year 2000 Host Program

by Ted La May

The Colorado Trail Foundation will again be looking for volunteers to host our information-gathering site. This year we will be located at Little Molas Lake in the beautiful San Juan National Forest. With the permission of the Columbine District we have selected a nice campsite right next to The Colorado Trail.

The campsite is about two miles west of Hwy 550 at Molas Pass. When people sign up for the program, I will send them a map and directions to the site. It is easy to find. The site can be used by RVs, trailers, truck campers, and tents—whatever you have. The road to the site is a little rough, but it can be used by cars. The area is an undeveloped campground but popular for camping since it is by Little Molas Lake, which is stocked by the Division of Wildlife. The camping area has a Forest Service pit toilet. I believe the people who volunteer will enjoy their stay. The views are terrific!

Our hosts will be asked to interview people using The Colorado Trail to find out what problems they may have encountered while using the trail. We would like to get a better count on people who are completing the entire trail.

The form used last year will be revised with a list of questions we would like to have answered. We expect that many of the questions will be the same as last year, but some new questions will be asked to help us better manage The Colorado Trail.

As a minimum, we would like to have the site hosted from July 1 to September 17. We would like the volunteers to commit for at least one week to reduce the confusion that can result from frequent changes.

The schedule is planned as follows:

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If anyone would like to help, please contact Ted La May at (970) 259–3308, e-mail him at patnted2amigos@compuserve.com, or write to Ted La May, 2424 Columbine Drive, Durango, CO 81301.

Peggy and Sonny Miller of McAllen, Texas, Trail Hosts last summer, highly recommend the CT Trail Host Program. “We had a great time talking with hikers from all across the U.S. There is so much to learn from these folks—from the latest in hiking gear to how The CT compares with other long-distance trails. Even with all the rain we had last summer, we had a wonderful week and plan to be back as Trail Hosts this summer.”
Volunteer Opportunities at the CTF

The following CTF projects are in need of volunteer help. If you are interested or have questions, please contact the CT office by phone or e-mail (or in person!). Suzanne Reed and Marian Polito Phillips will be glad to discuss the projects with you.

1. **Office Data Entry.** Familiarity with QuickBooks, Excel, Access, and Outlook are helpful. Office staff will work with volunteers on these projects.

2. **Web site.** Assist the Web master in maintaining sections of our Web site. Scan back issues of *Tread Lines*.

3. **Special Events.** The coordinators of the following events need extra volunteers. This is a great way to meet new and old CTF friends. Contact the CTF office or event coordinator.

   June 3—National Trails Day at Kenosha Pass: Contact Julie Mesdag at (303) 816-0133 or jwmesdag@hotmail.com.

   June 11—Trail Crew Leader Training Day (all CTF friends welcome) at The South Platte River Bridge: Contact the CTF office, or Ted La May at (970) 259-3308 or 105521.1206@compuserve.com.

   August 29—Michael Martin Murphey Solo Benefit Concert at Mt. Princeton Hot Springs: Contact Julie Mesdag (see above).

   September 16—Trail Crew Reunion and Pot Luck—Golden, Colorado: Contact CTF office.

4. **ORIC (Outdoor Recreation Information Center) at new REI flagship store.** Help with CTF slide show presentation June 16; become an ORIC volunteer and earn REI discounts—Contact CTF office.

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Meet Tom Brooksher, Our New Chair of the Communications Committee

Tom is the Telecommunications Group Publisher for Cahners Business Information, the largest trade magazine publisher in the United States. He is also founding Publisher of *Wireless Week*, a weekly newspaper serving the exploding cellular telephone, PCS, paging, and mobile radio markets.

Tom has more than 25 years’ experience in publishing, and 20 years’ experience in the communications industries. Among other things, he has founded publications, directed new product development, and headed up his own computer software development and electronic publishing company. He also was the Executive Vice President of the National Cable Television Institute, the cable industry’s preeminent independent training institution.

We are very fortunate to have Tom. With his winning personality, professional experience, and communication skills, he will provide the Foundation with the public exposure needed to attract even more volunteers as the “forever unfinished” work on the trail continues to grow from more and more use.

Tom and his wife, Janie, have two teenaged sons, Andy and Kyle. They live in Littleton, Colorado. You may recall Tom’s great report and Andy’s poignant comment in *Tread Lines* about the trail crew they volunteered for last year.
This year for the first time, the business side of the Foundation is getting involved in the “food business.”

Board member Stan Ward, Chair of the Business Committee, suggested that our grant writer, Tracy Esslinger, also a Board member, could maybe help get more money or donations to cover the costs of the food for the crews and the treks.

On a warm March afternoon, we met in a DTC hotel lobby to see how this could be done. Tracy is a virtual fountain of knowledge about which local, and not-so-local, companies donate or give money to environmental endeavors, such as ours.

We picked through the different companies, coming up with a list for Tracy to contact. This will be a building process, because many companies want to decide at the beginning of their budget year what and to whom they are going to donate that year. The contact letters will hopefully get The Colorado Trail name out and a finger in the door.

It is exciting to think the Food Committee might be in a break-even situation before long. Thank you, Tracy and Stan.

Other news from the Food Committee—so good so far with our “regular” donors. Most have said they would again give us what we need. It is most gratifying when I hear a “yes, sure, what did you need this year?”

There will be a few changes in the menu, but rest assured, the favorites are still there. Keep your fingers crossed that packing day dawns clear and not too hot. Maybe we can even best last year’s record of being done by 11:30!

If anyone out there knows of a company with an interest in outdoors projects and that might give money or donate food, let Tracy or me know and we will contact them. This might be a City Market in Durango that would give merchandise certificates. It doesn’t have to be a big company or a big donation; every little bit helps.

Have a good summer and enjoy it all!

Pat Nagorka (303) 841-2777
Tracy Esslinger (303) 394-0568

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**The Grates Are Great!**

Larry and Dawn White donated three very nice portable grates for our work crew camps. These grates have folding legs and a handle for carrying. They will be used over the fireplaces for heating water. Thanks, Larry and Dawn!

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**Receive announcements and current information about CTF events—send us your e-mail address!**

The CTF office is in need of the e-mail addresses of those CTF Friends who would like to receive CTF announcements (approximately one per month) via e-mail. To be on this list, just send a message to ctf@coloradotrail.org.
“Gudy Two Boot Shuffle”  
*by Janet Sample*

*The summer of ’99 I was on the Elderhostel trail crew with Gudy. As you know, she always has a “talent night” the last evening of the week. I just found notes that I quickly wrote that evening and thought you might get a kick out of reading them.*

That rock needs to go.  
Jan get that horse manure off the trail.  
The McCleod works better  
so you don’t take dirty boots into your tent!  
Oh, I wonder how we can drain this area.  
Carl can you get that rock out?  
Let’s go up to see Dan’s water bar.  
Oh those horses—where’s the McCleod?  
See how the bikers  
Make such a trench?  
Kick that stone,  
Hold that bar,  
Oh, look at the pretty Penstemon.  
I want to see where Jacque  
got that Wood Lilly.  
No, that flower is a Wintergreen.  
Look at that Canadian Thistle,  
Joe can you break that off?  
Don’t be too late with supper now,  
I’ll make soup out of those leftover potatos.  
Let’s get that water hot for dishes.  
Oh, isn’t that ice cream good!  
Thanks everyone—  
you’ve done a great job.  
We’ll keep in touch,  
Come back next year—  
You hear?

“Glory, Glory Elderhostel!”

We are hostel elders camping at Little Molas Lake  
We’ve come to do our service here  
for all the hikers’ sake,  
We thought before we got here,  
“This is just a piece of cake!”  
But we know better now!

Glory, Glory Elderhostel,  
Glory, Glory Elderhostel,  
Glory, Glory Elderhostel,  
Thank God it’s Friday night!

We knew that we could carry all  
the water bars with ease,  
And when we traveled up those hills  
they wouldn’t turn to trees,  
To swing that big Pulaski now  
would simply be a breeze,  
But we know better now!

Chorus: (same as first)

We commend our fearless leader  
Gudy Gaskill is her name,  
She’s lectured us and mothered us,  
We love her just the same.  
If we made a difference  
We may try it once again,  
But please don’t ask right now!

Chorus: (different last line):  
So sad it’s Friday night!
Riders coming over a ridge in the backcountry, followed by a string of packhorses—this historic vision of Colorado and the West is the same one still envisioned by many. Not brightly dressed humans carrying backpacks, riding mountain bikes, or leading llamas and goats. How times have changed over the last one hundred years! And with this change in times and increased use of The Colorado Trail comes a need for multiple users to better understand each other’s specific needs.

Horses are no longer a part of the individual’s daily life, so it is important that other users are reminded of one very important characteristic of the horse. Horses are prey animals. Their eyes are set on the sides of their heads, giving them a 270-degree field of vision and the ability to see predators quickly. Horses also have very keen senses of hearing and smell needed to alert them to predators. A horse’s first line of defense is flight; and most horses will bolt quickly and run fast when they suspect a predator may be near. Predators are characterized by closer set eyes, which provide them with binocular vision and the ability to judge the distance to their prey. Predators will more likely attack from an uphill position where they have a better view of prospective prey.

On The Trail, the hiker, mountain biker, llama, goat, and grazing cow may be considered predators right along with the mountain lion! Ideally, horse owners will expose their mount to a wide variety of stimuli prior to a backcountry ride to reduce the flight-fight instinct. However, even the best desensitization training will not work in some situations. When a series of threatening predator situations occur together, any horse might “blow,” placing the rider and others in danger.

On The Trail, it is safest for “fearsome” things like backpackers to stand beside The Trail on the downhill side while a horse passes, talking so the horse realizes that the strange-shaped creature with close-set eyes is a human. People leading llamas and goats should yield on the downhill side also, as in the case of hikers. Livestock owners should assume that the other stock is unfamiliar with theirs and act accordingly. Mountain bikers should call out well in advance of their approach to horses, keeping in mind that the horse has most likely noted their approach before the rider even saw the mount. If not leading a string of pack animals, it may be easier for the horseman to move to the side of The Trail for the biker to pass.

Clearly, as in all cases, in steep country, downhill traffic should yield to uphill traffic. A friendly “hello,” common sense, and courtesy will generally resolve most problematic encounters. And in all cases, a bit of inconvenience on the part of any one user is definitely preferred over possible injury to another.

We all need to remember that The Colorado Trail is a multi-user trail, whose mission is to provide recreational backcountry experiences for all. With increased understanding by each user group of the others’ needs, we can all have a great experience. Good resources for more information about horses on The Trail and in the backcountry include Friends of The Colorado Trail: Back Country Horsemen of Colorado, www.BCHCO.org, (970) 884-8021; and Colorado Horsemen’s Council, www.cohoco.com, (303) 292-4981.

Nora Jacquez and Bill Phillips, heading toward Molas Pass
Trail User Responsibilities:

• Hikers yield to equestrians.
• Bikers yield to all other trail users.

End of the Trail near Durango in 1997, after 300 miles in 16 days
As noted in the last issue of *Tread Lines*, the GIS project team applied to the Colorado State Parks/Great Outdoors Colorado trails project for funds to purchase hardware and software to build a Geographic Information System for The Colorado Trail. The GIS team was supported in this effort by the CTF office staff and Stan Ward, whose unfailing work on the grant all but wore us out trying to keep up. In spite of very warm initial responses to our proposal and outstanding support from other organizations and groups, including the U.S. Forest Service, our grant was not funded. We haven’t received any notification of why our proposal was rejected thus far.

The GIS team is still interested in building a GIS for The Colorado Trail, but the lack of funding will impact our timetable and in all likelihood, we will not have data ready for the new edition of the guidebook when it goes to press this fall. We still have significant sections of the trail to map for the first time, and much of the remaining area is in the more remote sections of the San Juan National Forest. In addition, we will not be able to use mountain bikes in the designated wilderness areas, which will make transporting the GPS receiver and the many camcorder batteries it requires more difficult and time consuming. Without our own GPS receiver, we must depend entirely on the time and availability of Jerry Brown, our expert in the field who donated his time last summer, returning from a job in progress to do our mapping for free, at considerable expense in lost wages. We are therefore looking for sources of funds to buy our own unit, which costs more than $12,500, and to pay Jerry to work on this project to complete the data acquisition for the main trail corridor this season. If you know of an individual or company who would be willing to help us financially or with field support for the effort, please contact Richard Nolde at (720) 283-8752, or e-mail him at richard.nolde@coloradotrail.org.

Bruce Payne has produced a very impressive map with the trail data collected last summer and the ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.) ArcMap software. Bruce is a developer at ESRI and was able to test new product capabilities with our dataset. Since we do not own that software or the hardware to produce the maps, we are also limited to the free time Bruce has at night. We are continuing to work with the GRASS GIS software that runs under Linux in the hope that we will be able to develop our entire system using this very powerful package which is freely available over the Internet. Bill Phillips has made available an older Zenith laptop computer from the USDA, a casualty of the Y2K upgrade effort there, for downloading data from the GPS unit in the field. We still have a number of logistical problems to solve for transporting and charging batteries in the wilderness areas and remote sections that are bikeable as well.

Our efforts last summer have proven the viability of the project. During the winter, we have been validating the trail data already collected and acquiring data for the many additional layers needed to build the actual GIS. Some of the discrete landmark waypoints have been posted on the website for several months now for hikers with GPS units who would like to use them. If you discover any inaccuracies, please notify us and provide as much detail as possible about the suspected errors. Bruce has led this effort, having much more knowledge in this arena and access to public data through ESRI servers. The process of writing the grant consumed a great deal of time that might have been spent working on the project itself and preparing for this summer’s field work. However, we learned a lot about planning and the grant-writing process itself that we would not have otherwise known if we hadn’t tried for the grant. As an unfunded, volunteer effort for The Colorado Trail Foundation, we can’t commit to the deliverables and deadlines that traditional sponsors look to see, and this may have hurt us this year, though we don’t know for sure. We are therefore dependent on individuals or groups that understand the value of such a system, and give us their time or funds to further the project without the demand for an immediate return on their investment. Our current plans include trying to build alliances with county and federal agencies who would like to share data with us. Summit County has already made available selected high-resolution Digital Elevation Models in return for our trail data which they will use in building their countywide recreational map and GIS. We are also interested in contacting university geography departments to find students or professors who might be able to provide data or advice. We hope to have a student working on developing 3D terrain models this summer as a student project. If you know of contacts in academia or business who could assist us in any way, please contact a member of the GIS team.
In the initial plan for The Colorado Trail south of Twin Lakes (near Leadville), the CT was to proceed south along the east edge of the mountains to Clear Creek. Much of the construction had been completed when it was discovered that a 300-foot-wide mining claim along Cache Creek was blocking the way. When the Foundation was unable to secure an easement, the CT had to be rerouted six miles to the west and over Hope Pass, then six miles east along Chaffee County Road 390. Hope Pass is, as many of you know, the most strenuous climb and descent on the CT. Plus six miles along the dirt road 390 is no bowl of cherries either. For years the CTF and the Forest Service have been trying to get an easement through the Cache Creek mining claim.

In May 1999, The Conservation Fund purchased the 2,480-acre Cache Creek Ranch from the Burgess family. This property was the Bureau of Land Management’s highest acquisition priority within the Upper Arkansas River Basin, and in January 2000, the property was conveyed to the BLM. Purchase by the BLM protects year-round elk habitat and critical winter range for elk and deer, and preserves the scenic and recreational values of the property.

Christine Quinlan, Project Manager for The Conservation Fund, said: “In large part, this project was successful because of the Burgess family’s desire to see their land protected as open space rather than chopped up for vacation home sites. We received tremendous support at all levels—local, state, and federal—and we look for that when we put up our money to buy a property.”

During its ownership of the property, The Colorado Trail Foundation approached The Conservation Fund for a permanent trail easement across the western end of the property where it adjoins the San Isabel National Forest. Ernie Werren, longtime board member of The Colorado Trail Foundation and chairman of its Operations Committee at the time, said: “The Conservation Fund was quick to cooperate with us to improve The Colorado Trail route between Twin Lakes and Clear Creek by giving us an easement. This reroute had been held up since the late 1980s because of the lack of an easement. The new route is shorter by about 10 miles. A very steep climb over the 12,500 ft. Hope Pass will be eliminated, as is a dusty, lackluster 6.5 miles of travel on the county road.”

So thanks to the Conservation Fund the CT will be rerouted this summer to its originally planned route directly south from Twin Lakes to Clear Creek. We will not abandon Hope Pass though, as it is part of the Gunnison Spur.

The Conservation Fund forges partnerships to protect land and water, using innovative conservation techniques, education, and community-based activities. Across the nation, the Fund has protected more than 2 million acres of American's outdoor heritage—averaging more than 500 acres a day since 1985. In Colorado, the Fund has safeguarded more than 90,000 acres of open spaces, agricultural lands, wildlife corridors, and scenic landscapes.

Christine Quinlan
The Conservation Fund
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The Colorado Fourteeners Initiative is another of the organizations located in the American Mountaineering Center (AMC). Their mission is to save the Fourteeners from being loved to death, through education and trail design and maintenance.

Colorado Fourteeners Initiative seeks an Executive Director (ED) to serve as chief administrative officer of the organization. The ED assists the Board in the development of goals, objectives, and policies and procedures and implements these once they have been approved by the Board. Specific roles and responsibilities include fundraising, public and government relations, and management and administration. Candidates must have experience in fundraising, management and supervision, and budgeting as well as be self-motivated and passionate about the outdoors. For a job description or information about CFI, contact them at (303) 278-7525 Ext. 114, or e-mail CFI@ColoradoFourteeners.org.

To complete our CTF office Tread Lines Archive Collection, we need the following issues. Clean out those closets and basements, and see what you find!

- Winter ’98
- Winter ’95
- Summer ’94–’86
- Holiday ’90–’86
- Winter ’90–’87
- Spring ’89–’87
- Fall ’88–’86

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Fond Memories of Elderhostel Trail Crew
by Mary Ann Newell

The Colorado Trail, in the past 25 years, has become a reality because of Gudy Gaskill and thousands of volunteers who have constructed it and who continue to maintain its passage. We who would know a fragment of the many stories this trail has to tell came together in July of 1999 year to touch beauty and history with Gudy Gaskill and Joe Slack as our mentors. We added our own stories and gifts to this week of work, play, and sharing. Following are a few of my memories of our week together:

- My finding (at last) the campsite the first day and feelings of awkwardness, embarrassment, and shyness as the new kid on the block that evening.

- Waking early each morning to the comforting crackling sound of a welcome campfire and finding coffee brewing and hot water for tea or hot chocolate, thanks to Dave, our fire-starter and primary wood gatherer.

- Knowing the muscle weariness that comes from a hard day’s work—and the amazing miracle of a real shower at day’s end, from a never-before-owned shower bag warmed (sort of) by the sun. Thanks to those who helped me pry open the impossible cap, fill it, and hoist and tie it to the support each day. (Because I was greedy and bought the five-gallon bag.)

- With Dan, hauling a huge log up the trail which became part of one of the many water bars constructed by our upper trail crew. With Betty, sawing away another tree for this same purpose. Little saw, small comparative muscle, but still mission accomplished thanks to Bill and Dan, who eventually helped us topple the tree and bring it down to the trail.

- Bill and Dan, the energizer bunnies who just kept going and going and going . . . . .!

- The quiet and steady teamwork with my second crew, Carl and Darlene, removing larger rocks (“toe stubbers”) and filling in the holes as well as creating trenches for water run-off.

- The rest-breaks and lunch hours, sharing our stories, jokes, opinions, cares . . .

- Time to talk with the hikers, runners, cyclists, horseback riders (wishing the horses would leave fewer calling-cards along the path) using the trail for a few hours, days, or weeks in a well planned summer adventure.

- The amazing expedition lodge and its hundreds of well pounded stakes and comfy inviting alcove installed by Dan and Betty.

- Loretta’s photographic skill as she documented our work and leisure and her spirited reading of Robert Service poems around the campfire, sending us to bed with visions of Dan McGrew and cohorts dancing in our heads.

- Feeling dismay when Jacques unknowingly picked a rare, (endangered) Colorado Lily, and later, elation to share the Expedition to the field of many lilies as well as a host of other wildflowers and amazing variety of flora and fauna. This was truly one of the best souvenirs of the week, I wrote to Jacques. The beaver who visited us as he, Jan, and I later talked on the pier of the pond added the perfect epiphany.

- Climbing a good portion of Mt. Princeton, but more importantly sharing more stories with Gudy, Jacques, Darlene, and Carl on Wednesday, adding to the sense of teamwork for our week’s purpose. Thanks
also to Carl for sensitivity and kindness in carrying my pack after my clumsy fall on the downward trek. We all also felt overscalded and underwhelmed with our visit to Princeton Hot Springs afterward. (But clean!)

- Waking up during the night and listening to a symphony of snoring near and far throughout the camp. (Probably adding my own harmony to the melody as I drifted back to sleep.)

- Enjoying the surprise each day of the amazing work done by the lower trail crews—mentored by Joe. And also feeling a sense of loss for not having had time to know each of you better.

- Being thoroughly impressed by the amount of organization and work done prior to our week’s work: meals planned, groceries bought and divided into logical and coherent storage, cooking utensils and supplies arranged, tools and helmets acquired, cooktent, shower, and latrine ready to be set up. A HUGE task. Thank you, leaders!!!

- Feeling amazed and humbled by the skills and accomplishments each of you brought to share in story and in deed.

- Gratitude for the quiet, competent spirit and nurturing that Jan brought to our group with her nursing background, and for being Gudy’s guardian angel in getting her to the hospital to treat that terrible leg infection.

- Admiring the friendship and soul-mate caring of Alma and Jan for the many camping and travel adventures they have shared . . . and to hear about their wonderful large families.

- Wishing B.J. could have stayed longer, and wanting to see that large garden she had to leave us mid-week to tend. Thanks, B.J., for giving us those days with you.

- Finally, listening to the incredible inspiring spiritual adventure that Stan, from Oklahoma, related to Gudy and me as we stood together in the rain listening to him on Friday of that week. Stan, caught in a heavy snowstorm in June along the trail, lost, hypothermic, exhausted, hungry and frightened, got down on his knees and prayed for guidance and survival. Not long after, a mountain goat pair, male and female, approached him. The male began to charge Stan, then walk away repeatedly. Finally, Stan “got it.” The animal seemed to want him to follow. And he did. The mountain goat pair broke a path through the snow which Stan followed, eventually being led back to the Trail. They stayed with him then, over the next two exhausting, harrowing days—breaking trail, sleeping nearby when he found shelter in an old abandoned cabin for the night, and bringing him to a safe passage along the trail once more as the weather broke and the sun shone again. To Stan, he with the firm handshake, ready smile, handlebar moustache, beautiful fiancee in Oklahoma, deep faith in God, and classrooms of very lucky middle-school science students now learning from him—and most of all, he with a depth of spirit and faith who was given two unlikely guardian angels for a miracle of survival along The Colorado Trail—my gratitude for this story. And to you, Gudy, my thanks for letting me have a break to climb higher along the trail to a high point vista above our work area after saying good-bye to Stan. Those moments of solitude and contemplation added depth to this encounter.

I am thankful, too, for our final night’s campfire ceremony—the stories, and great little trophies crafted by Gudy and presented by Jan. Some years ago, I bought a large one of those woodland “trolls” at a Connecticut Audubon gift shop. Since then, my troll stands guardian over mementos of rocks, acorns, stones, and interesting pieces of wood gathered from adventures in all sorts of outdoor terrain in the U.S. and Europe. My little C.T. trophy stands amongst these now.
“Fourth of July on The Colorado Trail”

by Kelly Heaney

Afternoon falls onto peaks.
The ripened sun ruptures
And squirts pink lemonade
Into this high tundra punch bowl.
Our bodies bounce off this diving board
Of a Rocky Mountain pass
To splash in sticky flavor.
The wind spits seeds in my face until my eyes squint,
And my nose crinkles like Ruffles with Ridges.
Eagles soar like paper napkins
Captured by the last whisper
Of the afternoon’s thunder.

“This punch is spiked,”
I drunkenly sigh
As my head spins in panoramas:
Grays Peak, Ten Mile Range, and Holy Cross.
Aching legs melt into blistered feet—
Feet that snacked on
Columbines, Paintbrush, and Dandy-Lions
During this lazy day of labor.

Freeze-dried chicken bits and “Good Ol’ Raisins and Peanuts”
Supply our backyard barbecue.
This is my backyard.
These mountains are my backyard.
I sink into a Therma-Rest lawn chair
After twelve miles of battle.
Liberated toes escape their stiff-leather prison camp
To sift through delicately, brave troops of alpine grasses.

And I raise my head to the night.

Reflections of fireworks
Projected on bikini-size snow patches
That cover the shame of this mountain.
Winter’s flimsy fabric
Hides old scars that used to bleed copper
Into reckless hands.

Fireworks fade.
I sit.
I fade . . .
I breathe . . .
I hold my breath . . .
Was that it?
Was that our GRAND FINALE?
Half-an-hour . . .
Headlamps off.
Eyes conform to night.
And our GRAND finale creeps
In galaxies painted across a black lawn.
Bits of light running from
The places they’ve known
For 18-trillion years.
For 18-years.
Exploring distances
That my pupils can’t compensate for.

“You can see Heaven through those holes in the sky.”
Are we watching the same star?
My patriotism blends into the tundra
Like a stroke of a landscape watercolor.
I am a stitch
Of this picnic blanket universe.

The smoke of burnt
Butane,
Bottle rockets,
Cosmos
Clings to my overgrown hair.
And this trailside celebration
Sticks to my teeth
Like a stubborn piece of jerky . . .
For miles . . .
For years . . .
For forevers . . .
I can’t gnaw it away.

[Editor’s note: Last summer, Kelly, at 18 years old, through-hiked the entire Colorado Trail!]

Let’s Be Friends!

Many of our Friends give hours and hours of their time to volunteer helping the Colorado Trail Foundation flourish. Your efforts are always and forever appreciated. However, equally important are the gifts that our Friends send to the Foundation.

During 2000 we are on target to implement a GIS system, reroute several trail sections, obtain a new trail crew trailer, and make several other important improvements. In order to achieve these goals, we are broadening our horizons: applying for grants and approaching Colorado corporations for assistance. We also hope to include 500 Friends in a $30,000 campaign. By inviting our Friends to join in this campaign, we know we can improve the trail! Throughout the year, Friends who have not previously contributed will receive reminder notices inviting them to participate in our efforts to make 2000 a significant year for the Trail.

At the end of the year, all Friends who contribute to the campaign will be recognized in Tread Lines. Remember that your contribution goes a long way in a volunteer organization, and we appreciate everyone’s help. Let’s work as partners in the future of The Colorado Trail, let’s be Friends!
**CT Store Closeout Sale**

With the exception of the Data Book, the following CT Store items are being discontinued. Take advantage of our great sale prices. To order, please call or e-mail the CT office as sizes and colors are limited.

- CT Patch with logo, green and white: $1.00
- CT cap, cotton, green and white with map: $3.00
- CT cap, suede: $10.00
- CT T-shirt, old map design: $5.00
- CT T-shirt, 25th anniversary design, khaki: $4.00
- CT polo shirt, navy: $15.00
- CT sweatshirt: $15.00
- *Day Hikes on The Colorado Trail*: $2.95
- 25th Anniversary pin: $1.00
- CT Data Book: $4.00

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**The CT Store — the whole story, or the answer to “why haven’t I received my Official CT Guidebook when I ordered it last week?”**

Do you wonder why your order to the CT Store takes a while to be filled? That’s because there are several layers of staff and volunteers involved. Here’s “the rest of the story.”

Once a week, *Pat Rush*, our office volunteer, sorts our mail, enters the weekly store orders into our computer system, and creates a sales receipt. One copy of the receipt is given to volunteer *Liz Truitt*, who enters them into the bookkeeping system; another is mailed to *Peggy Brackett*, our CT Store volunteer. From her Boulder home, Peggy mails out the orders. The orders come in to the CT office from a variety of sources: our new CT brochure, distributed this Spring across the state by volunteer and BOD member *Julie Mesdag*; our Official CT Guidebook, now being revised by BOD president *Merle McDondald* and past BOD member *Randy Jacobs*; our Web site, managed by volunteer Web master and BOD member *Richard Nolde*. Before our store items can be advertised and mailed out, they have to be selected, manufactured, and ordered. *Art Rankin*, longtime volunteer and trail crew leader, serves as one of our major suppliers. His knowledge of the Trail and its volunteers has been helpful in selecting and merchandising our store products. Others involved in the overall process are *Suzanne Reed* and *Marian Phillips* in the office and *Stan Ward*, BOD member who oversees all Store business. Many CT volunteers over the years have been involved in the selection and production of our CT store items. Suggestions and help are always welcome.

We hope our “rest of the story” has kept you entertained while you wait for your CT store order to arrive!
The Colorado Trail Store

**The Colorado Trail: The Official Guidebook**
- Directions, details by segments, historical information
- softcover, topo maps, photographs by John Fielder, Web site updates
- $20.00 _____

**CT Topographic waterproof maps**
- Full color, based on USGS maps, 11" x 17" format, 1:50,000 scale
- 29 maps
- 17.50 _____

**CT Data Book** by Michael Hibbard
- 30 pages, 4" x 5 1/2", quick reference guide
- 4.00 _____

**Along The Colorado Trail**
- By M. John Fayhee with photographs by John Fielder
- 100 color photos, 9" x 12", 119 pages
- Hardbound
- 30.00 _____
- Softbound
- 22.50 _____

**Day Hikes on The Colorado Trail**
- By Jan Roberston, 48 pages, 35 color photos, travel format
- 4.95 _____

**CT Cook Book**
- 15.00 _____

**CT Topographic Poster Map**
- By Trails Illustrated, 17" x 24", colored, suitable for framing
- 9.00 _____

**CT Tee Shirts**, short sleeves, 50/50% blend
- Map on front, segments on back: S, M, L, XL
- Light grey, jade green, royal blue
- 11.00 _____

**Mock T-Neck Shirt**, long sleeve
- Embroidered logo. Leaf Green, Slate Blue: M, L, XL
- 19.00 _____

**Fleece Vest, embroidered CT logo**
- Forest green with black trim: S, M, L, XL
- 40.00 _____

**Baseball Hats**
- Cotton khaki and forest, embroidered with logo and “Denver to Durango”
- 15.00 _____

**Official Souvenirs with CT Logo**
- Completion Plaque
  - Wood/bronze map and segments
  - Engraved with completion information
  - 61.00 _____
  - 70.00 _____
- Completion Patches
- 2.50 _____
- CT Pin
- 2.00 _____
- Plastic Trail Sign
- 2.00 _____

**“The Colorado Trail”: the official song**
- Tape cassette by Carol Johnson
- 4.50 _____

**“Journey to the Fluted Mountain”**
- Tape cassette by Julie Davis
- 8.00 _____

**Indian Trail Ridge Poster**, 18" x 24"
- 6.00 _____

**SUBTOTAL**
- $_________

Colorado residents add 3.0% sales tax
- $_________

Shipping: $2.75 under $25 subtotal, $3.75 above
- $_________

**TOTAL**
- $_________

Photos are posted on the Web site.
Prices and selections may change.
Please check our Web site or call the CTF office for availability of these and new items and for current prices.
www.coloradotrail.org
All net proceeds are used to build and maintain
The Colorado Trail.
Yes, I want to support the Colorado Trail
Here is my annual contribution as a "Friend of The Colorado Trail."

Supporter $15__ Contributor $25__ Sustainer $50__ Sponsor $75__
Partner $100__ Patron $250__ Guardian $500__ Benefactor$1,000+__ Corporate__
I am a Senior__ Student__ Individual__ Family__

I'm ready to volunteer too!
I want to work on a trail crew. Please send me information.__
I will help out with administrative duties.__
I will help maintain The Colorado Trail as an adopter of a section __
I want to help out in any way I can.__
I have specific knowledge in __________________________

Name: __________________________________________________________
(Please list all names if more than one person.)
Address:____________________________________ City:__________________
State:_______________________ Zip:________________
Email:____________________________________ Telephone:_______________