President’s Corner

by Merle McDonald

The season for hiking and maintaining The Colorado Trail is almost upon us, and it promises to be a busy one. We have 20 volunteer crews scheduled for this summer, and although some of the crews are already filled, there remain a few openings on others. Check the available crews listed on page 4, and sign up for the one that fits your schedule. We need your help to accomplish our goals for the summer. One meets the nicest people while working on The Colorado Trail!

Thank You to Adopters!

The Adopt-A-Trail people are our first line of defense for taking care of the CT. To them I would like to send a special word of appreciation and thanks for seeing that the

CTF Outdoor Workshop Series: An Extraordinary Experience!

Join us for excellent instruction in an exquisite setting! There is still space available, so don’t miss the opportunity to take part in this exciting program! This summer’s courses, taught by experienced outdoorspersons and artists, include “Folklore and Storytelling,” “Rocky Mountain Watercolors,” “Rocky Mountain Wildflowers,” and “A Colorado Sampler.” Daily outings in the spectacular surroundings are part of the curriculum. The week-long classes, which begin July 1 and continue through August 4, are based at the CTF’s Education Center, located near Lake City on the Alpine Loop, part of the National Scenic Byway system. Participants provide their own camping equipment to sleep under the stars. The total cost for each course, which includes both the entire week of instruction and three hearty meals each day, is only $298. Teacher Enhancement credits are available. To register and obtain an information packet, call (303) 526-0809 or the CTF office at (303) 384-3729 Ext. 113, or E-mail the CTF office at ctf@coloradotrail.org. All CTF Friends, please tell your friends about this wonderful opportunity!

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“Rocky Mountain Wildflowers” class
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Trail is open and ready for business after a long, hard winter. Thank You CT Adopters! Keep up the good work.

Thank You to Other Volunteers!

Recognizing individual volunteer efforts in an organization like the CTF, which exists because of hundreds of dedicated volunteers, can sometimes be a challenge (like admiring individual trees in a beautiful forest). This winter the CTF has benefited from the time and talents of the following individuals (among many others): Peggy Miller updated our Trail Crew mailing list, Bev Gheradini assembled our Trail Crew Leader Manuals, Donna Dutton represented the CTF at REI and EMS events, Bill Reed updated our Press Release contacts and wrote our summer program press releases, Marilyn and Rick Eisele have represented the CTF at REI’s Outdoor Recreation Center (ORIC) for 50 volunteer hours, and Wes Ganter created our new CTF Web site, still located at www.coloradotrail.org.

Other year-round volunteers, like Liz Truitt and Pat Rush, spend several hours every week helping out with the administrative tasks in the CTF office. Charlotte Briber answers calls on our old CTF phone number, (303) 526-0809. Lois and Tracy Cochran handle the bulk mailing of Tread Lines and other mass mailings.

Jerry Brown and Richard Nolde GPSed the two-mile-long reroute of the CT just west of the South Platte River bridge. Our first trail crew this summer will open that new section of Trail.

So as you can see, it takes a lot of volunteer work in addition to the actual trail construction and maintenance to make the CT the wonderful resource it is today. For their patience and understanding, we also would like to thank the families of all our dedicated volunteers. If you have some time and talents to share, please call Suzanne Reed or Marian Phillips, Volunteer Coordinators, at (303) 384-3729, Ext. 113.

Board of Directors News

I’d like to introduce two new members on the CTF Board of Directors: Jonathan Krauss and Bill Manning. See page 6.

The Board held a productive planning retreat on the weekend of May 4 through 6. Topics discussed will be covered in the next issue of Tread Lines.
Status of Reroutes

The four-mile-long reroute at Copper Mountain will not be completed until August. The Camp Hale reroute is on hold pending an environmental study on the reintroduction of the lynx to the area. The good news about the Camp Hale area is that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers expects to complete the clearing of the Trail of old World War II munitions by June 28 and reopen the Trail to hikers again. Any announcements will be posted on the CT Web site.

The Colorado Trail was always envisioned as a non-motorized trail. However, in the push for completion, it was decided that the CT should be temporarily routed over some existing motorized courses. As the Trail now stands, some 150 miles of the CT are open to motorized travel. Approximately 50 miles of the motorized route are composed of short sections that facilitate crossing from one section of forest to another, and rerouting is just not practical. Those will probably always be open to motorized traffic. The remaining 100 or so miles are in remote and fairly pristine areas where the presence of motorized vehicles is a distraction. One of the highest priorities of the CTF is to separate the CT from the motorized vehicles in these areas. But progress is slow. This summer we will scout an area for a possible reroute of the CT in the Pole Creek area that could eliminate 12 miles of motorized trail. Wish us luck!

Adopt-A-Trail Program

The Adopt-A-Trail program continues to be of interest to many Friends of The Colorado Trail. Over the past year, quite a number of Friends have inquired about the availability of segments to adopt. However, currently all segments are adopted.

But Friends, do not let this dampen your interest! We do have a regular turnover. In fact, if any adopters out there are thinking of stepping down but have been afraid their sections might go unattended, fear not. Now would be an opportune time to hand over the pulaski to another of our eager Friends.

In the meantime, adopters who are interested in having some help with their sections, let me know, and I will forward to you some names of folks interested in helping you out. Having volunteers help benefits you and the Foundation, and introduces potential adopters to the Adopt-A-Trail program.

The Official Colorado Trail GIS Reference Map Series CD-ROM looks to be a great new tool for adopters. Adopter sections can be mapped out easily and annotated with improvement needs.

Spring letters will be out to all adopters in late May. I will be including copies of the forms we use for the coming season. And for those of you with Internet capability, to make getting a form easier, our Web site will soon have downloadable copies of all the forms we use in the Adopt-A-Trail program.

Art Rankin’s Adopt-A-Trail winter outing on Section 11.2, Peak 6 to Wheeler Flats Trailhead
More than 300 volunteers have signed up to work on The Colorado Trail this summer. This small army of workers will make Trail improvements from early June through mid-August. Of 20 crews that are scheduled this summer, 8 are filled. In mid-May, nearly 80 percent of all spaces on crews for 2001 were full; but as of the Tread Lines Springs 2001 production date, the following crews still had openings:

- Crew 1 South Platte Reroute
- Crew 2 Mt. Elbert Maintenance
- Crew 4 Cochetopa Hills 1
- Crew 5 Copper Mountain Reroute 1
- Crew 6 Copper Mountain Reroute 2
- Crew 8 Spanish King Mine
- Crew 11 Copper Mountain Reroute 4
- Crew 14 Hotel Draw 1
- Crew 15 Copper Mountain Reroute 6
- Crew WE 1 South Platte Reroute
- Crew WE 2 South Platte Reroute
- Crew WE 3 Copper Mountain Reroute 7

The crew lineup this year includes the three weekend crews listed above—two in June at the South Platte River crossing and one to be held July 21–22 at Copper Mountain. The Copper Mountain weekend crew will be a joint effort with volunteers from the Colorado Mountain Club and the Continental Divide Trail Alliance.

CT work crews this summer will also receive a boost from several other organizations. Two week-long crews at Copper Mountain will be staffed by Landmark Volunteers, a youth organization from the East Coast, and another by members of the American Hiking Society. Students from D.C. Oakes High School in Douglas County will staff a crew in the Cochetopa Hills again this year.

There still are more than 80 spaces open on 12 crews, offering ample opportunity for individuals to sign up. Call the CTF office or check the CTF Web page for the latest updates on crews that still have spaces available.

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Did you plan to go on a trek this summer, but thought it was too late to register? You still have time to register for the trek of your choice. There are a few unfilled places on all of the treks. The expanded trek program of 2001 is gearing up to show hikers the premier hiking trail in the United States. Come join with others who enjoy spectacular scenery, compatible companions, great food, and helpful, knowledgeable crews to make your week(s) an unforgettable experience. Call Lila Miller at the trek office today to get your informational packet and registration form. The trek office number is (719) 685-1278. You can also view the trek schedule and other information on The Colorado Trail Web site, located at www.coloradotrail.org.

Come join us and see Colorado at its best!
**Year 2001 Host Program**

Do you like meeting people and spending a little time in the out-of-doors? If the answer is yes, please join us this summer as a Volunteer Trail Host along The Colorado Trail. Our hosts will interview people who are using the CT. This summer we have **two** Trail Host sites, where hosts can greet trail users and distribute surveys.

Site 1—Meadows Campground in the Pike National Forest about 50 miles southwest of Denver. Volunteers are needed for one-week or shorter periods beginning June 17 and continuing at least through July 28. Contact **Tracy** or **Lois Cochran** at (303) 934-8838 or via E-mail at tcochran@idcomm.com, or the CTF office at (303) 384-3729 Ext.113 or via E-mail at ctf@coloradotrail.org.

Site 2—Little Molas Lake in the San Juan National Forest about 50 miles north of Durango. This is a beautiful area, with spectacular views, situated near a pretty subalpine lake. The site is suitable for either RVs, trailers, or tents. The road to the site is a little rough, but cars can make it. The area is an undeveloped campground but popular for camping, being situated by Little Molas Lake, which is stocked by the Division of Wildlife. The camping area has a Forest Service pit toilet. Volunteers are needed for one or more weeks, July 1 through September 8. Call **Ted La May** at (970) 259-3308 or E-mail him at patnted2amigos@compuserve.com, or call the CTF office.

Additional details and directions to campgrounds are available upon request.

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**Calendar of Events**

**Saturday, June 2:** National Trails Day

**Saturday, June 9:** Crew leader training, South Platte River Bridge, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday, June 9, through Saturday, August 18:** Trail crews

**Sunday, June 17, through Saturday, July 28:** Host program at Meadows Campground

**Saturday, June 23, through Saturday, August 4:** Treks

**Saturday, July 1, through Saturday, August 4:** Outdoor Workshops at Education Center

**Saturday, July 1, through Saturday, September 8:** Host program at Little Molas Lake

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**Trail Crew Leader Training: It’s Not Just for Leaders!**

Have you ever wondered just how to build tread or how a crew camp is organized? Or wondered why don’t THEY do this? Well, here’s your chance not only to learn but also to teach! Come join us on June 9, 2001, at the South Platte River Bridge site so we can all benefit from your ideas about leading and working on Trail crews.

Starting at 9:30 a.m., we will discuss organization of the camp, the work schedules, the assignments, the food (menu, purchasing, and preparation), and all those “little” behind-the-scenes things so important to the success of a crew. Certainly you have some ideas about that! In the afternoon, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., there will be a hands-on opportunity to learn from **Ted La May**—former CT Director, longtime forester, and the guru of trail building—the best techniques and “rules” for building and maintaining a long-lasting trail. As you may suspect, it involves a lot more than scraping away the dirt.

Your input is really wanted. You’ve done it. You know what is important. Sign up now. All CT Friends are invited, and please bring interested family members and friends. Tools will be provided. Wear your work clothes, work boots, and work gloves. Contact the CTF office to sign up and get directions.
Meet Jonathan Krauss and Bill Manning, Two New Members on the CTF Board of Directors

Jonathan Krauss is Assistant County Attorney, Routt County Attorney’s Office, in Steamboat Springs. Bill Manning is Executive Director of Trails 2000, a trails advocacy group in Durango.

(Photo taken at CTF Board of Directors meeting on March 17, 2001)

Bill Manning explains alternative routes for extending The Colorado Trail into Durango.

CTF Board of Directors Planning Retreat, May 4 through 6, 2001, at Ernie Werren’s cabin in Breckenridge, Colorado.

From left to right: Merle McDonald, Glenn Kepler, George Miller, Bill Manning
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The Colorado Trail: The Official Guidebook
© 2000, 5th edition, 288 pages, 29 full-color maps, 90 color photos, 6x9 format, softcover. $ 22.95

Along The Colorado Trail
Color photographs by John Fielder, journal by M. John Fayhee, Hardcover (boxed) $ 35.00
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The Colorado Trail Official Song
Cassette tape, written and performed by Carol Johnson, through-hiker and musician. $ 4.50

The Colorado Trail Map CD-ROM
Official CT reference map series. Print detailed, customizable topographic maps of the CT. Includes GPS waypoint data. For Microsoft Windows or Mac with Virtual PC installed. $ 40.00

The Colorado Trail Wall Poster Map
17x24, with 28 CT segments marked. Published by Trails Illustrated, 1995. $ 9.00

The Colorado Trail Completion Plaque
Triangular CT trail maker above an engraved nameplate on wood. $ 39.00

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CT map in brass on wood with list of segments and up to 30 characters engraved, 9x12. $ 61.00

The Colorado Trail Commemorative Plaque
CT map in brass on wood with up to 50 characters engraved, 9x12. $ 70.00

The Colorado Trail Marker
4½ inch high triangular plastic sign used to mark the CT. $ 2.50

The Colorado Trail T-shirts
Short sleeved, 50/50 blend, CT map on front, segments on back. Size _____ Color ________ $ 11.00
Jade green, khaki brown, royal blue, birch gray. S, M, L, XL
Long sleeved, 100% pre-shrunk cotton, with embroidered CT logo. Size _____ Color ________ $ 17.00
Heather gray, eggplant. M, L, XL
Fleece Vest
Forest green with black trim and CT logo. S, M, L, XL. Size _____ $ 40.00

The Colorado Trail Baseball Cap
Cotton, embroidered CT logo. $ 15.00

The Colorado Trail Embroidered Patches
CT logo or Completion. $ 2.50

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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+ □
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I am a: Senior □  Student □  Individual □  Family □
My employer offers Matching Funds and I will apply for them. □

I'm ready to volunteer too!

☐ I want to work on a Trail Crew. Please send information.
☐ I'd like information about Adopters of sections along The Trail.
☐ I will help out with administrative and other volunteer activities.
☐ 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.)
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