GREETINGS TO ALL FOR A GREAT 1988!

The Colorado Trail Foundation wishes everyone an exciting 1988. Do your new year's resolutions included getting out into the mountains more or losing a little winter hibernation weight? Do you know that we are brewing up a schedule that will add "interest" to your summer? Although the details of the much anticipated Trail-A-Bration hike to Durango and 1988 Trail Crew Schedule are separate from this newsletter, we thought we'd include a synopsis of plans within this newsletter.

The Trail-A-Bration hike will commence on Sunday, June 19 on Kenosha Pass. It will take us 5 weeks to hike to Durango. Hikers can start there and go all the way or they can join / leave the group at 4 different locations along the way. This hike is a one time activity that the Foundation is organizing exclusively for those who have worked on the Coloraro Trail in the past as a special way to say "Thanks". We will end up in Durango in time for the Saturday, July 23rd dedication which will include: a Bar-B-Q; a trailhead sign unveiling; speeches by various dignitaries; media coverage, etc., etc. On July 24th the dedication will be duplicated at Waterton Canyon (eastern) trailhead. In addition to Trail-A-Bration, we're encouraging involvement by as many user groups as possible. So far we've attracted: runners who plan to run - relay style - the entire trail length; llama and pack animal groups plan to be along with the Trail-A-Bration. Also the mountain bikers and race walkers are busily working on events for the celebration.

The trail dedication will be a focus this summer, but work must continue on the trail. A full summer's worth of trail crews are scheduled. 10 trail crews will work in the stunning alpine terrain of the rarely visited LaGarita / San Juan Mountains between Creede and Lake City. Crews will be returning to the Copper Mountain and South Park areas and one lucky crew will be working in the isolated and mystical Cochetopa Hills. For the first time a roving trail crew was added to end the summer to tie up the loose ends. We are proud to announce that 5 trail crews will start work on a 150 mile alternate trail through Gunnison. Work should progress fast on this side trail, mostly on existing trails and roads, with only a few locations actually needing new trail.

We need camp help on / for Trail-A-Bration. If you can help on this once in a lifetime experience in the very beautiful scenery Colorado has, let us know. It will be summer you don't want to miss. Rest up and enjoy the short days and long nights of winter as the busy days on the Colorado Trail are just around the corner!
KUDOS !!

It is with great apology and embarrassment that we acknowledge three of our leaders who were left out of our Fall Newsletter. Mr.'s Marshall Buttry and Jim Storjohann each led a trail crew in Fassbinder Gulch and Jean Franck led a crew in the Jefferson Creek area. Most people know Jean as the Foundation's very knowledgable fiscal manager. On top of being a dedicated leader and volunteer, she works into the wee hours to decipher trail crew accounts. Last summer she had a particularly difficult time because of the special requirements imposed on us in order to qualify for the Lottery funds. On Dec. 10th, the Foundation received a letter from Bruce Perlmutter, of the Colo. State Parks and Recreation Dept, from which we quote: "I have completed a review of the documentation of expenditures for the Colorado Trail grant submitted by Jean Franck on your behalf and find them in excellent order. Ms. Franck is to be commended for a difficult job well done..." Thanks Jean, we couldn't do it without you!

Farewell Dinner For Leader

Bob Boblette was honored at farewell dinner at the home of Gudy Gaskill before Christmas. The Fort Collins C.M.C. member is leaving for the Peace Corps this month and will be sadly missed by C.M.C. members as well as the volunteers and leaders of the C.T. Thirty friends and fellow CMC'ers came to hear Bob play his blues harmonica and exchange tales of past summers. Bob sold his home, packed his belongings, loaned/leased his truck to the Colorado Trail Foundation for the next two years, left a gift of camp stove, pots and lantern for us to enjoy. Now, in his retirement, Bob is off to help the world become a better place to live. We are very proud of you Bob!

Colorado Trail To Have 22 Work Crews For Summer 1988

When C.M.C. Denver Group's Chairperson Pam Komjati suggested to everyone present at their annual dinner that they could sign up for a trail crew this summer, we heard several people say "not any more" or "it's too late". We wish that were so, but it's not. This past summer we linked the trail together, not finished it. There will be a minimum of 22 trail crews this summer plus a number of weekend crews to sign, build and relocate the Colorado Trail. This summer's crews will work toward making the trail safer for user groups. In some areas we will build narrow tread in between cairns and in the high La Garita's there will be a great deal of new tread building. There are also boggy areas that need posts and cairns. Come join the fun and pride that goes with the building of a National Heritage.

C.M.C.'s Trails & Huts Committee's Trail Crews

This summer the Trails and Huts Committee will sponsor four trail crews working in our National Forests. The exact areas and dates will be announced in C.M.C.'s Feb. Trail &Timberline. These trail crews will be working in Sopris District, White River N.F. and Taylor River District of the Gunnison N. F. Both of these will be super locations, so if you want a unique summer save a week and/or volunteer to be a leader. Call (303) 922-8315 for more information.
Colorado Trail Foundation Formed

During late August the Colorado Trail Foundation, a nonprofit Colo. Corporation, became a reality. The sole purpose of the foundation will be to maintain and organize all functions pertaining to the Colorado Trail. This includes the overseeing, recruiting and training of either 'Adopt the Colorado Trail' volunteer organizations or individuals in how to: maintain their segments of trail; develop trailheads; build loop trails; develop shelters; develop water sites; develop campsites; etc.; as well as publish maps and guide books.

The Colorado Mountain Club Trails and Huts Committee will continue to maintain, reroute or build trails throughout our public lands while the Colo. Trail Foundation will singularly concentrate on the Colorado Trail and its multitude of diverse expansions.

Adopt The Colorado Trail

The 470 mile Colo. Trail has been divided into 43 segments averaging nine miles each. These segments are to be "adopted" by the public sector. Individual groups have already adopted 17 of these segments totaling 169 miles of trail. 300 scenic miles await adoption.

The Foundation will hold a leader training session for leaders on how to maintain a trail. Also they (you!?) will be provided with a trail manual plus an experienced leader to walk your segment of trail with them / you prior to the maintenance week(end) and discuss the needs of that section. Be a leader in this new concept. Help keep our trail beautiful!

Call Gudy for further information at: (303) 525-0809.

Ted Lamay Receives Merit Award

Our last newsletter praised Ted Lamay, U.S.F.S. Animas District Ranger for all his personal hard work on the Colorado Trail. Ted's commitment went well above & beyond his duties as district ranger. We are very pleased to announce that at the Forest Service's Land Management Meeting on Dec 10, Ted received a Merit Award for all that extra effort over the last two years. The meeting, held in Lakewood, CO, was attended by district personnel from a five state area. Presenting the award was Regional Forester Gary Cargill and Gudy Gaskill representing the Colorado Trail Foundation. Ted was well deserving of the award as all who have worked on the Animas District will agree. Thank-you again, Ted!!!

New Colo. Trail Brochures Are Out

Individuals seeking out information on the Colo. Trail will now be greeted with our new colorful brochures that are just rolling off the press. Our old brochures have served us well for the past several years, but it was time for a new look and an impressive look it is! Several people made this possible: Alan Kania, former T&T editor wrote the text; Jerry Albright has produced the sketches; Jon Goldman, Danielle Dascalos and Pam Fleischer of Christopherson & Company coordinated work on the classy layout; Fred & Pat Shaw of Kaufman Company, are donating the printing. THANKS to all who made this eye catching piece of advertising a reality as we are sure that it will bring us a positive reaction.
COLORADO TRAIL COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED

It takes an incredible amount of organizing to plan trail crews; it can turn out to be a fulltime job (nonpaying) for the handful of people who are currently doing it. We thought you should know just what goes on behind the scenes. Committees have been established to accomplish the many tasks that makes the trail crews possible. Many of the committees do not have personnel yet, just in case anyone might be interested. These are some of the committees.

Food Planning and Purchasing Committee is headed by John Stanley and Dorothy Baker. This is one of our most important committees. Food purchasing takes up approximately 90% of our annual budget and when we buy food for the trail crews we buy LOTS of food. Not only is it the purchasing but it is also the loading, separating and distributing the tons of food to the camps.

Camp Equipment Committee is headed by Greg Zolnick and Robyn Adams. At the beginning of each season, we must go through our equipment and repair or replace items, equally distribute gear between camps and just make sure that everything is in order. If we didn't do this important task, our base camps would be in a chaotic state.

Awards and Recognition Committee has been singularly headed by Gudy Gaskill for countless years and everyone on the crews has been touched by her thoughtfulness, whether it was with a patch, pin, certificate, a kind note or a ceramic award. She needs help though. Is any creative person out there listening?

Route Recommendation Committee is currently headed by Greg Zolnick. It gets you out in the wide open spaces while you investigate new proposed routes of the main trail or side trails.

The 1988 Celebration Committee is a one year function only and so far has been staffed by Gudy Gaskill, Randy Jacobs and Roger Girard, but they are desperately looking for additional help. This committee is in charge of organizing the 1988 festivities.

Mail Stuffing Committee is one of those fun social type of get-togethers that everyone looks forward to. Much thinking goes on here, not just mindless stuffing trail crew schedules into envelopes or stapling the newsletter together amid superfluous chatter. One of our challenging but more fun and popular committees.

Tool Acquisition Committee is headed by Greg Zolnick and Robyn Adams. Up to this point, most of our tools have been used and have been rejuvenated by Kurt Mast. Because of this, the tool committee has lots to. Hopefully in the future we can start acquiring new tools and give them a break.

Trail Maintenance Overseeing Committee is headed by Steve Quinn. Since we are currently establishing the adopt-a-trail program this committee will have the very important function of overseeing the maintenance program.

A related committee to the previous is the Crew Leader Training for Trail Maintenance Committee, also headed by Steve Quinn, which is responsible for educating the Adopt-A-Trail people for the maintenance program.
The Shelter Committee looks forward to a time when we establish a series of shelters along the length of the Colo. Trail. We already have one (in the Marshall Pass area) and we have identified several other possibilities. This could be a fun committee to work on.

Slide Show Committee is important because it is one of the main ways that we can spread interest in the Colorado Trail. If a picture is worth a thousand words, our existing slide show is worth a million, but we need people to show it!

Maps and Guide Book Marketing Committee will be in charge of distributing the Foundations upcoming publications. Someone with a business mind would be good for this.

Newsletter Committee is headed by Jim Roeder and his amazing Macintosh® computer (The power to be our best?!). This committee is very important as the newsletter reaches far and wide.

Trail Crew Coordinator is probably one of our most important seasonal posts. So far we don’t have a person(s) to handle this for 1988. Responsible for: sending out information to volunteers; accepts and confirms volunteer’s reservations to the various trail crews; takes calls and answers the questions of volunteers preparing for trail crews. Paul Newendorp handled this position in 1987 and Celia Nobles did the honors (?) in 1986.

T-shirt Committee was formed out of necessity because we have a overabundance of T-shirts left from last summer and it is a real chore to take the orders and send off the merchandise. This job is currently being filled by Irene Cazer and Bea Collins-Slingsby.

The Leader’s Retreat Planner puts together the program for the weekend seminar, usually in May, just prior to the trail crew season. Very important because it’s usually the only time all the leaders can come together, compare notes and learn from each other. Techniques of running a base camp and trail crew are reviewed to insure a smooth running camp.

Safety Committee updates our leaders manual, compiles pamphlets on trail standards and equipment use, puts together and checks our medical kits every summer.

Fund Raising Committee so far doesn’t have a head. This function is important for obvious reasons. Without funding, which mostly goes for food, the Colorado Trail would not be the reality that it is today.

Public Relations Committee could work parallel with the fund raising committee and try to develop a course for the Foundation which would insure an appropriate amount of public exposure.

Archives Committee is headed by Joyce Smiley. It’s their job to put all our pictures, newspaper articles, letters, etc, together into a useful collection.

If any of these committees sounds interesting, be sure and let us know. We can always use the help.
For 10 years Western State College has been conducting environmental assessments to help determine the location of various segments of the Colo.Trail. This work has been superficial and tentative. With the trail almost completely in place the initial and opening environmental inventory must be taken. This will be used to determine what affects users have on the trail and will be used as a base for comparison in the future to indicate needs for repairs, re-routing, or general trail management. The data will be collected, assembled and stored in the Western State College computers. Information gathered will also be used to write or revise the trail manual which is being assembled.

W.S.C. offers a program whereby students may receive 3 to 7 hours of credit for participating in the environmental inventory. The students will come to W.S.C. campus for one week (July 5 to 8) of orientation and then we will spend 4 weeks (July 11- to Aug. 4th) on the trail. The trailwork will be broken up by weekend R&R. Each student will select a particular discipline or sub-discipline, develop a sampling procedure during orientation with the assistance of a faculty member, and then carry out that procedure in the field. Each week when the student returns to campus the field data will be submitted for data processing. At the end of the four weeks a summary report will be expected.

Examples of disciplines or sub-discipline available for consideration are: Wildlife; Climate; Geology; Psychology; Sociology; Water Quality; Hiker Logistics; Trail Assessment and Education (all ages). If several students are interested in the same category, they may be sub-divided. If a student has another specific area of interest it will be considered.

Other than the payment of tuition and fees, there are no additional charges to the student. Each student will be expected to provide their own gear and food. Transportation to and from the trail heads from the campus will be provided. Students are considered U.S.F.S. volunteers and receive the benefits associated with that program.

A second program available from W.S.C. is for those who are in the one week trail crew volunteer program. One hour of credit may be earned.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Hugo A. Frechau, Professor of Botany, W.S.C. of Colo., Gunnison, CO 81230 303-943-2146

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Colo. Trail Receives Funds From R.E.I. - Co-op

The Colorado Trail Foundation has a little extra money for the trail crews due to a REI sponsored and donated proceeds fitness walk. The event took place in Jefferson County's Apex Park on October 17th. Every dollar helps and we appreciate REI's support.

Matching Fund Challenge

We still haven't found anyone who will match the $250 tool fund donation that was given in October by Craig Schroeder. We're slowly acquiring a cache of tools of our own to use independently of the Forest Service. Anyone who's worked on the crews knows we desperately need new or even refurbished tools. This donation to the Colorado Trail Foundation is tax deductible and will help insure perpetual maintenance of your trail.

Newsletter Receives New Look

New editor, Jim Roeder, has renamed and created a new masthead for the newsletter. "Mac" use allows the cut & pasteing to be done on screen and Laser

Colorado Trail Celebration

July 23rd & 24th are the dates set aside for the trail dedication at both trailheads. C.M.C. Groups are encouraged to plan a hike on the trail and join in on the BBQ and the festivities. Other trail users are already planning events such as: a running group will carry a "scroll" the full length; the Rocky Mountain Llama Assoc. is planning a backpack; a horse group's ride will culminate at the Waterton trailhead; mountain bikers and race walkers are also busily working on events.

TWO FORKS DAM

Colorado Trail's Waterton Canyon Trailhead Threatened!!

If Two Forks Dam is constructed by the Denver Water Board and the Metropolitan Water Providers, then the Waterton Canyon Trailhead for the Colorado Trail will be closed for at least eight years. The new dam and reservoir will take out miles of existing trail. We will need your help after the next hearings, which may be sometime in early spring to write letters to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. We are asking that they do not allow construction until a new trailhead is established and the trail rerouted. This must be part of the mitigations. We cannot have this absolutely vital portion of the Colorado Trail closed to public use for a decade. Your letters ARE VITAL TO THE LIFE OF THE COLORADO TRAIL! Write: Richard Gorton, Chief, Environmental Analysis Branch, Planning Division, U.S. Corps of Engineers, 1612 U.S. Post Office and Courthouse, Omaha, Neb. 68102-4978
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