YEAR END REPORT

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In this period of thankful reflection, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to all of you who have helped make Colorado Fourteeners Initiative into the thriving, innovative organization it is today.

We had much to be thankful for in 2022. In January, CFI jointly shared in the Forest Service Chief’s “Honor Award” for the Colorado Fourteeners Program, one of four projects highlighted nationally in the “sustaining our nation’s forests and grasslands” category. Then in April, CFI was honored as the “Statewide Partner of the Year” by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife agency. The awards are high praise for CFI’s work on the 14ers.

Since its founding 28 years ago, CFI has been “A Partnership for Preservation.” On behalf of CFI’s board and staff, please accept my sincere thanks for your continued support of our vital mission. We would not be the successful organization we are today without everything you have done and continue to do for us!

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Executive Director
VOLUNTEER TRAIL STEWARDSHIP:

- 1,440,000: Vertical feet gained by Elbert crew over season (CFI & RMYC)
- $305,017: In-kind value of trail stewardship volunteers
- 1210: Total volunteer stewardship days
- 46: Volunteer projects held

ON-THE-GROUND WORK:

- 21,350: Pounds of timber hauled to 12,800' in about 3 hours on Grays/Torreys using a helicopter
- 720,000: Rock moved by griphoists
- 47,255: Pounds of timber hand carried by humans over entire field season = 1,362 toddlers in Osprey Poco Child Carrier
- 2284: square feet of backwall built = 3.4 interstate billboards
- $50: Amount lost by seasonal staff member who bet against CFI pulling off the helicopter lift operation
- 740: Rock Steps installed (87,000 pounds) = weight of 5,437 adult marmots
- 56: Total hours spent by Grays/Torreys crew driving multiple trailer loads of timber up Stevens Gulch Road at an average of 0.5 mph
- 6188: Cubic feet of soil moved on Shavano = 1,085 bathtubs full of dirt
SUSTAINABLE TRAILS:

- **388:** Average Saturday hiking use on Mount Democrat (Highest across all trail counters)
- **48%:** Share of weekly hiking use occurring on Saturdays and Sundays
- **$1,000:** Value of stolen trail counters
- **4:** Trail counter units tampered with or stolen

CFI’S 2022 SEASON

- **363:** Number of hikers on Mount Lindsey during closure (63% decrease in use compared to 2021)
- **11%:** Reduction in Grays and Torreys Peaks hiker traffic compared to 2021
- **18,131:** Hikers attempting Mount Democrat in 2022 (116% increase over 2021 during private land closure)
- **795:** Busiest day monitored by CFI trail counter (Pikes Peak on 9/17/2022 for Ascent race)
HIKER EDUCATION:

- 64,342: New views of CFI YouTube channel in 2022
- 3: Summits filmed from using drone and/or hand-held camera for private lands educational videos
- 10: Media outlets covering CFI’s 2021 14er Hiking Use Report
- 73: Estimated number of pikas saved by Peak Stewards
- 41: Active individual Peak Steward volunteers
- 34,527: Reach of CFI’s 2021 14er Hiking Use Report on social media
- 3: Crew member tents destroyed by marmots on Mount Wilson project

MISCELLANEOUS:

- 2,125: Gallons of sunscreen used by staff
- 2: Statewide and national awards won by CFI
- 10: Workers’ comp claims filed
- 1: Parked truck damaged in hit-and-run accident
- 128: Mule loads packing in and out of basecamps = 15,360 pounds of gear (60 lbs/mule x 2 loads/mule x 128 loads)
- 36%: Above average rainfall over four-month field season (NOAA data for Leadville/Lake County)
- 10,800: Liters of water filtered by CFI crews
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