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In this season of thankful reflection, we at Colorado Fourteeners Initiative want to acknowledge the many people like you who have contributed their time, talents and donations to help preserve and protect the Fourteeners. Our work would not be possible without your generosity.

On behalf of CFI's board and staff, please accept my sincere thanks for your continued support of our important mission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lloyd F. Athearn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Lloyd F. Athearn**  
**Executive Director**

# VOLUNTEER TRAIL STEWARDSHIP



**61%:**

Of all trail volunteers engaged who were youth

**\$235,227:**

In-kind value of volunteer trail stewardship performed



**794:** Unique trail volunteers engaged



**1,566:** Total volunteer stewardship days (All-time record)

# ON-THE-GROUND WORK



**4,158:** Linear feet of new trail constructed (Eolus and Columbia)

**3,961:** Cumulative miles hiked by Eolus crew (= distance from Dallas to Anchorage)



**31:** Number of sustainable 14er routes built by CFI after Eolus route opened in August

**1,418,472:**

Total feet of elevation gained by the 9-member Eolus crew (= climbing Everest **49** times)



**84,460:**

Linear feet of trail maintained



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**8-9 a.m.:**

Busiest single hour of hiking use on 14ers monitored

## HIKER USE DATA

**12,120:**

Average elevation of 20 trail counter placements

**228:** Average daily hiking use on Mount Elbert (highest of any monitored peak)

**6,162:**

Number of hiker days occurring over three-day weekend (total for 17 locations)



## CFI'S 2016 SEASON

# BY THE NUMBER

**674:**



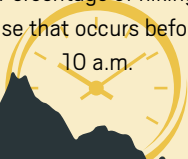
Number of hikers counted on Mount Democrat on July 9 (largest single-day count at any location monitored)

**9**

**JULY**

**60:**

Percentage of hiking use that occurs before



10 a.m.



Number of infrared trail counters deployed in 2016



**66,692:**

Number of hiker days occurring in July (busiest month of use on monitored routes)

# HIKER EDUCATION



**11:** New YouTube videos on pikas and marmots



**2:** Front page stories about CFI in Denver Post

**12,360:**

Total on-mountain hiker education contacts (9,496 by crews, 2,864 by Peak Stewards)



# MISCELLANEOUS



**260,000:** Estimated 14er hiking use days in 2015 (= 3.4x capacity of Mile High Stadium)



**45,358:** Number of miles driven collectively by CFI crews and staff



**\$70.5 million:**

Estimated economic impact of 14er hiking use in 2015



**3:** Private mining claims being bought by CFI atop Mount Shavano to provide legal access for new trail



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