



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.

Thank you for doing hard trail work with us in the high alpine on peaks near and far. Thank you for helping educate hikers about being respectful and safe on the 14ers. Thank you for giving so generously so that CFI can hire and equip the best technical trail builders in the country. Thank you for sharing your passion for the peaks so that CFI can protect them for others to enjoy in the future.

Since its founding 25 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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Cover Photo: Members of CFI's Mount Columbia crew work at sunrise. Photo by Eli Allan, www.eliswindow.net.
Back Photo: A marmot has a nibble in the North Maroon talus field. Photo by Forrest Athearn.



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COLORADO FOURTEENERS INITIATIVE

VOLUNTEER TRAIL STEWARDSHIP



752: Individual trail volunteers engaged

43%:

Percentage of volunteer days performed by youths



\$382,417: Value of trail stewardship volunteers



1,876: Farthest distance traveled by a CFI volunteer (from Great Falls, VA)

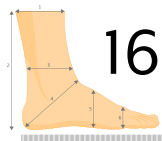


1,706: Total volunteer stewardship days performed

42%:

Percentage of volunteer projects held on Grays/Torrey Peaks

ON-THE-GROUND WORK



16,580:

Square feet of restoration completed on Elbert

3,972:

Linear feet of new trail built on Columbia and Elbert



553: Trees cleared from avalanche debris on trails



1,024: Timber check steps installed



170:

New rock steps built on Columbia



40.6:

Tons of timber checks installed

HIKER USE DATA



Tuesday:

Best day to find solitude on a 14er (only 8.6% of weekly use)



13,813:

Number of Quandary hikers in July (highest month statewide)



353,000:

Overall statewide hiking use estimate



\$95.7 million:

Statewide economic impact from 14er hiking



13,753':

Altitude of highest CFI trail counter (Mt. Sherman)

30.5%:

Amount of statewide hiking use occurring on Saturdays



SUSTAINABLE TRAILS INVENTORY

\$18.4 million:

Estimated cost to bring all 56 main 14er trails to long-term sustainable conditions (\$12.8 million to build new routes, \$5.6 million to improve existing routes)

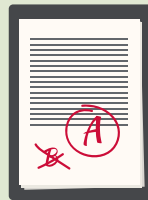
29,180:

GPS-based datapoints collected by CFI about trail features and resource problems



53%:

Percentage of 17 routes that increased at least a full letter grade between inventories



Grays/Torrey Peaks:

Only "F" condition route on a previously CFI-delineated trail

HIKER EDUCATION



7:

Number of new mountain safety YouTube videos released



128,958:

Minutes of CFI videos watched since January 1 (= 89 days, 13 hours)



58,164:

Total year-to-date video views in 2019

25,001:

Most total views for a single video (Human Interactions with Pikas, posted 11/28/2016)



586:

Peak Steward contacts at REI and other presentations

142:

Hiker contacts about dogs off leash



12,175:

On-mountain hiker contacts (6,952 by crews, 5,223 by Peak Steward volunteers)



MISCELLANEOUS



2,092:

Pounds of human waste packed out of CFI basecamps



61:

Number of hand tools broken



3,241:

Rocks quarried without injury



1: Teeth broken when a small pebble was eaten

2,380:

Cubic feet of snow shoveled by hand to set up the Columbia basecamp (Roughly 5 dump truck loads)



4,121%:

Statewide snowpack on June 24 compared to average

