



YEAR-END REPORT

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Colorado Fourteeners Initiative
A Partnership for Preservation



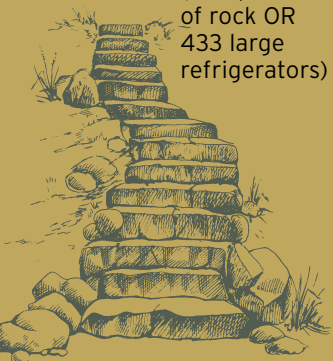
In this period of thankful reflection, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to all of you who have helped make Colorado Fourteeners Initiative into the thriving, innovative organization it is today.

Thank you for helping CFI make the most of this highly unusual pandemic year. To the Peak Stewards who masked up and educated record numbers of 14er hikers. To the trail volunteers who understood our cancellation of projects was designed to keep you safe. We'll see you next summer. To the generous donors who gave during this time of economic challenge so that CFI could field a full crew of seasonal employees. In every way, your passion for the 14ers helps CFI preserve and protect them for all to enjoy.

Since its founding 26 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

520: Rock steps installed (~130,000 lbs of rock OR 433 large refrigerators)



ON-THE-GROUND WORK:

93: Metal gabions installed (each filled basket weighs 3,250 lbs)

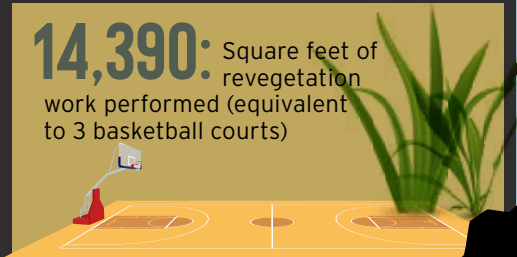


2,511: Cubic feet of rock fill for all gabions quarried and installed (~ 300,000 lbs OR 61 Tesla Model S cars)

4,400/2.2: Pounds / tons timber check steps mule packed in and installed on Uncompahgre Peak



14,390: Square feet of revegetation work performed (equivalent to 3 basketball courts)



3,562: Square feet of back wall installed



PANDEMIC:



0: COVID cases or scares within CFI seasonal staff

3: Number of volunteer projects run due to pandemic limits (All-time low)



6.5: Gallons of hand sanitizer used by CFI crews



76: Total volunteer stewardship days performed (All-time low)



20,800: Number of times crew hands were sanitized during field season



2: ✓✓

Trails with updated
condition inventories
(Elbert & Columbia)

9.8%: ↑
WEEKDAY

Increase in weekday
traffic compared to 2018
(prior high season)

9.5%: ↓
WEEKEND

Decrease
in weekend
traffic
compared to
2018 (prior
high season)

CFI'S 2020 SEASON

BY THE NUMBERS

SUSTAINABLE TRAILS:

23: (📶)

Number of trail counters
installed and monitored



942: Busiest
single day
on monitored peaks
(Mount Bierstadt,
Saturday, July 18)

Total Peak Steward
152: DAYS
volunteered



400%:
Largest increase in
hiking use (Handies Peak,
American Basin raw count)

0:
Days of any peak
with more than
1,000 hikers



292: Hikers
contacted who
were unprepared



44,379:

Seasonal hiker use
days on Quandary
Peak (All-time
record)



3: Days Quandary Peak saw
fewer than 200 hikers in
June, July, August



8: New mountain safety
YouTube videos
released



HIKER EDUCATION:



Minutes of CFI's videos watched since January 1 (=148 days)

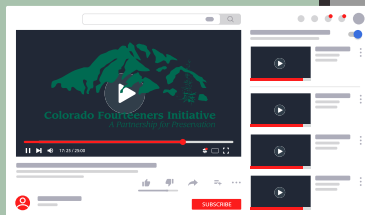


37,343:

On-mountain hiker contacts (10,298 by Peak Steward volunteers, 27,045 by crews; Both all-time records)

12,675:

YTD views of new mountain safety videos



43,724:

Cumulative views for a single video ("Lifecycle and Longevity of a Pika")



45,018:

Miles driven by CFI crews



358/96,000:

Miles hiked / feet of elevation gained by Grays/Torres crew over season



MISCELLANEOUS:

1:

Number of fingertips severed and re-attached



1:

Mules purchased by CFI to assist Forest Service packing



2:

Number of blocks moved by change in CFI office location



1,920:

Pounds of human waste packed out from basecamps





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Front Cover: Uncompahgre Peak at sunset.
Photo by Glenn Randall Photography.
Back Cover: A pika greets the morning sun.
Photo by Forrest Athearn.