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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 blue ink that reads "Lloyd F. Athearn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lloyd F. Athearn
Executive Director

VOLUNTEER TRAIL STEWARDSHIP



946:
Individual trail stewardship
volunteers engaged

2,126 miles:
Greatest distance traveled by
a CFI project volunteer
(from Manchester, NH)

18%: Individually recruited volunteers for
multi-day projects who come from
outside Colorado



25%:
Increase in
volunteer
stewardship
days compared
to 2016's prior
all-time record

1,952: Total volunteer stewardship days performed in 2017
(All-time record)



ON-THE-GROUND WORK

2.21 miles:
Distance of new trail tread cut on Mount Elbert—East Slopes route



13,140 cu. ft.:
Amount of soil moved by hand on
Mount Elbert (= 17,000 full dirt bags)



34:
Toyota Priuses, Equivalent weight of
the 102,720 pound weight of
the Columbia aerial tram



1,361:
Number of vegetation plugs transplanted



13: Number of Dump Trucks required to
transport the 4,244 cu. ft. of rocks moved
to stabilize the Mount Columbia trail



84,440':
Distance of trail
maintained
over the
summer



HIKER USE DATA



\$84.3 million:

Estimated economic impact of hiking 14ers in 2016

49%:



Amount of weekly monitored hiking use that occurs on weekends

CFI'S 2017 SEASON

BY THE NUMBERS

29,000:



Projected number of hikers on Mount Elbert in 2016 (highest of any 14er statewide)

717:



Hikers on Mount Sherman on August 5 (highest day of any monitored peak)

70%:



Percentage of hiking use that occurs between 7 a.m. and noon at 20 monitored locations

16%:

One-year increase in hikers on Mount Elbert (2015 to 2016)

88,688':

Height climbed by one staff member over 250 miles of hiking to conduct inventories



SUSTAINABLE TRAILS INVENTORY

21:



Peaks inventoried this summer: 9 baseline surveys, 12 repeat surveys

5,265:



Total GPS data points inventoried over 83.1 miles of trail

HIKER EDUCATION



18,015:

Minutes of CFI's YouTube videos watched since January 1 (= 12 days, 12 hours)



32:

News stories in which CFI was quoted about 14er issues



43:

Number of Peak Steward volunteer days spent educating hikers

14,806:

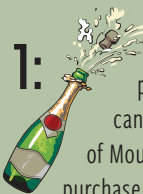
On-mountain hiker contacts (13,079 by CFI crews, 1,727 by Peak Steward volunteers)



MISCELLANEOUS

119 gallons:

Volume of human waste packed out from CFI's three basecamps



1:

Bottles of champagne packed on ice in a bear canister to the summit of Mount Shavano for land purchase celebration



30:

Diameter in feet of new CFI yurt for seasonal housing at Twin Lakes base facility



58,527:

Miles driven during the season by CFI's fleet of 13 vehicles



15:

Stitches required to repair a volunteer's split finger!



37:

Number of tools broken over the summer—mostly hammer handles and saws



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Cover photo: A pika peers over the lip of a rock next to the Mount Columbia worksite. Photo by Eli Allan, www.eliswindow.net.