

A photograph of a rugged, rocky mountain peak under a clear blue sky. Several hikers are visible on the summit. Patches of snow are scattered across the dark, craggy rock face.

YEAR END REPORT

# PROTECT RESTORE EDUCATE



**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.

CFI recently received recognition from the national Coalition of Recreational Trails and the Colorado Lottery for its quality trail construction, maintenance and restoration work. Thank you for all the ways you have helped us gain this reputation.

Since its founding 27 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!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lloyd F. Athearn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Lloyd F. Athearn  
Executive Director

## VOLUNTEER TRAIL STEWARDSHIP:

**\$288,794:**

In-kind value of trail stewardship volunteers



**526:**

Individual volunteers engaged

**76:**

Age of oldest trail maintenance volunteer



**20:**

Most volunteer days performed by a single person

**CANCELLED**

**126:**

Volunteer cancellations

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Total volunteer stewardship days

**25:**

Volunteer no shows

**44:**

Volunteer trail projects held (on 17 routes)



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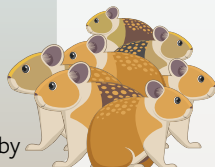
CFI-run project cancelled due to crew illness (tested negative for covid19)



## ON-THE-GROUND WORK:

**5,565:**

Hours spent quarrying rocks  
(= 13,912 episodes of The Simpsons)



**287:**

Rock steps installed  
(~71,750 lbs. OR  
the weight of  
287,000 pikas)

**23.4:**

Miles of trail maintained  
by Adopt-a-Peak crew



**4,554:**

Linear feet of new trail cut

**18,495:**

Square feet  
of vegetation  
restored  
(= 411 ping  
pong tables)



**13,900:**

Highest elevation worked  
on Grays Peak



**6,393:**

Cubic feet of dirt moved  
(= 913 full-size grocery  
shopping carts)



CFI'S 2021 SEASON

# BY THE NUMBERS

**2,334:**

Hikers who climbed Mount Democrat during closure (June 1 – August 6)

**945:**

Hikers seen by Mount Wilson crew during entire season

**751:**

Hikers on Mount Bierstadt in one day (7/10/2021)

**SUSTAINABLE TRAILS:** **1,868:**

Percentage increase in trail features on East Elbert route

**25%:**

Saturday share of weekly hiking use (Busiest day of the week)

**9%:**

Tuesday share of weekly hiking use (Slowest day of the week)

**269:**

Highest average daily hiking use (Quandary Peak)

**23:**

Number of CFI trail counters monitored



## HIKER EDUCATION:

9:

New YouTube videos released (8 on marmots, 1 on Mount Shavano)



7,452:

On-mountain Peak Steward hiker contacts



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Age of youngest

- Peak Steward
- volunteer

166:

Hikers contacted about dogs off leash



133:

Peak Steward days volunteered



273:

Hikers contacted who were unprepared



29:

Percentage of core staff who had fraudulent unemployment claims filed in their names



## MISCELLANEOUS:

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Awards won by CFI trail projects



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Colorado Rapids matches played in 14er-themed jerseys (4 wins, 4 losses, 2 ties)



19:

Tools broken over season



29:

Staff days lost due to case of mono on Wilson project



1,000:

Pounds of human waste packed out from basecamps (= weight of one adult bull moose)







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