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YEAR END REPORT



Colorado Fourteeners Initiative
A Partnership for Preservation



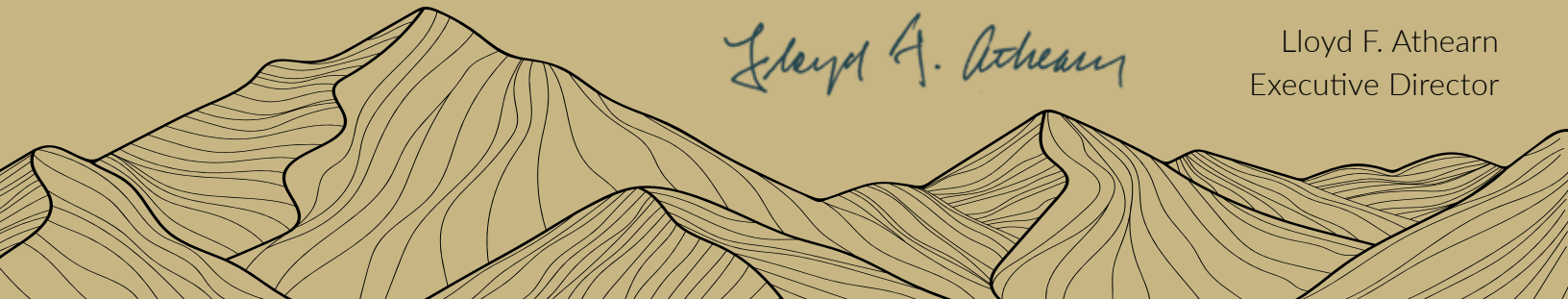
In this period of thankful reflection, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to all of you who have helped make Colorado Fourteeners Initiative into the thriving, innovative organization it is today.

We had much to be thankful for in 2023. CFI helped bring about lasting public access to Mount Democrat and Cameron, we opened the first bypass trail on Mount Shavano and we set the bar for alpine trail stewardship and hiker education work.

Since its founding 29 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 written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lloyd F. Athearn
Executive Director



VOLUNTEER TRAIL STEWARDSHIP:

1186:

Total volunteer stewardship days
(= 3.25 years)

10:

Volunteers from Texas

7:

Most projects volunteered for (by two different volunteers)

1:

Volunteer who admitted canceling due to being too hungover

\$326,008:

In-kind value of trail stewardship volunteers

10:

States volunteers came from (CO, GA, IL, KS, MA, MT, OH, SC, TX, UT)



ON-THE-GROUND WORK:

637:

Timber check steps installed
(= 18 cords of firewood)

13,860':

Elevation of highest trail work (North Elbert)

2,726,400:

Vertical feet hiked by fixed site crews over season (= summiting Elbert 909 times)

1,990,160:

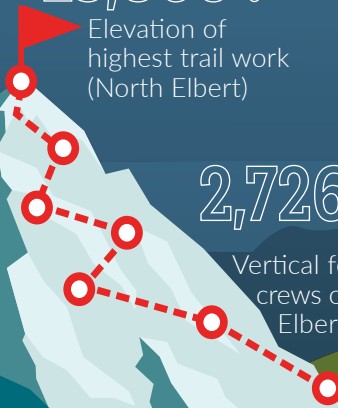
Pounds of rock quarried by CFI crews and built into structures

385:

Cribbed rock steps installed (= weight of 272,708 adult ptarmigan)

20,280:

Cubic feet of soil moved while digging lower Shavano trail
(= volume of 142 Toyota 4-Runners)



CFI'S 2023 SEASON

BY THE NUMBERS

2: Consecutive seasons where Bierstadt counter was stolen



765

Busiest day on monitored trail (Pikes Peak on 9/16/2023, Pikes Peak Ascent race)

2:



Stories referencing CFI in national news media (Washington Post and Wall Street Journal)

2:

Bears encountered while placing/retrieving Mount Lindsey trail counter



9.1:

Percentage of weekly hiking use on Tuesdays (least busy day of week)



6584:

Total Peak Steward hiker contacts



210:

Average daily hiking use on Quandary Peak



HIKER EDUCATION:

New views of CFI's YouTube channel





1821:

Hours spent watching CFI videos



New videos released focusing on private land/access issues

2069:

Most miles traveled to volunteer/steward (Andover, MA to Quandary Peak)

133:

Peak Steward days performed

2:

Days volunteered by Glacier the Ranger Dog (canine Peak Steward)

41:

Active individual Peak Stewards volunteering at least one field day

MISCELLANEOUS:

1:



USFS horse euthanized during trail project (after breaking leg)

1900:

Feet of electric fence strung to create cow-safe Shavano parking area

2:



Toyota Tundra quarter panels dented by cows while parked at Shavano trailhead

576:



Fillo's walking tamales consumed by crews (144 lbs.)

1796 :

Days required to perform a 90-day permit review for USFS building lease



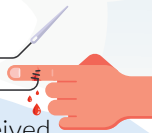
130 & 70:

Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep and mountain goats sighted by upper Shavano crew



9:

Stitches received by member of North Elbert crew





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- Back Cover: A marmot on Culebra Peak's Northwest Ridge
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