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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 a lot to be thankful for in 2024. CFI's largest and most productive seasonal staff completed work on two Mount Elbert routes, opened the second major bypass on Mount Shavano and performed critical trail maintenance across the state. We helped pass legislation protecting private landowners who allow recreational access, educated hikers through crews, volunteers and various media platforms. And, we celebrated CFI's 30th birthday in July!

Since its founding 30 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!

Lloyd F. Athearn
Executive Director

VOLUNTEER TRAIL STEWARDSHIP:

1. Number of volunteer projects relocated due to fire (Missouri to Harvard due to Interlaken Fire)

2. Number of volunteer projects relocated due to incoming snowstorm (Democrat to Quandary - Late September projects)

47: Number of volunteer projects

1058: Total volunteer days (= 2.89 years)

14: Most volunteer projects attended by a single volunteer

12: Number of volunteer days performed by CFI's Board of Directors



ON-THE-GROUND WORK:

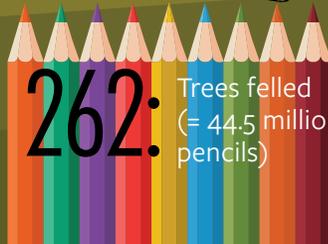
5440: Linear feet of new trail constructed (= 292 Tesla Cybertrucks lined up bumper to bumper)



449: Timber check steps installed (= 1/2 mile of logs laid end to end)



262: Trees felled (= 44.5 million pencils)



4608: Person hours spent quarrying (= to the amount of time needed to run 2297 world record marathons)



298: Rock steps installed (= to the weight of 745 mule deer)



17,599: Cubic feet of soil excavated (= to 20% of the volume of an Olympic swimming pool)



CFI'S 2024 SEASON

BY THE NUMBERS

 131:

Number of Peak Steward days

 0: Number of trail counters stolen. First time since 2021.

\$5.9 MILLION • Reduction in trail maintenance backlog since 2019

5280
5543: Words in 5280 Magazine story profiling CFI's 30th Anniversary

SUSTAINABLE TRAILS:

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664: Busiest single day in 2024, Saturday, August 3rd on Mount Bierstadt

14: Days with 500+ hikers on 14er trails statewide

11: Days on Mount Bierstadt with 500+ hikers on the trail

3650: Busiest single day across all CFI trail counters (Saturday, July 13th)

3: Routes inventoried in 2023 where grades improved

4: Routes inventoried in 2023 where grades decreased

HIKER EDUCATION:

7796: Peak Steward hiker contacts in the field

3: Number of canine Peak Stewards (Glacier, Oakley, and Zephyr)



Lakewood



Consecutive seasons of major reconstruction work on Mount Elbert (East, Northeast, and Black Cloud trails)

Ushiku, Ibaraki, Japan – most distant viewer of CFI’s YouTube channel



Town with most video views on CFI’s YouTube channel

87-0:

Cumulative vote total in Colorado’s Senate and House for SB 58, the new law that limits landowner liability when allowing free recreation on their property

20%: Of CFI’s YouTube channel traffic driven by the keyword “pika”

2: New trail bypass sections opened to the public

47,860: Number of CFI YouTube video views in 2024

MISCELLANEOUS:

1: Crew member who broke arm requiring surgery



364: Video views on Friday, August 2nd – Busiest day for CFI’s YouTube Channel

\$29,000: Amount raised at CFI’s 30th Anniversary Event

19: Number of outreach events attended by Peak Stewards



290: Acres of land blessed by Indigenous Tribes on Mount Democrat

28: Applicants for CFI Controller position in 2024 (vs 3 in 2021)





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