

2011

ANOTHER RECORD YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR CFI

Photo by Glenn Randall (www.glennrandall.com)

◦1 The mile-long closed Mount Yale trail was stabilized with 220 nine-foot-long wattles and 50 wood/rock check dams to control erosion. Almost 15,000 vegetation plugs were transplanted to begin revegetation efforts.



◦2 Work began on Mount of the Holy Cross making the trail more obvious for descending hikers who frequently get off route, inadvertently cause resource damage in the fragile tundra, and often require impactful search-and-rescue efforts.



◦3 All-time record numbers of volunteers participated in CFI's Adopt-a-Peak trail maintenance program and the Peak Steward on-mountain hiker education program.

◦ Detailed GPS-based trail conditions data were collected on 12 routes on 10 peaks that will help monitor the condition of past trail improvements and deterioration rates of user-created routes.

◦ Educational kiosks were installed at three trailheads, CFI's website was completely revamped, and six educational videos were released—all part of a strategy to better inform hikers about preserving and protecting the Fourteeners.



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1: Photos by Lloyd Athearn. 2-3: Photos by Eli Allan (www.eliswindow.net).

2012

AN EVEN MORE AMBITIOUS YEAR PLANNED

Plans are in place for an even more ambitious 2012 field season, with an increase to three trail reconstruction projects, an expanded trail maintenance and data-collection effort, and a multi-faceted hiker education program.

◦1 In addition to completing the trail delineation work, the Mount of the Holy Cross project will close and restore several campsites located immediately adjacent to Cross Creek and replace them with campsites located in more appropriate areas.

◦2 Work will begin on a two-year North Maroon Peak project that will move the hiker-created trail from a muddy, eroding, and vegetated slope to more durable talus fields to protect exceedingly rare plants found in the area.



◦3 The first season of work on San Luis Peak will address resource damage by moving the user-created summit trail away from Stewart Creek and wet, lush wildflower meadows to higher, drier, and more durable terrain.

◦4 With sufficient funding, CFI will expand the Roving Backcountry Crew to four members to increase the trail maintenance work performed on remote Fourteeners that are not easily reached by volunteer groups.

◦ Adopt-a-Peak and Peak Steward programs will again hope to engage more than 1,000 volunteer days preserving and protecting the Fourteeners through active stewardship and public education.



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