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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.

Lloyd F. Athearn
Executive Director
1,952: Total volunteer stewardship days performed in 2017 (All-time record)

946: Individual trail stewardship volunteers engaged

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

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

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

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

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

1,361: Number of vegetation plugs transplanted

34: Toyota Priuses, Equivalent weight of the 102,720 pounds of rocks flown on the Columbia aerial tram

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Amount of weekly monitored hiking use that occurs on weekends: 49%.

Projected number of hikers on Mount Elbert in 2016 (highest of any 14er statewide): 29,000.

Percentage of hiking use that occurs between 7 a.m. and noon at 20 monitored locations: 70%.

One-year increase in hikers on Mount Elbert (2015 to 2016): 16%.

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

Total GPS data points inventoried over 83.1 miles of trail: 5,265.

Height climbed by one staff member over 250 miles of hiking to conduct inventories: 88,688'.

Hikers on Mount Sherman on August 5 (highest day of any monitored peak): 717.

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**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)
- 15: Stitches required to repair a volunteer’s split finger!

**Miscellaneous**

- 119 gallons: Volume of human waste packed out from CFI’s three basecamps
- 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
- 1: Bottles of champagne packed on ice in a bear canister to the summit of Mount Shavano for land purchase celebration
- 37: Number of tools broken over the summer—mostly hammer handles and saws
Cover photo: A pika peers over the lip of a rock next to the Mount Columbia worksite. Photo by Eli Allan, www.eliswindow.net.