

**In 2012 alone... 584 VOLUNTEERS contributed 17,003 hours preserving The Colorado Trail, an astounding \$374,576.09 worth of labor!**



**The Colorado Trail  
Foundation**

**Adopt-A-Trail VOLUNTEERS • 239 Adopters & Helpers • 3,513 hours:**

- Maintained the 486-mile CT (as they do annually)
- 64 volunteer Adopters plus their helpers
- Multiple excursions each summer
- Cleared the Trail, sawing and removing over 1,100 fallen trees
- With hand saws opened the Trail in Segment 12 that had been closed by an extraordinary blow-down
- Cleaned hundreds of water diversions to preserve the tread and limit Trail erosion
- Repaired, replaced and installed signage, including directional signs and confidence markers
- Cut back foliage
- Repaired rockslides
- Reported Trail conditions to the CTF for planning & FS coordination

**Trail Crew VOLUNTEERS • 210 Crew Members • 8,045 hours:**

- Improved The Colorado Trail
- 11 weeklong and 1 weekend Volunteer Trail Crews with an average of 17 participants each
- Constructed 3 bridges, each over 20 feet long.
- Built and refurbished hundreds of water diversions (rolling dips, etc.) to limit erosion and enhance sustainability
- Installed or renovated 5 culverts
- Added 2 equestrian creek crossings
- Removed trees and overgrowth
- Removed 24 stumps from new trail alignment.
- Added rock check steps, check dams, and other water diversions
- Built 2,062 feet of new trail on the Collegiate West 80 new to the CT
- Took in and fed Trail users and educated them about the CTF

**Behind the Scenes VOLUNTEERS • 135 incl. Board, Operations & Office • 5,445 hours:**

- Provided vision, planning, financial assistance, etc. (volunteer Board Members)
- Educated Trail users via on-Trail Outreach
- Made and installed Trail signs
- Scouted, organized and planned logistics for crews and special projects
- Collaborated with Forest Service personnel on trail work and maintenance, etc.
- Managed programs including Trail Crews and Adopt-A-Trail
- Volunteered pro-bono, professional services in graphic design, marketing, editing, etc.
- Mailed *Tread Lines* newsletter and other publications keeping 10,772 households informed
- Delivered completion certificates to over 100 completers
- Reached new CT Friends with presentations and brochures
- Handled accounting and oversight
- Delivered thank-you notes to donors and volunteers
- Partnered with many organizations including the Forest Service, BLM, Colorado Mountain Club, Trails 2000, COMBA, Continental Divide Trail folks and others
- Maintained the CTF website, keeping current all the valuable public info
- Registered participants for Trail Crews
- Planned events including the Friends Picnic, Durango Reception and Holiday Party
- Helped author revision of CT guides

**Thanks to CTF Volunteers and Donors like you, The Colorado Trail remains one of the nation's premier long distance trails. Preservation of The Colorado Trail was made possible through your help!**

**\*\$22.03 [http://IndependentSector.org/volunteer\\_time](http://IndependentSector.org/volunteer_time)**

