



* Community Column - Why I volunteer...

by Dan Brown

A day on the trails in SW Colorado offers some of the most amazing scenery and an encounter with only a handful of people. On the other hand, while in Silverton on the Fourth of July I saw a ton of people.

I had been looking for volunteer opportunities so I joined Trails 2000. Maybe I would meet some new hiking buddies. After a couple work parties I realized I was in the minority. I am neither a mountain biker nor am I doing community service. So, that's not why I volunteer.



A friend of mine whose employer's initials are BLM told me there were women who volunteer with Trails 2000 so they can meet guys. Apparently they all met their guys and quit volunteering. So, that's not why I volunteer.

I hike a lot, often above timberline. On a few occasions I have hoped that my trail work karma would spare me a lightning strike, so far, so good. But that's not why I volunteer.

My children, Isaac and Vanessa, have left home. (Because they reached the age of majority, not because of anything I did). That's how I am able to volunteer.

I enjoy my job with the Southern Ute Growth Fund who supports my effort. Since a majority of my time at work is spent in front of a keyboard and monitor I enjoy Wednesday evenings when we get dirty and sweaty for a few satisfying hours.

Everybody on the planet should be nice to each other all the time, Muslims, Jews, Christians, Anglos, African-Americans, Hispanics, Republicans, Democrats, mountain bikers, horseback riders, hikers and nature lovers on ATVs. We should also take care of what's important to us. That's why I volunteer.

Dan Brown is an avid hiker and trail worker. You may call him Carl.

* Picnic Success

Trails 2000 annual Volunteer and Membership Picnic held at the Rec Center made for a great afternoon. All renewing or new members received an annual Colorado Search and Rescue Card (CORSAR). But Nini's Taqeria, Carver's and Steamworks Beer, drinks by Coca Cola and dessert by Bread also brought plenty of locals down to celebrate in the success and hard work of the past season. Aiko Aiko Sound provided great ambiance and fun was had by all. Special thanks to our volunteers who assisted with set up, take down, registration and to Mike Hurst for his fantastic pouring skills!

* Shout Outs! *

Crew Leaders at Durango Mountain Park:

- * Brian Arndt, Bill Boardman, Chad Cheney, Ted Compton, Daryl Crites and Bob Rule.
- * Colorado Trail Crews at Champion Venture to Gudy's Rest AND Blackhawk.
- * Pete and Lisa Turner, Jayne Griffith, Ted La May, Ed Zink, Mike Dytka and Judy Taylor for horsepack help into the Colorado Trail work weekends.
- * Roger Struss for being an all around wonderful guy.
- * Kristin Paget for her organizational skills.
- * Craig Campbell for his sheer enthusiasm
- * Chad Cheney for encouraging trail stewardship

Thank you!

* National Public Lands Day

On September 27, Trails 2000 will celebrate National Public Lands Day at Durango Mountain Park from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon. Working with the Friends of Mountain Park, five major projects will be completed, including clearing out trash to improving a bench cut on the trail up to Hidden Valley. All tools, drinks and supplies will be provided. Please wear sturdy shoes, long pants, and shirt and bring water, sunscreen and workgloves. If you have any questions, please call Trails 2000 at 970-259-4682 or email Info@trails2000.org. Lunch Provided to those who RSVP by Sept 25 to Info@Trails2000.org



Colorado Trail Champion Venture to Gudy's Rest

Trails 2000 adopted section of the Colorado Trail includes Champion Venture to Gudy's Rest. At 15 miles, it is the largest section in the Columbine Ranger District and the second-longest on the entire Adopters Program.

The work on the Colorado Trail included tree clearing which took place from May 30 to June 20 on three separate outings, including cutting a total of 62 trees on our section. Special thanks to Craig Campbell, Travis Brown, Matt McFee, Matt Leo, Larry Myers, John Percassi, Dave Petersen and Jodie Peters for their help on tree clearing.

The crew included:
Ed and Patti Zink
Mike Ditka
Judy Taylor
Jody Petersen
Dave Peters
Ed Zink
Dan Tobin
Dan Brown
Judy Taylor
John Aardahl
Kimberly Aardahl
Katri McFee
Rich Marker
Emilie Monson
Daryl Crites

After the trees were cleared, we spent an entire weekend on our section fixing and adding drainages, brush clearing, rock work in and additional treadwork. Thanks to our great crew for all of their hard work!



Last year's bridge work still standing



The crew

Colorado Trail-Blackhawk Work Weekend

Each year, the Colorado Trail Foundation's Adopt-A-Trail (AAT) Program and Volunteers accomplish annual maintenance on The Colorado Trail. There are 58 maintenance sections and volunteer Adopters. Along with their volunteer helpers, Adopters remove fallen trees and do Trail maintenance each spring to protect the Trail and make it passable and enjoyable for users. Adopters and their helpers enable the CTF to continue preserving The Colorado Trail.

This year, Colorado Trail adopter Ernie Norris (Bolam Pass to Blackhawk Pass, 7 miles) asked Trails 2000 to come in and work on the tread, reroutes and switchbacks for his adopted section at Blackhawk and help we did. Special thanks to Ernie, Ted La May, Pete and Lisa Turner for horsepack and Nature's Oasis for keeping us fueled up!

Blackhawk Crew:

Daryl Crites
Jim Nichols
Connie Wian
Pete Turner
Lisa Turner
Jayne Griffith
Brian Arndt
Connie Gordon
Tyler Gordon
Anne Englert
Brent Adams
Bob Rule
Carrie Rule
Ernie Norris



"The Lisa smile"



"Pete and his horses"



"Say Cheese!"



"Do you really think that will work?"

Durango Mountain Park

Last year, the City of Durango formed a Stakeholder's Group to assess the Durango Mountain Park. Trails 2000 provided over 700 hours of trail assessment, mapping, flagging and pin flagging to the process to help determine ways to make a loop system. There were many issues addressed and members of the DOW, BLM, neighbors and others were part of the process to improve the trail routes in the park. The group decided to add two more trails and to reroute two others in Phase I of the planning process. Three of the four routes are complete. Signage will be addressed this winter and other issues will continue to be looked at. Thanks for your support.

*Thanks to hundreds of volunteers,
we were able to complete this work in one season!*



Dan Tobin and a powertool!



Bill Lindler building bridge



Wow!



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Women's Resource Center is a valued partner.



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Carver's Brewing Company
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Register on the 30th and be the first to try
Tour of Durango Passport Ale



Thank You to the hundreds of volunteers who contributed more than 3000 hours of time this trail season!

Trails

Anasazi
Animas Mtn
Animas River Trail
Aspen Trail
Ball Lane Connect
Big Canyon
Black Hawk
Cap's Telegraph
Carbon Junction
Cascade Creek
Champion Venture
Chapman Hill
Colorado Trail

Connect to Grandview
Connector to Leyden
Connector to Powerline
Cowboy Trail
Crites Connect
Cuchillo
Dalla
Dry Fork
Durango Mtn Park
Durango Nature Studies
Elbert Creek
Elise Kotlar Mem
Elle Vita

Fort Lewis
Grandview
Hermosa Creek
Hidden Valley
Hofheins Trail
Horse Gulch
Lion's Den
Log Chutes
Meadow
Mercy Trail
Mike's
Mountain Park
Nature Trail

Rim Trail
River Trail
Rocky Road
Roots
Sale Barn
Spirit Trail
Stacy's
Telegraph
Three Springs
Yellow Brick Road
Vallecito Lake

Volunteers

Nancy Agro
Anne Englert and Brent Adams
Brian Arndt
Alexis Watts and Stephen Barnes
Merle Beard
C Bechtolt
Brittany Benk
Julie Best
Gary Blakley
Bill Boardman
Bob Brockley
Dan Brown
Travis and Zara Rose Brown
Sandy and Dean Brown
Kirby Bryant
Cathy Callahan
Shawn Candlarie
Craig Campbell
Anne and Chad Cheeney
Corey Collier
Ted and Moira Compton
Catherine Cooper
Melissa Vance and Paul Cowden
Daryl Crites
Mary Dishman
Diana Bristol and Ronald Dudek
Kenneth Duncan
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Richard and Barbara Dutton

Peter and Jeanie Eastwood
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Betsy Fitzpatrick
Gerry and Lauren Geraghty
Pamela Glasco and Family
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Jayne Griffith
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Henry Heintz
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Mike Hurst
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Frank Mapel
Trevor Martin
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Steve McCormack
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Jamie Nelson
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Hugh Osborne
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Gino Pastore
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Dave Peters and Jodie Petersen
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PLUS

The DEVO Cycling Team
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SMART 160 Committee
Jump Park Committee
Wilderness Working Group
Mountain Park Stakeholders
Bike to Work Day Committee



SHARE THE TRAIL

RESPECT:

OTHER VISITORS - Slow down & communicate when passing,
uphill has right of way.

THE LAND AND WILDLIFE - Leave no trace.

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