



## \* Trail Update

Spring has sprung and we're off doing trailwork. We celebrated Earth Day at Durango Nature Studies (thanks to crew leaders Dave Peters and Jodie Peterson), and had a second celebration with all the employees of BP on Sale Barn. What a hoot. Our Wednesday crew has been equally ambitious and we've already tackled Cuchillo, Stacey's and Animas Mountain. We lopped, built outsloped berms, and did handwork on the trail re-route from the gravel pit. What a crew!

## \* Durango's Bike to Work Day, June 27th Don't pollute, bike commute!

**By Tracy Daniels**

Did you know that according to Bicycling magazine, more than half of all Americans live less than five miles from where they work? Why, then, don't more people ride their bikes to work?

We are lucky to live in Durango, a bicycling destination for people from all over the world. We have well-built roads (usually with shoulders), numerous miles of bike paths and endless miles of county dirt roads for the rougher riders. So, there is no better time to take advantage of one of those fabulous bikes in your garage and start riding to work. Even just riding your bike one day a week makes a difference—you'll get exercise, and do your part in decreasing pollution.

Durango's Bike to Work Day is coming up on Wednesday June 27th, and there will be a celebration from 4-7pm on Main Street between 10th and 11th Avenue. Plan to ride your bike to work and stop by the event on your way home, and tell everyone you know to come along.

Durango Transit will be giving free rides all day, and you can ride with your bike. There will be kids' events, Durango's first Commuter Challenge created by Trails 2000, lots of free give-aways from all your favorite bike shops, a Trek cruiser to win, music, a beer garden, and so much more. We are also proud to announce that this will be a bilingual event.

Please don't miss BTWD this year. Let's celebrate the unique cycling community that we are and don't forget, commuting by bicycle produces zero pollution!

## **Shout Outs! \***

As a volunteer organization, we're depend on the community to help us out—and you do!

A BIG shout out of appreciation to the following corporations and individuals:

- Bob Kunkel for all of his help in planning Bike To Work Day.
- Bill Boardman for delivering maps and his all-around fantastic attitude.
- Marc Snider and City Span 10 for their support. What a great group!
- Anne Cramer for her help with our picnic planning.

## **WE NEED YOU!**

- We need volunteers for a workday with the Backcountry Horsemen on Elbert Creek on June 16. Please call to sign up.
- We need volunteers to set up and check in guests at the annual picnic on June 12 from 2-4 p.m. or 4-6 p.m.
- The annual Colorado Trail work weekend is coming up on July 20, 21 and 22. Trails 2000 adopts the longest section of trail, and this year we'll be fixing the bridge on Wall's Gulch. Since your gear is hauled in on horses, all food and drinks are provided, and you get the exhilarating satisfaction of helping to repair the Colorado Trail, this weekend is very popular! Sign up quickly, since spaces are limited and it will fill up soon.

*Please sign up!*





