

COLORADO Volunteer Report 2009



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	Volunteer Hours	Hosted Worker Hours	Total Volunteer Hours
Recreation	23,672.5	9,408	33,080.5
Biological Resources	1,194	3,400	4,594
Wild Horse & Burro	1,802	90,480	92,282
Cadastral Survey	150	0	150
Wilderness	624	0	624
Riparian	2,425	10,490	12,915
Cultural/Paleo	14,576	0	14,576
Minerals	612	0	612
Support Services	6,375	4,100	10,491
Education/interp.	14,296	4,276	18,572
Other	218	480	698
Total Hours	65,944.5	122,634	188,578.5
Funds Expended	\$14,856.00	0	\$14,856
Value of Work	\$1,335,376.13	\$2,483,338.50	\$3,818,714.63

Total Volunteers: 3,262
 Total Hosted Volunteers: 124
 Total All Volunteers: 3,386

2009 BLM Colorado Volunteer of the Year

Judy Files

Judy Ann volunteers for the Montrose BLM/USFS visitor center front desk where she worked 132 hours in Fiscal Year (FY) 2009, and 345 hours in the past 2 ½ years. Judy Ann's friendly personality, helpful attitude, and exceptional knowledge of the local hiking, biking and wintertime recreational opportunities significantly improved customer service to both the public and staff. Front desk volunteers worked 1118.75 hours in FY 2009, with a value of \$22,655. Judy Ann spends hundreds of hours surveying public lands by foot and mountain bike, and enjoys making contact with visitors who are enjoying the area public lands. She answers questions and provides information and directions to help our visitors enjoy the area's outstanding recreational opportunities, while helping educate visitors about land use ethics. Judy Ann has also lent her time and administrative expertise to assisting the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area (NCA) staff with entering special use fee permits into a database, filing recreation permits, preparing envelopes for mailings, and a multitude of other projects. Of particular note is her initiative to update the office brochure racks and brochure supply closet, ensuring that the racks are kept filled to provide important information for visitors. Judy Ann volunteers with the Montrose Library, and is a volunteer on the UNCOM Fiscal Board, which administers grant monies for the Public Lands Partnership and Uncompahgre Plateau Project. She also volunteers for the U.S. Forest Service, and conducts trail work with the Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Association (COPMOBA).

Judy Ann is a retired school teacher and outdoor enthusiast who understands and supports the mission of the BLM, the essential role of volunteers, and the importance of management practices and education efforts that focus on improving public land health. Her passion for the public lands is readily apparent to all who meet her. She is totally committed to educating the community and getting people involved in caring for the public lands through both planning and hands-on projects. Her enthusiasm, professional demeanor, and patience make her successful in working with people of all ages and from all walks of life. The BLM is extremely fortunate to have Judy Ann Files as a committed volunteer.





2009 Colorado Volunteer of the Year Organization

COPMOBA

COPMOBA is one of the most effective trail stewardship organizations in western Colorado and one of the most active volunteer groups. By working closely with public land management agencies, private businesses, and other user groups and organizations, COPMOBA has been the area's driving force for trail development and stewardship. They have contributed hundreds of volunteer hours this year alone to build and maintain sustainable trails and promote responsible recreation on public lands.

This year COPMOBA celebrated 20 years as an organization and was inducted into the Mountain Bike Hall of Fame. In addition to the world famous Kokopelli's Trail and its associated smaller loops, the group is responsible for the creation of the Tabeguache Trail and Paradox Trail.

In recent years COPMOBA has continued its tradition of public land stewardship and volunteerism. Their most recent contributions include the completion of an innovative experts-only "freeride" downhill mountain biking trail called "Free Lunch," and a new loop trail for beginner mountain bikers called "Kid's Meal." The Kid's Meal trail includes interpretive signage that teaches riding skills, riding ethics and natural history, and gives beginning mountain bikers (kids in particular) a chance to learn the sport. COPMOBA partnered with the Hilltop Experiential Learning Project (HELP), a local program for at-risk youth, to construct just over one mile of this loop trail. COPMOBA provided \$1000 for the HELP program to purchase trail tools. Kids Meal was modeled after COPMOBA's first such pioneering venture, Rustlers Loop.

In the past two years alone, COPMOBA-sponsored projects have engaged more than 150 volunteers who contributed over 1000 hours of volunteer labor.

COPMOBA's effectiveness can be attributed to its spirit of volunteerism and a collaborative, common sense approach towards trail development. Maintaining a respectful, professional relationship with the BLM paved the way for trail projects. Volunteering to help with construction and maintenance of sustainable trails demonstrates public land stewardship. COPMOBA's approach has been

emulated and expanded upon by advocacy groups throughout the country. COPMOBA is a true pioneer in the realm of mountain bike trail development and advocacy. The group's commitment to volunteering is responsible for some of the best mountain bike trails available, and has contributed greatly to the BLM Grand Junction Field Office's recreational offerings.

Glenwood Springs Field Office

FRAVERT RESERVOIR/HUBBARD MESA CLEANUP

Approximately 65 volunteers teamed up to remove nearly ten tons of garbage from the Fravert Reservoir and Hubbard Mesa area located northwest of Rifle, Colorado.

The cleanup was a cooperative effort between High Country 4 Wheelers, the BLM, and a host of other local businesses and off-highway vehicle groups, including Code 4x4, Colorado Custom Cycles, Waste Management and the Four Wheelers. What made this cleanup particularly rewarding is that those who turned out were, for the most part, involved in the construction industry. They not only participated with their labor but with the use of many different varieties of heavy equipment including backhoes, skid-steers, bulldozers, dump trucks, and flatbed trailers.

The area is popular locally for a variety of recreational, shooting, and OHV activities.

PRINCE CREEK/CROWN CLEANUP

Approximately 20 people helped remove over two tons of garbage, discarded appliances, and abandoned motor vehicles during the 10th annual cleanup of the Prince Creek and Crown areas southeast of Carbondale. Assisting local residents in rehabilitating this popular riparian day-use area were members of the local mountain biking community

RED HILL (CARBONDALE, CO) COUNCIL

Members of the Carbondale-based Red Hill Council provided over 450 volunteer hours managing and maintaining the nearly 15 miles of hiking and biking trails in Red Hill. Each Thursday night during May 2009, volunteers constructed reroutes of highly used trails and closed unauthorized transit areas.



Royal Gorge Field Office

CUCHARAS CANYON REPAIRS

On June 14, 2009, several members of Rocky Mountain Backcountry Horsemen (RMBCH) joined with the BLM to repair the top of the trail at Wilson's Crossing. They also removed trash that was dumped over the canyon rim. Erosion from rainwater drainage caused the upper part of the trail to wash out and the barrier fence along the top to topple over. Huerfano County not only supplied road base gravel, but they dug a water diversion ditch at the trailhead. RMBCH members spent the better part of the day replacing pieces of fence and fortifying the barrier to prevent similar damage in the future. The crew also used wheel barrows and mules to move a large amount of road base down the trail to fill in washed out sections. They also added a water bar/step in one location to make the going easier for hikers and horseback riders.



DINOSAUR FLATS EARTH DAY EVENT

Eight local students from the 4-H Sharpshooters Club recruited help from their parents to hold an Earth Day event in the BLM's Dinosaur Flats area located in Fremont County, Colorado. The club volunteers cleaned up yard waste and trash. The kids designed and built screens to pick up brass for the project. The club picked up so much trash that they needed assistance from the Colorado Mounted Rangers to pick it up with a skid loader! The club filled a 15-yard trash container donated by Waste Connections of Colorado.



RMBCH

The RMBCH worked on the Booger Red project in May. The 12 club members repaired three trail sections. They worked on two switchbacks, replaced a gate, and set carcinite trail markers in the ground. This trail connects with the Banks trail and provides a 23-mile round trip excursion.

San Luis Valley Public Land Center (SLVPLC)

EARTH DAY

In a continuing effort to recognize Earth Day, 20 students and teachers from Moffat High School showed their enthusiasm by committing a half day of service. Over the course of four hours, the group planted dozens of willows and installed numerous waddles along Kerber Creek as part of an ongoing mining reclamation project. Kerber Creek is currently listed on Colorado's 303(d) list of contaminated waterways, but is steadily improving through this type of restoration effort.

ELEPHANT ROCKS RESTORATION

The SLVPLC teamed up with the Rocky Mountain Field Institute and Fountain Valley School for a four-day senior project. Elephant Rocks is a federally recognized Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and is designated as a Colorado Natural Area, due to the rich cultural heritage, wildlife diversity, rare plant species, and inviting recreational opportunities it offers. These 50 volunteers put in an astonishing 1600 hours of work to help rejuvenate this unique area back to its original form. The area was riddled with broken glass, illegal dumping, and user-created roads. The project rehabilitated 10,763 sq. ft of road, which included seeding 7,801 sq. ft of roadway, and transplanting 241 bunch grass patches. In addition to the road work, the high school seniors also installed 12 wattles, moved approximately 72 boulders to close nine user-created roads, built five timber worm fences, and topped off two dumpsters with trash and glass equaling a weight of more than four tons.

UPPER CROSSING

PaleoCultural Research Group staff, volunteers, and archaeologists from the SLVPLC conducted Archaeological field investigations at the Upper Crossing site over a six-day period in June. Fourteen people devoted a total of 64 person-days (512 hours) to the fieldwork.

The Upper Crossing site has been identified in recent Land Health Assessment effort as a "reference site" for the Upper Saguache Creek Watershed. A proposal to rent out the Upper Crossing Guard Station to the public prompted field investigations. The Upper Crossing has a history dating back 4,500 years to Middle Archaic times. In view of its rich research potential and its likely archaeological integrity, the SLVPLC also identified this site as a key resource for the development



of a public archaeology program. This program will take advantage of a current proposal to transform the guard station from a purely administrative site to a wheel-chair accessible cabin rental, as well as provide a new venue for the interpretation of the prehistory of the San Luis Valley.

KERBER CREEK RESTORATION

The BLM and other partners began the Kerber Creek restoration project in 2005. It focuses on repairing damage caused in the late 1800s - mid 1900s from the Bonanza Mining District. Mine wastes containing heavy metals have had detrimental effects on the creek, including death of vegetation and aquatic life, erosion, and decreased water quality. Metals in tailing piles are mobile in water and then are taken up by plant roots, and cause plant death. Without vegetation to support the structure of the creek, the creek freely erodes.

In FY 2009, two AmeriCorps VISTAs committed 640 hours of service with a focus on capacity building with Kerber Creek stakeholders. The VISTAs coordinated a volunteer weekend and invited 29 volunteers to Kerber Creek to plant countless willow plugs, hand reseed the steep river banks and place of dozens of erosion control structures (wattles, sedge mats, etc.). The volunteers added 450 hours of work to this ongoing endeavor.

PULLING FOR COLORADO

On Friday July 10, 2009, nine volunteers dedicated 64 hours (combined effort with Forest Service totaled 42 volunteers, 19 federal employees totaling 562 hours) toward the San Luis Valley's first "Pulling for Colorado" event. These 61 participants focused their efforts across three locations that were beset by noxious weeds such as Black Henbane, Canada Thistle, Oxeye Daisy, and Downy Brome (aka:cheatgrass).

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

The San Luis Valley floor stretches out amply for over 50 miles near the town of Manassa, CO. Conspicuous rock outcroppings, like Jacob's Rock, often draw a high volume of recreation. Manassa is deep inside Conejos County. Although this area may be rich with hardworking farmers, dusty cattle ranchers, and proud families, it lacks certain amenities that most of us often take for granted, amenities like a local landfill. Regrettably a few of Conejos County's residents find it more cost efficient to freely dump their unwanted items on BLM land. The

cost of illegal dumping isn't something we can quantify with a dollar figure. When these unsightly items find their way into our recreation areas they become eyesores as well as a potential health hazards.

September 26, 2009, marked the 16th anniversary of National Public Lands Day with more than 150,000 volunteers celebrating the beauty and splendor of public lands across the nation. The SLVPLC joined in this national movement by hosting a massive cleanup of Jacob's Rock, near Manassa, CO. Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado volunteer coordinator, Rob Santoro, led 25 local volunteers, six federal employees, and the Secretary of the Interior, in cleaning up this frequently used open space. Secretary Salazar made a surprise appearance during the morning's welcome speech, where he graciously shook the hands of the participants and sincerely thanked them for cleaning up an area that he often visited during his childhood; Secretary Salazar grew up only two miles away from Jacob's Rock. The Secretary's heartfelt words helped inspire the volunteers to pick up and remove over four tons of tires, couches, and broken glass, thus reclaiming this majestic land for its surrounding residents, and giving the community the ability to safely enjoy its natural beauty for generations to come.





Uncompahgre Field Office/ Gunnison Gorge NCA

FRONT DESK VOLUNTEERS

The Uncompahgre Field Office and the USFS Ouray Ranger District have recruited volunteers to help out at the front desk in the public lands building in Montrose, CO. Currently, we have nine volunteers at the Front Desk who are supervised by the office volunteer coordinator. The "Front Desk" volunteers dedicated 1,119 hours of their time to help answer questions for the general public, route phone calls, assist with filing, operate the office bookstore, and assist specialists with office projects. Montrose Public Lands front desk volunteer Judy Ann Files received the 2009 BLM Colorado Volunteer of the Year Award for her outstanding service.

GUNNISON RIVER ROCK ART SHELTER PROJECT

A professor and students from Western Wyoming College continued conducting inventories and excavation at the Gunnison River rock art site this summer. Prehistoric deposits and archaeological remains dating back 7,000+ years are analyzed and curated at the College. This year, in addition to the usual excavations, a team of specialists from New Zealand brought in equipment and completed a three-dimensional laser-based scan of the shelter, creating an accurately scaled 3-D model of the site and its environs. Additionally, the office has 13 site stewards who maintain other archaeological sites.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY - COOL ROCK TRAIL PROJECT

In celebration of the NCA's 10th anniversary and National Public Lands Day, volunteers ranging in age from 8 to 80 removed an old range fence and constructed a hiking trail into the Cool Rock Canyon "living classroom" site.

The group learned about the NCA's resource rehabilitation, protection and recreation enhancement projects at the site, including: tamarisk and knapweed removal, riparian plantings, road improvements, and 2010 ARRA construction projects.

RIPARIAN RESTORATION PROJECT

Volunteers planted hundreds of cottonwood poles and replanted cuttings and seedlings along the Gunnison River to replace those lost to beaver predation and root rot due to extended high flows in 2008. Based on the analysis of the problems incurred in 2008, our ecologist designed a new study employing a combination of new root hormone treatments, different planting times, and a wider range of planting locations.

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - DELTA CORRECTIONS CENTER (DCC)

The Uncompahgre Field Office partners with the DCC on an eight-person inmate crew and supervisor; the crew contributes \$50,000 a year in labor on NCA projects. FY 2009 projects included: fence construction, sign installation and repair, recreation site maintenance, range and wildlife projects, weed control, and dump cleanups. On average, the crew picks up over 1,200 cubic yards of trash a year in the NCA. The crew is crucial to protecting the NCA's outstanding scenic and sensitive resource values and providing safe and enjoyable visitor experiences.

NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS

Nearly 350 Volunteers assisted in hosting several special projects in celebration of Earth Day, National Rivers Week, National Boating and Fishing Week, National Trails Week, and National Public Lands Day. This year's events included river cleanups, trail building and maintenance, old range fence removal, participation in Trout Unlimited's (TU) Fly Fishing Expo, tamarisk removal, spotted knapweed removal and cultural site protection.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

On September 26, 2009, the Uncompahgre Field Office held a National Public Lands Day event at the Uncompahgre Riverway Recreation Site near the town of Ridgway. We had 22 participants between the ages of 4 and 12 along with eight parents. The day consisted of planting trees and wildflower seeds, a Leave No Trace talk, and a scavenger hunt. The kids planted eight small cottonwood trees with wildflower seed around the base of each. The volunteers received lunch and several prizes.





TAKE IT OUTSIDE (TIO) – PUBLIC LANDS INVESTIGATIONS

As part of our 2009 “Public Lands Investigations” TIO program, students “investigated” the NCA’s world class trout fishery and interesting native plants and critters. They caught and identified river “bugs” (macro-invertebrates) using digital microscopes and a dichotomous key, drew pictures and wrote in journals about the area, collected data on a river restoration project, and learned to tie flies with Gunnison Gorge Anglers volunteers.



The BLM and TU teamed up to answer angler questions and provide NCA fishing information at the annual Gunnison Gorge Fly Fishing show. In September, members of Grand Valley Anglers and Gunnison Gorge Anglers chapters of TU assisted the Division of Wildlife (DOW) in stocking 45,000 whirling disease-resistant Hofer cross rainbow trout into the lower Gunnison River.

14TH ANNUAL PARTNERS FLOAT CLEANUP

In celebration of National Rivers Week, the BLM’s river rangers conducted the 14th Annual Partners Afloat cleanup trip, with partners from Delta, Montrose, and Ouray counties, on the Lower Gunnison River bordering the Dominguez Canyon WSA. “Partners” is a non-profit youth mentoring program. The annual trip provides a fun day for everyone and benefits all users of this beautiful area.



Grand Junction Field Office/ McInnis Canyons NCA

TRAIL PROJECTS

VOC, Gateway Canyons Resort and COPMOBA teamed up to host a three-day trail building project near Gateway, Colorado. Eighty-six volunteers contributed 1155 hours to complete 1 ½ miles of the new Dynamite trail for mountain biking and hiking.

COPMOBA and Bicycle Colorado partnered to build approximately three miles of new singletrack trails in the popular Lunch Loops trail system near Grand Junction.

UTE ETHNOBOTANY DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

The Colorado State University Cooperative Extension Service partnered with the GJFO Cultural Resources staff to help develop the Ute Ethnobotany Demonstration garden. Together they coordinated the planting of 70 native plant specimens representing species that were important in the lives of the area's native Ute people. The plants were donated by Chelsea's Nursery and planted with the help of Ute tribal members and 4th graders from Lincoln Orchard Mesa Elementary School.

TAMARISK AND COTTONWOOD WORK

VOC partnered with Centennial Canoe Outfitters on a four-day volunteer project along the Colorado River. Forty-five volunteers donated more than 30 hours each cutting invasive tamarisk and planting new cottonwood saplings in their place. Centennial Canoe provided volunteer guides, equipment, and food for all of the volunteers. This project marked the completion of the tamarisk removal project along the extremely popular Black Rocks camping area where more than 8,000 boaters spent a night camping in 2009. This project is scheduled to be repeated in 2010 in a different area along the Colorado River.

COTTONWOOD CLUB PROJECT

The Friends of McInnis Canyons (FMC) partnered with Adventure Bound River Expeditions and to begin an ongoing volunteer project called "the Cottonwood Club." Individual volunteers with the FMC each chose to sponsor a new cottonwood tree along the Colorado River and had the opportunity to plant their trees with assistance from Adventure Bound, a local commercial outfitter. They planted 30





cottonwood trees were planted and the FMC plans to continue this project each year.

LITTLE BOOKCLIFFS WILD HORSE HERD

The Friends of the Mustang contributed 1,712 hours in volunteer time toward the stewardship of the Little Bookcliffs wild horse herd. Rose Turner took on the task of managing the group's volunteer data on VolunteerOutdoors.net.

CULTURAL SURVEYS

Joyce Frost continued her long-time dedication to the cultural resources program, donating 476 hours of her time in FY 2009. Joyce assists the staff archaeologists with cultural surveys and documentation.

HELP

HELP again provided at-risk youth with a positive learning opportunity that also benefited BLM public lands. Crews of 8-10 youth spent one day a week constructing new trails and maintaining existing trails during the spring and fall. Twenty-five youth contributed 650 hours of service in FY 2009, completing a new segment of the "Kids Meal" beginner mountain bike loop, finishing the Clunker mountain bike trail, and repairing several deteriorating trail sections with high-quality rock work.



WESTERN SLOPE ATV ASSOCIATION

The Western Slope ATV Association was very active in public land stewardship this year. Their members contributed 1,652 hours to trail maintenance and construction.

27 1/4 ROAD TARGET SHOOTING CLEANUP

A dedicated group of more than 30 volunteers regularly patrolled and organized cleanups at the 27 1/4 Road target shooting ranges. These volunteers donated nearly 500 hours and cleaned up several tons of trash in FY 2009. They wrapped up the year with a National Public Lands Day project that included a trash cleanup followed by a firearm sight-in event in which volunteers helped hunters sight-in their rifles for hunting season.



DCC PROGRAM

The DCC provided inmate labor to accomplish much needed work for nearly every program in the Field Office. In FY 2009 they contributed

7,890 hours to BLM public lands projects.

WORKENDERS PROGRAM

The Mesa County Corrections Department “Workenders” program assisted with fencing and barrier installations, signing, trash cleanup and a host of other projects. They contributed 2,214 hours to BLM projects.

Anasazi Heritage Center (AHC)/ Canyons of the Ancients National Monument

Volunteers assist in literally every program and aspect of Monument and AHC operations. AHC volunteers contribute seven days a week greeting and providing information for visitors, providing students with outdoor learning experiences in the Monument, preparing artifacts for storage and research, processing library research requests, maintaining the facility and landscaping, assisting with museum shop management and developing and presenting educational programs. Monument volunteers are on-the-ground monitoring the condition of cultural resource sites; documenting road conditions and OHV damage; collecting trash; monitoring wilderness study areas; providing information to hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders; and reclaiming areas impacted by users who create new unauthorized trails. A combined total of 13,361 hours of volunteer time were contributed to the AHC and the Monument.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

Thirty-two volunteers gathered at Mockingbird Mesa to remove and clean up an abandoned water catchment. The volunteers hauled barbed wire, rubber liners, mesh fencing and fence posts to recycling and disposal facilities.

ELDERHOSTEL VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers contributed 736 hours toward completing cultural resource inventory for 45 acres on Cannonball Mesa.





Kremmling Field Office

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY - GORE CANYON TRAIL AND COLORADO RIVER CLEANUP

The 2009 National Public Lands Day consisted of two projects along the Colorado River. The first project continued improvement and maintenance of the Gore Canyon Trail. The second project cleaned up the river corridor and maintained dispersed camp sites along a stretch of the Colorado River. The BLM Kremmling Field Office partnered with the West Grand High School, Headwaters Trails Alliance and employees of the National Sports Center for the Disabled for these projects.

This was the second year that volunteers worked on the Gore Canyon Trail to provide continued and safe access to the upper sections of the Colorado River. Members of Headwaters Trails Alliance and students and teachers from the West Grand High School participated on this project. They rebuilt approximately 1,800 feet of trail tread that had filled (creating unstable outer berms and heavily angles inside sloughing) to full bench standards. These sections of trail had become narrow and unsafe for visitors to the area to pass each other and water was no longer moving across the trail but down it increasing erosion of the tread.

Volunteers installed additional rock cribbing near the end of the trail to ensure safe passage and minimize future maintenance requirements in an area that was unstable. They also installed six large stone steps where the trail meets the high water line, providing safer footing to and from the trail. Additionally, students moved two – 3,000 pound rock slabs and another 1,500 pound rock slab using other rocks as a fulcrum. Volunteers trimmed overgrown branches and shrubs, and removed rock and root hazards to complete basic maintenance on the entire length of the trail corridor.

Employees National Sports Center for the Disabled donated two rafts, and several members of the public volunteered and provided float boats for the Colorado River cleanup. Volunteers inspected and removed trash on both shorelines of the entire 15-mile stretch between the Pumphouse Recreation Area and State Bridge. They worked in three groups, each assigned a separate section of river. Volunteers cleaned ash and debris, and removed trash at 17 dispersed fire rings. The teams also removed a sunken Dory float boat from the river bottom.

TU

This project was a continuation of the 2007 National Public Lands Day project rerouting a fishing access trail from private property onto BLM-administered lands. This foot access trail leads to a popular fishing area along the Fraser River outside of Tabernash, Colorado.

Volunteers from TU completed 0.2 miles of reroute and rehab of the existing trail. This section was an old two track road that was reduced to one sustainable tread. The volunteers installed 22 check dams constructed from harvested beetle kill trees to reduce the amount of runoff on the trail. Other volunteers built twelve rock steps that lead visitors down and up from a small stream to prevent sedimentation into the stream. Another group of volunteers completed general tread maintenance and corridor cleaning, including trimming branches out of the trail, moving rocks, and rebuilding trail tread to allow for water drainage across the trail.

Overall, this was a great project that included many local community members and volunteers from the Front Range. The project provided a more sustainable access trail to the Fraser River for fishermen, hikers, and wildlife viewers. Through the trail work, the BLM continued building a successful partnership with Colorado Headwaters Chapter of TU.

OTHER PROJECTS

This year 28 sophomores from Middle Park High School in Granby volunteered time to build a buck and rail fence at Pumphouse Recreation Site on the Colorado River. The fence was designed to reduce excessive access points to the Colorado River and boat launches along the newly constructed campground. These students completed 300 feet of buck and rail fence.

Volunteers also worked on four dune cleanups at the North Sand Hills, averaging 10-15 large bags of garbage each week, along with large items such as broken grills, tires, and fenders.

The Kremmling Field Office Recreation Resource also had two long-term volunteers that made a huge impact on projects. One of these volunteers was able to complete 57 hours of community service by picking up over 100 bags of garbage in the Wolford Mountain Special Recreation Management Area. The other long-term volunteer spent her time cleaning bathrooms, picking up garbage, cleaning fire pits, and talking with visitors at Pumphouse and Radium Recreation Sites on the Colorado River.



Gunnison Field Office

CULTURAL PROGRAM

Two volunteers interpreted mining sites for the Alpine Loop Mining History Tour.

RECREATION PROGRAM

- Two SCA interns contributed 480 hours each maintaining facilities and trails, contacting visitors, and patrolling.
- A VISTA Volunteer with Lake Fork Watershed Stakeholders spent five months in trailer for a total of 200 hours working on educational programs, presentations, and public education materials.
- A campground host at Mill Creek contributed two months and 240 total hours maintaining facilities, contacting visitors, and patrolling trails.
- Twelve Western State College (WSC) students contributed eight hours each toward trail work on Silver Creek Trail.
- Six Girl Scouts contributed three hours each to clean up fire pits at Pike Snowden Meadow.
- Through COBS 18 volunteers contributed eight hours each toward trail work on Silver Creek Trail.
- Sixteen Lake City Youth Corps members contributed four days at five hours per day toward trail work on Waterdog Trail.
- A WSC student contributed 20 hours working on a shooting brochure.
- Jeff Pappas contributed 60 hours on interpretive messages and trail work.
- Bruce and Laurie Lakin contributed 200 hours toward recreation site cleanup and patrols.
- One community service volunteer contribute 30 hours cleaning up shooter sites.
 - The Nordic Club spent 290 hours grooming trails.
- Dave Wiens Gunnison Trails work during several evenings - 12 people @ 8 hours each
 - Four volunteers spent 15 each on bear box construction.
- A volunteer spent six hours installing a culvert at Gold Basin Shooting site.

EARTH DAY CLEANUP - HARTMAN ROCKS

Thirty volunteers contributed four hours each cleaning up the Hartman Rocks Recreation Area.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY PROJECT - HARTMAN ROCKS

For National Public Lands Day 48 volunteers contributed four hours

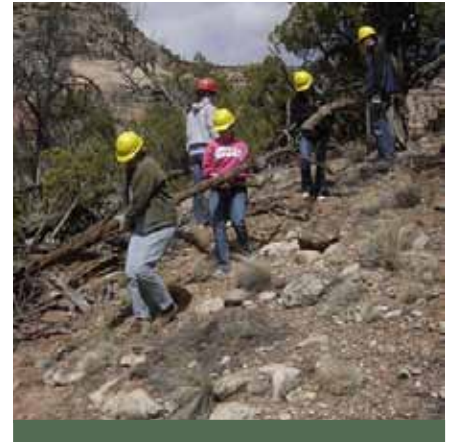
each to reroute Wastewater Treatment Plant Trail at Hartman Rocks Recreation Area.

OTHER PROJECTS

- A WSC art professor contributed 200 hours on the Jr Explorer booklet (students were paid but not the instructor).
- Twenty volunteers contributed four hours at the Hartman Rocks Climbers' Cleanup.
- Kevin Heidenriech worked two hours per day for ten days cleaning up Lost Canyon shooter site.
- Four volunteers contributed 32 hours each on outfitter work at Indian Creek on kitchen floor.

San Juan Public Land Center (SJPLC)

- Eighty-five volunteers from Trails 2000 donated 466 hours toward trail maintenance on the Grandview Ridge Trail System, Sale Barn Canyon, and Animas Mountain.
- Sixteen volunteers from the University of Missouri Alternative Spring Break program donated 400 hours cleaning up and putting in a fence around the historic Indian Henry's Cabin.
- Fifteen volunteers donated 50 hours on the Adopt a Road program, cleaning trash along-side the road, and maintaining signs.
- Twenty-three volunteers donated 370 hours to cultural site stewardship on public lands, making sure our cultural sites aren't being damaged.
- Six volunteers from the Kokopelli Bike Club donated 192 hours toward biking trail maintenance.





White River Field Office

A total of 84 volunteers donated 203 hours assisting staff members with several of our programs, including roughly 65 hours to assist our cultural (re-evaluation of archeological sites), wildlife (banding of long-eared owls) and wild horse and burro (compliance) programs.

BOTANY PROGRAM

Five volunteers contributed nearly 70 hours assisting our botanist with monitoring and protecting (fence building) threatened and endangered plant species in the Dudley Bluffs, Duck Creek and Raven Ridge ACEC.

RANGELY ROCK CRAWLERS

Approximately 69 volunteers from the Rangely Rock Crawlers donated 34 hours maintaining trails, picking up litter and establishing courses for the Rangely Jeep Trails in Rangely, Colorado.

COLORADO NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE (CNCC)

Six CNCC students volunteered 36 hours assisting our Recreation Planner cleaning up public lands surrounding the college in Rangely, CO.

Partnerships

Glenwood Springs Field Office

Code 4x4

Colorado Cave Survey
Colorado Custom Cycles
Colorado Environmental Coalition
Colorado Mountain Club
Colorado Outfitters Association
Colorado State Trails Program
Flattoppers Snowmobile Club
High Country 4 Wheelers
Mountain Off-Road Enterprises
Mule Deer Association
Red Hill Council
Rocky Mountain Youth Corp
Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association
Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers
Summit Canyon Mountaineering
Trout Unlimited

Royal Gorge Field Office

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado
Trout Unlimited
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Colorado Department of Corrections
Sangre de Cristo Broadband/Great Old Broads for Wilderness
Front Range Equine Rescue
Rocky Mountain Back Country Horseman
Buffalo Peaks Back Country Horseman
Fremont County Democrats
Colorado Mounted Rangers
Colorado Rock Hoppers
Colorado Quadruplers
Gold Belt Tour National Backcountry Byway Association

Canyons of the Ancients National Monument

Anasazi Historical Society
Canyonlands Natural History Association
Colorado State Historical Fund; Crow Canyon Archaeological Center
McElmo Canyon Research Institute- Elderhostel
San Juan Mountains Association

AHC and Monument Volunteers
donations from other individuals

Grand Junction Field Office

All Metals Welding and Fabrication
Backcountry Horsemen
Bicycle Colorado
Boy Scouts of America -- Western Colorado Council
Caprock Academy
Chick-fil-a
City of Fruita
City of Grand Junction
Colorado Department of Transportation
Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW)
Colorado Natural Areas
Colorado State Parks
Colorado Environmental Coalition (CEC)
Colorado Mountain Club (CMC)
Colorado Mountain College
Colorado National Monument (NPS)
Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO)
Colorado Welcome Center
Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association (COPMOBA)
Delta Correctional Facility
Denver Botanic Gardens
Dinosaur Diamond National Scenic Byway
Friends of McInnis Canyons
Friends of the Mustangs
Fruita Shooting Stars 4-H Club
Gateway Canyons Resort
Grand Junction Visitor and Convention Bureau
Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Grand Valley Bike Patrol (GVBP)
Hilltop Experiential Learning Project
Mesa County
Mesa State College
Motorcycle Trail Riders Association & Bookcliff Rattlers
Museum of Western Colorado
Outdoor Stewardship Institute (OSI)
Recreation Equipment, Inc. (REI)
Ruby Canyon Cycles
School District 51
Sportsman's Warehouse
Summit Canyon Mountaineering

Tamarisk Coalition
Trout Unlimited - Grand Valley Anglers
Unaweeep-Tabeguache Scenic and Historic Byway
Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC)
W.A.T.E.R Club
Western Colorado Congress
Western Colorado Conservation Corps of Partners
Western Slope 4 Wheelers
Western Slope ATV Association
Wilderness Society

Uncompahgre Field Office

Partners/Nexus
North Fork River Improvement Association
City of Delta (Parks and Recreation)
COPMOBA – Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Assoc.
Montrose, Delta and Olathe Schools
Montrose Trail Riders Assoc.
Delta Correctional Center
Montrose/Delta County Sheriffs Department
San Miguel/Montrose/Delta County Weed Board
Montrose High and Middle School Dirt Bike Clubs
Delta County 4-H Club.
San Miguel Watershed Coalition
Uncompahgre Plateau Native Seed Project
OHV Clubs incl. Western Slope 4-Wheelers,
Thunder Mountain Wheelers, Uncompahgre Valley
Trail Riders
Chipeta Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society
Davis Service Center
Unaweeep/Tabeguache Scenic Byway
The Nature Conservancy
Local individuals and land owners
Montrose Recreation District
Colorado State Parks
Colorado Division of Wildlife
U.S. Geological Survey
Delta & Montrose County Tourism Cabinets
Trout Unlimited-Gunnison Gorge and Grand Valley Chapters
Delta County Weed Board
Gunnison River Alliance
Gunnison Gorge Tammy Whackers

Black Canyon National Park Volunteers
Southwest Resource Advisory Council
Western Slope Environmental Resource Council
Chaco Sandals Volunteers
Montrose Visitor and Convention Bureau

San Juan Public Land Center

San Juan Mountains Association
Trails 2000
Alternative Spring Break Program University of Missouri

Kremmling Field Office

Colorado Mountain Club
Colorado Headwaters Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Headwaters Trails Alliance.
Colorado Youth Conservation Corp
Partnerships with several universities for the cultural and historical programs

Gunnison Field Office

Audubon Society
Western State College
National Park Service
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Hartman Rocks User Group
Hartman Rocks Core Group
Western State College
Lake City Youth Corps
Colorado Fourteeners Initiative
Student Conservation Association
Hardrock 100 staff and participants
Gunnison Valley Freeride Group
Gunnison Trails
Student Conservation Association,
Lake Fork Watershed Stakeholders
Lake City area Girl Scouts
Colorado Outward Bound
Gunnison Nordic Club
Conrad's High Country Outfitters
Collbran Job Corps

San Luis Valley Resource Center Partners:

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC)
Adams State College
AmeriCorps VISTA
Fountain Valley School
Mi Animo Youth Program of Del Norte
Moffat High School
PaleoCultural Research Group (PCRG)
Rocky Mountain Field Institute (RMFI)
The People of Platoro
Trout Unlimited
Youth Conservation Corps of the San Luis Valley

White River Field Office

Rangely Rock Crawlers
Colorado Northwest Community College (CNCC)
Colorado Natural Areas Program

