

# Passages

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Continental Divide National Scenic Trail*





# President's Letter

For the past several months, the CDTC Board of Directors have been on an intensive journey to determine what the organization will look like in three years. During this strategic planning process, we have received great input from our nonprofit partners, land managers and other stakeholders.

Thanks to your support, we received praise and validation for all of the hard work we have done over the last four years, but we were also given notice that protection and completion of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail needs to be made even more of a priority.

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The CDTC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

With this mandate, we are moving forward with an ambitious yet realistic three-year plan to grow our capacity to accomplish more great things. Our action items for 2017 and beyond include developing a larger and more active board of directors, increasing staff, improving technology resources, outreach to additional potential partners and trail users, transitioning to a regional model with staff in each trail state, and ramping up our fundraising efforts on behalf of the trail.

Since our start in 2012, we have contributed over 54,000 volunteer hours worth over \$1.23 million! We've also brought in an additional \$500k in private funds to help leverage federal funding in support of the CDT!

In the last quarter of 2016, we brought in three new board members to help us increase our geographic representation and grow into a truly national trail organization. We also stayed on track with our fundraising goals and increased our number of major donations.

We ended 2016 on a high note, but we aren't stopping there. Over the next year, we will bring on additional board members from New Mexico, Wyoming and Montana. We will also target some difficult stretches of trail for completion and identify some key areas for increased corridor protection. We will continue to improve our trail information and provide it to the public so that more people can plan their trips and complete them safely.

The CDTC Board of Directors will undergo transition in 2017 with some officer roles changing, the formation of new committees and a larger overall group of directors. We are very thankful for the support and contributions of three board members who stepped down at the end of 2016: Matt Hudson, Paul Magnanti and Jan Potterveld. As a board, we will strive to honor our founding values by remaining transparent, honest and responsive in all of our interactions with members, staff, volunteers, partners and other stakeholders.

With your continued support, we will meet and exceed our goals for 2017. Thank you so much for all you do for the trail, and we look forward to hearing from you.



Josh Shusko, President,  
CDTC Board of Directors



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# CDTC Year in Review by Teresa Martinez, Executive Director

*Through your financial contributions, volunteer work, and shared Trail experiences with others, CDTC has experienced yet another incredible year! Here are some of the highlights and a brief annual review of our work in 2016.*

## Strategic Planning

Since our formation in 2012, the Continental Divide Trail Coalition (CDTC) has grown dramatically from an all-volunteer effort with an annual budget of \$4,000, to an organization with four full-time and two part-time staff positions and an annual budget of \$250,000. CDTC has quickly become the primary 501(c)(3) nonprofit advocate for the 3,100-mile Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDT) and the primary private-sector partner in managing and protecting the CDT.

Because of this dramatic growth and with the aid of a grant from REI, and the assistance of many partners and stakeholders, CDTC led an effort in 2016 to map a three-year plan for the CDTC. The goal was ensure sustainability, improve efficiency, and set priorities for growth in line with the CDTC's Mission. The power of the CDT to inspire and create a sense of community among supporters and stakeholders was clearly evident at the Strategic Planning Retreat held in September. The retreat brought together an amazing group of volunteers, partners, and stakeholders who spent a gorgeous fall weekend indoors pulling together all of the feedback we received from our Stakeholder Survey and which resulted in our Strategic Plan. Since the September session, our Board and staff has been working to pull all this information into a 3-year plan for CDTC.



*Participants of the CDTC Stakeholder Summit held in Golden, CO on September 15-17, 2016.*

The process created an even more engaged Board of Directors, activated and empowered CDTC Staff, and we hope, an energized and committed community of supporters, after all, this plan is based on your feedback and we heard you loud and clear. The most critical part of this effort is the support of individuals like you. In fact, you, and people like you, are the only reason our work is possible- we simply could not do what we do without you. The finalized plan will be out for review in early 2017, and after your review, we will be ready to take the next steps in our work to protect and complete the CDT.



*Stakeholder Summit participants hard at work.*

## Corridor Protection Success

In 2016, we were thrilled to celebrate the successful acquisition of a critically important 5,000-acre parcel of land in New Mexico, and to report the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail is now more than 95% protected. This crucial acquisition helps complete a 60-mile segment of the CDT, provide critical access for sportsmen to public lands, and secure the foundation for relocating the CDT in the Pie Town and Grants, New Mexico area. A huge thank you goes to our partners at the Trust for Public Land, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the New Mexico State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, specifically New Mexico Land realty Specialist for the BLM, Sarah Naranjo, who has spent the past 8 years moving this project forward.

## Additional successes in 2016 include:

- New records for CDTC volunteer programs: In 2016, CDTC Volunteers contributed 13,208 volunteer hours valued at \$320,592 to the administration and management of the CDT. This includes ten volunteer projects along the CDT in Wyoming, New Mexico,





*Sarah Naranjo, BLM Realty Specialist overlooking Alamocita Creek, the first Land and Water Conservation Fund acquisition for the CDT. This 5000 will help complete 60 new miles of the CDT.*



*View over Alamocita Creek and the soon to be home of the CDT.*

and Colorado, and 27 Trail Adopters/Partners.

- **New Trail Adopter Programs:** CDTC delivered Trail Adopter Training sessions in Silver City and Chama, New Mexico.
- **A New Americorps Partnership:** CDTC added a new Gateway Community Coordinator through a partnership with Americorps and the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement Program. This effort has helped us better support our Existing Gateway Communities but also support and welcome the designation of our new communities like Grants, NM and Salmon, ID.
- **Successful Participation in Land Planning Efforts:** CDTC participated in agency land management planning across the entire CDT, including the Gila, Cibola, Carson, and Rio Grande Forest Plans, and the Travel Management Plan for the Pike/San Isabel National Forest.
- **Continued CDTC Advocacy Efforts:** CDTC representatives attended the annual “Hike the Hill” effort as part of the Partnership for the National Trails System to advocate on behalf of the CDT and the entire National Trails System.
- **New CDTC Publications:** CDTC published the 20 Best Hikes of the CDT in Colorado Pocket Guide!



*Sarah Naranjo sharing the challenges of the project and its impact to the CDT.*

In 2017, we have even more to look forward to. Among other things, we will:

- Start work to “Blaze the CDT” from end to end in 2018, in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the CDT and the 50th anniversary of the designation of the National Trails System.
- Implement new directions in outreach, advocacy, education, information, trail construction, and land protection as a result of our new Strategic Plan!
- Host 10 volunteer stewardship projects and six CDT Trail Adopter training programs in five different states.
- Continue work to secure protection for the CDT in Colorado and New Mexico, so that we can move the CDT off of public highways and onto public lands!

- Create more free, downloadable information about the CDT and services along the Trail.

CDTC will continue to work day and night to ensure the CDT Corridor is protected, our trail users have the best, most current information on trail services and resources, and that we serve our stakeholders and their needs as best we can. WE look forward to building an even stronger organization, and even more engaged grassroots community and hope you will continue to support us along the way.

## 2017 CDTC Volunteer Program by Chad Angell, Field Programs Mgr.

The 2016 CDTC Volunteer Season was a great success! We held 8 projects for a total of 23 days in both Colorado and New Mexico this season and had 131 wonderful volunteers from all over the country on the Trail. Our volunteers donated 2,171 volunteer hours of their time to maintain over 45,000 feet of the Trail and build over 6,500 feet of new CDT.

Do you love the outdoors? Do you want to learn more about Trail Maintenance? Interested in Adopting part of the CDT? Please join our Trail Adopter Program! We can teach you all the skills and knowledge you need to help us maintain this beautiful trail. To learn more please visit our website at <http://continentaldividetrail.org/trail-adopters/> or contact Chad Angell, our CDTC Field Programs Manager, at [cangell@continentaldividetrail.org](mailto:cangell@continentaldividetrail.org) or (303)996-2759.





# Continental Divide Trail Coalition Accomplishments

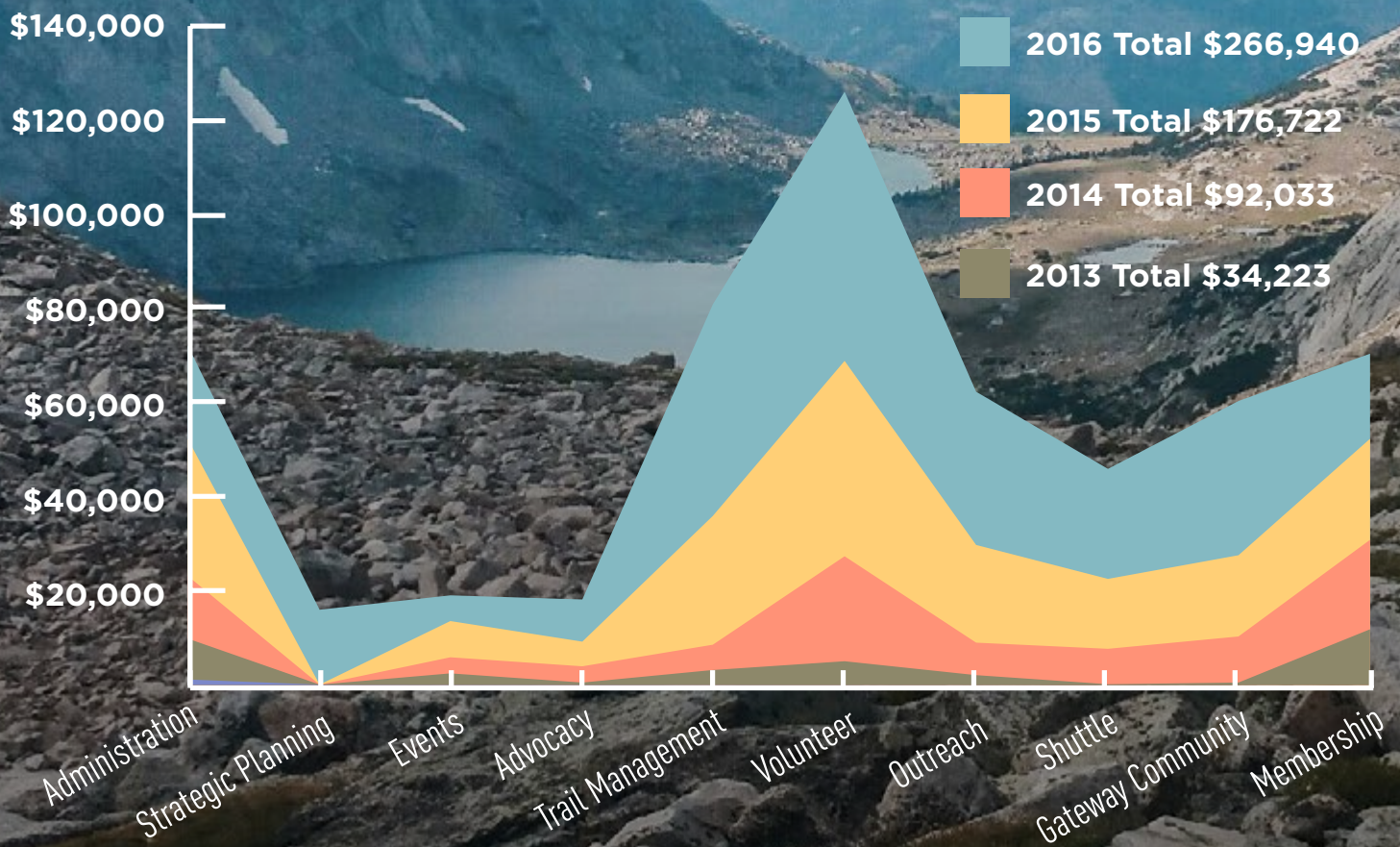
When the Continental Divide Trail Coalition was formed four years ago, we did so knowing that such a nationally significant resource could not go unprotected and supported. Demand has consistently grown for our stewardship programs, showing the commitment of the American Public to the trail's protection.

Today we are recognized as a national partner working on behalf of the CDT by our Federal Agency partners. We have made huge strides in uniting all the voices of those who love, care, steward, enjoy, and wish to see the CDT flourish.

In 2016 CDTC continued to grow and increased our staff to four full time and two part time employees as a direct result for the demand for our support to agencies, partners, and most importantly our users.

CDTC's membership has grown from 1,000 members to 1,200 members and we completed our first strategic plan guiding our work and growth for the next three years. We committed to working with more corporate partners. These partnerships demonstrate the important connection between the outdoor recreation industry and the economic impact of people enjoying our public lands.

## CDTC Growth and Distribution by Program





# Continental Divide Trail Coalition 2016 Year Recap

Thanks to your support, 2016 was the Continental Divide Trail Coalition's BEST YEAR EVER! With all of this work, we continue to build, save, create, and manage a world-class National Scenic Trail across the rooftop of America, grow a passionate, dedicated community, and encourage everyone to #BRAVETHECDT

**543**

volunteers worked

**13,608**

hours valued at

**\$320,592**

**23**

new miles of trail built

**100's**

more maintained

**14**

events reaching

**780**

people

**1200**

members in

**50**

states

**6**

combat veterans supported as part of the Warrior Hike as they transitioned from military to civilian life.



# Continental Divide Trail Coalition Volunteer Growth

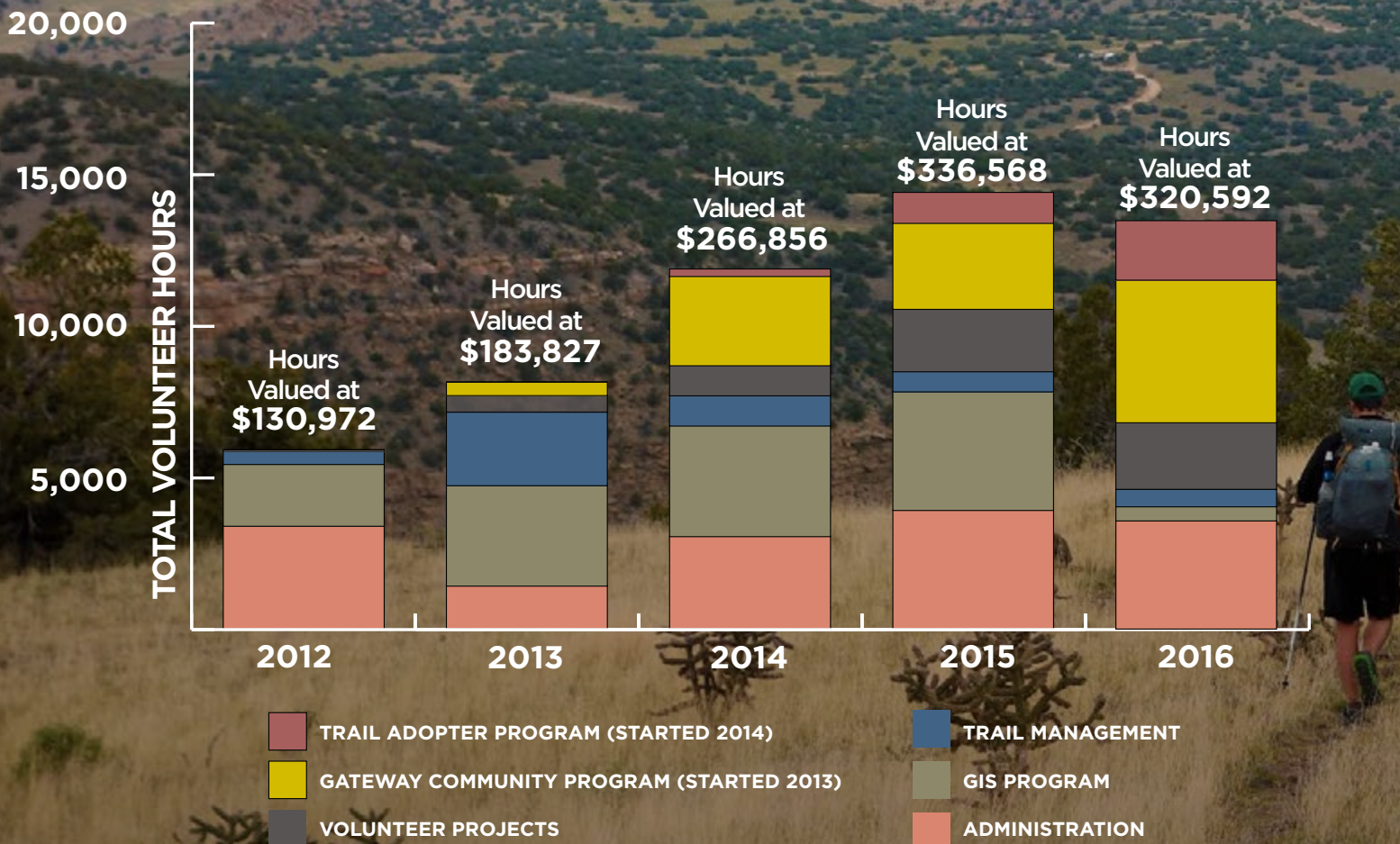
2016 proved to be yet another exciting year for CDTC both on the trail and in the office. Trail season kicked off in April with projects in the Gila National Forest outside of Silver City, NM. These projects are the result of the American Hiking Society's Superior Trails Contest, where CDTC was awarded funding towards completion of the trail in the Silver City area.

Another highlight of the 2016 projects was trail reconstruction on the newly opened Knight Ridge segment near Grand Lake, CO. The trail was opened by volunteers, youth

corps and USFS partners in 2016 after a multi-year closure due to over 700 downed trees. We also hosted our annual projects on the Carson National forest and projects throughout Colorado and Wyoming.

Our Gateway Community program matured in 2016 with a full year of effort from our first Americorps Vista Volunteer based in Silver City dedicated to establishing Gateway Communities. To date there are nine CDT Gateway Communities with several others slated for 2017.

## CDTC Volunteer Hours by Program





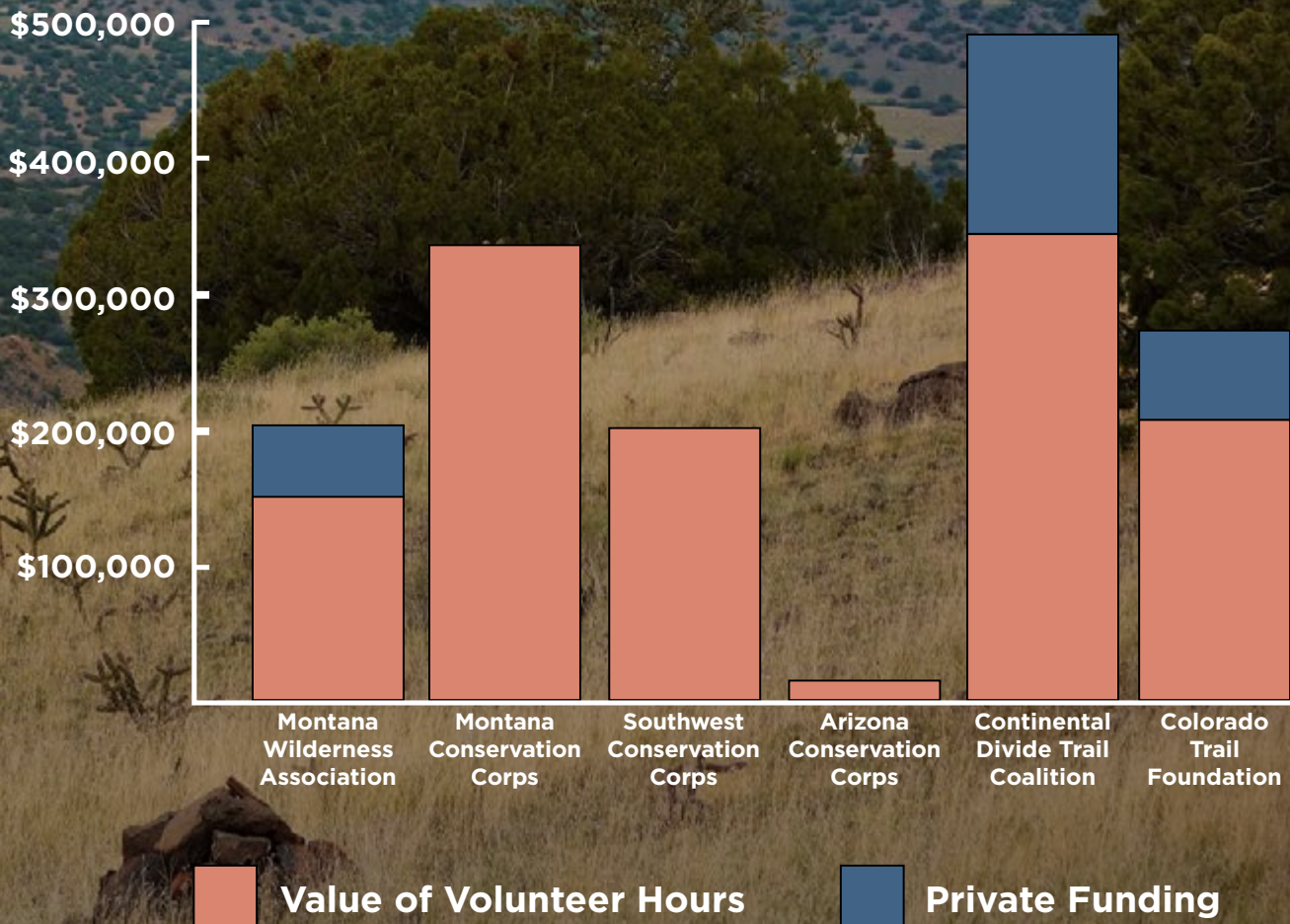
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# Partner Contributions

The Continental Divide Trail has an amazing team of partners and volunteers that help us develop and protect one of the largest conservation projects in the US. Our partners contribute many volunteer hours and raise additional private funding for trail projects along the CDT.

**Together, the future of the CDT looks bright.**

**Partner Contributions to the CDT**  
**\$1,524,543 Total Value**





# US Forest Service Update

by Brenda Yankoviak, CDT Program Administrator

In one short year, we'll celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Trails System Act and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CDT's designation as a National Scenic Trail. In human years, 40 is often viewed as a milestone marking a new phase of life. So it is with the CDT! Due to the tireless efforts of volunteers, partners and agency staff over the past four decades, the CDT is now (mostly) a continuous route located almost entirely within public ownership. This is a huge accomplishment! As the CDT rounds the corner to 40, we're embarking on a new phase of life for the trail- refining the trail's location to ensure its optimal location, and building a strong and diverse trail community. A diversity of voices, perspectives, skills, and backgrounds within the CDT trail community is critical to ensuring the CDT remains relevant and well-protected in the future.



*Lincoln Montana, just three people- with Guthrie Alexander and Leadville RD staff near new CDT section by Winfield, CO.*

During my first 18 months on the job, I've been working alongside CDTC to lay the foundation for that bright future. I have many responsibilities as Trail Administrator, but I view my primary role as Head Cheerleader for the CDT. My goal, which I share with CDTC, is to elevate the status of the trail in the collective consciousness of the managing agencies and the public so there is broad-scale support for stewarding and protecting the CDT. Strong relationships and solid communication is critical to achieving this goal. Consequently, my primary focus has been on building and strengthening relationships with and among agency staff and partners and engaging new partners. I've been getting out on the trail to meet as many people as I can, as there is truly no substitute for "face time" in the field. I'm continually impressed with, and energized by, the passion and dedication of agency staff, partners, and volunteers along the trail!

I've also been developing tools to improve efficiency and help managers fulfill our responsibilities in managing the

CDT. Over the last 10 months, I worked collaboratively with Forest Service staff along the trail, with feedback from several CDT partners, including CDTC, to develop recommended forest plan direction for the CDT. On September 8<sup>th</sup> of 2016, the Regional Foresters for Forest Service Regions 1, 2, 3, and 4 signed a joint letter requiring CDT Forests to take a common approach to providing forest plan direction for the CDT. CDT Forests are to use the base set of recommended direction as a starting point in working with the public to develop a proposed plan. This coordinated effort is a critically important step in providing consistency along the trail and shaping the future of CDT management. Fifteen of the 20 National Forests with the CDT are revising their plans within the next five or so years. I encourage all of you to be engaged in these efforts.

What a privilege, honor, and opportunity to work with the CDT community to help shape the future of this national treasure. In the coming years, we'll be working together to identify the significant scenic, natural, historic and cultural resources associated with the trail corridor, continue to develop trailheads and access points, improve signage, and relocate the trail to its optimal location. Most of all, we'll be working as a strong and diverse trail community to connect people to the outdoors and ensure the CDT long outlasts all of us.



*Brenda Yankoviak with CDTC Staff and partners helping build a strong alliance of engaged partners and local land managers along the entire CDT.*



# New Faces at the CDTC!

*The CDTC welcomes Jenny Gaeng as our next Americorps Vista supporting our Gateway Community Program. CDTC wishes to thank our outgoing Vista, Christy Curd for her contributions this last year.*

Born and raised in Baltimore, MD, Jenny Gaeng had never slept outside until the age of 20. The oldest of four, she led daily urban expeditions down the neighborhood creek. A casual camping trip in college turned into four days of backpacking in southern Ohio, followed by a summer trek through Nepal's Himalayas. Most people would not choose the world's highest mountain pass for their first long-distance hike, but Jenny is not like most people.

Jenny graduated Oberlin College in 2011 with a degree in theater directing and experience in arts administration. In an ever-evolving political climate, her artistic ambitions took a backseat to her thirst for change. Passionate yet momentarily aimless, she returned to Baltimore and immersed herself in public health projects and political activism. But the mountains were calling, and in the early hours of 2012, Jenny moved to Colorado. In the Rockies, she fell in love with large peaks and small towns. She discovered green chile. And she started reimagining her dreams.

In Fort Collins, CO, she directed a volunteer ensemble called the ACTivism Theater Program, which focused on dispelling myths about gender roles and sexual violence. Together with survivors from Larimer County, they created original material and performed for schools, conferences, law enforcement, and more. In 2013, she was hired by Southwest Conservation Corps, working on a crew tasked with trail-building, fire mitigation, and ecological restoration. She spent six months living and working outdoors near Salida, CO, where she first learned about the Continental Divide Trail. Although instantly fixated, it took two years for her to summon the courage



(and the funds) to hike it. In the mean time, she worked as a Cultural Arts Specialist for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Denver, where among other achievements, she started a theater program for at-risk youth ages 6-18. In fall 2015, her program was nominated for a national Honor Award by the organization.

Jenny is absolutely thrilled to join the CDTC team in a position that fuses community organizing with trail stewardship and, of course, the arts. Her main interests include studying the intersection of thruhiking and mental health, and increasing the trail's accessibility to include the communities that sustain it. Her next long hike will be the Te Araroa in New Zealand.

Jenny enjoys creating art, consuming art, and fighting injustices large and small. She is excellent at cooking, knitting, and horrible at playing guitar. She has a lovable lab mix named Koda.

Jenny joins the CDTC fresh from her 2016 northbound CDT hike. For five months and two days, she braved weather and wildlife, and depended on the kindness of strangers. In exchange for embracing the brutality, she gained confidence, empathy, and worldliness. Her favorite part was snowshoeing through the San Juans. It was terrible, terrifying, and the absolute adventure of a lifetime. Her mother is very glad that it's over.

Her New Years resolution is to learn to identify all the different types of cactus in southern New Mexico.





# Saying Goodbye

*Long time CDTC Partner on the Salida Ranger District and constant fixture on CDT volunteer projects on the district, Brett Beasley, passed away on January 5, 2017. We are sharing his obituary from the Chaffee County Times. CDTC sends our thoughts to his family and friends. Brett will be missed on future projects, but we know his spirit will always be with us when in the mountains of Central Colorado.*

## From the Chaffee County Times:

Brett Beasley passed January 5, 2017. He was born January 5, 1970 in Danbury, CT to Robert and Liz Beasley.

Brett worked for the Forest Service for almost 20 years as a recreation specialist for the Salida Ranger District after receiving a Bachelor's of Science in Park Resource Management from Kansas State University.

He met his wife Cari in college and they were married on Oct. 7, 1995 in Moab, Utah.

He enjoyed playing music with friends, going to concerts, mountain biking, skiing, hiking, dirt biking, trail building and fishing. He enjoyed teaching, having fun and watching others enjoy themselves. He was father of two daughters and proud of their musical and athletic accomplishments as well as their academic drive.

Brett was an avid volunteer for many local organizations. He is survived by his wife Cari, his daughters Bari (17), Brooke (15); his parents, Robert and Liz Beasley of Cocoa Beach, FL; his siblings Beverly of Tampa, FL; Brad and wife, Brenda of Cocoa Beach; Bob and wife, Pat of

Cincinnati; Brie of Daytona, FL; nephew Evert and niece Ashley (son and daughter of Beverly); nephew Bradley and niece Brandy (son and daughter of Brad and Brenda); sister- and brother-in-law Cathi and Tom Durham of Asheville, NC and nephews Will (11) and Nate (9).

A memorial service was held on Friday, February 10, 2017. A savings account has been set up for his daughters at Pueblo Bank & Trust.



*Brett Beasley along the new CDT section between Tin cup and Cottonwood Pass in Colorado in July 2015.*







*Our Chef ~ Your Adventure*





# Gateway Community Update by Christy Curd, 2016 CDT GCP Coordinator

“We love hikers!” This is a common sentiment expressed by residents in communities all along the CDT. Especially in the Trail’s nine designated Gateway Communities, that sentiment is backed by concerted community efforts to better serve trail users and raise awareness of the trail. CDTC’s Gateway Community program was established in 2013 with the goal of recognizing communities along the trail for their role in promoting the CDT and serving as good friends and neighbors to the Trail and its users. The program aims to:

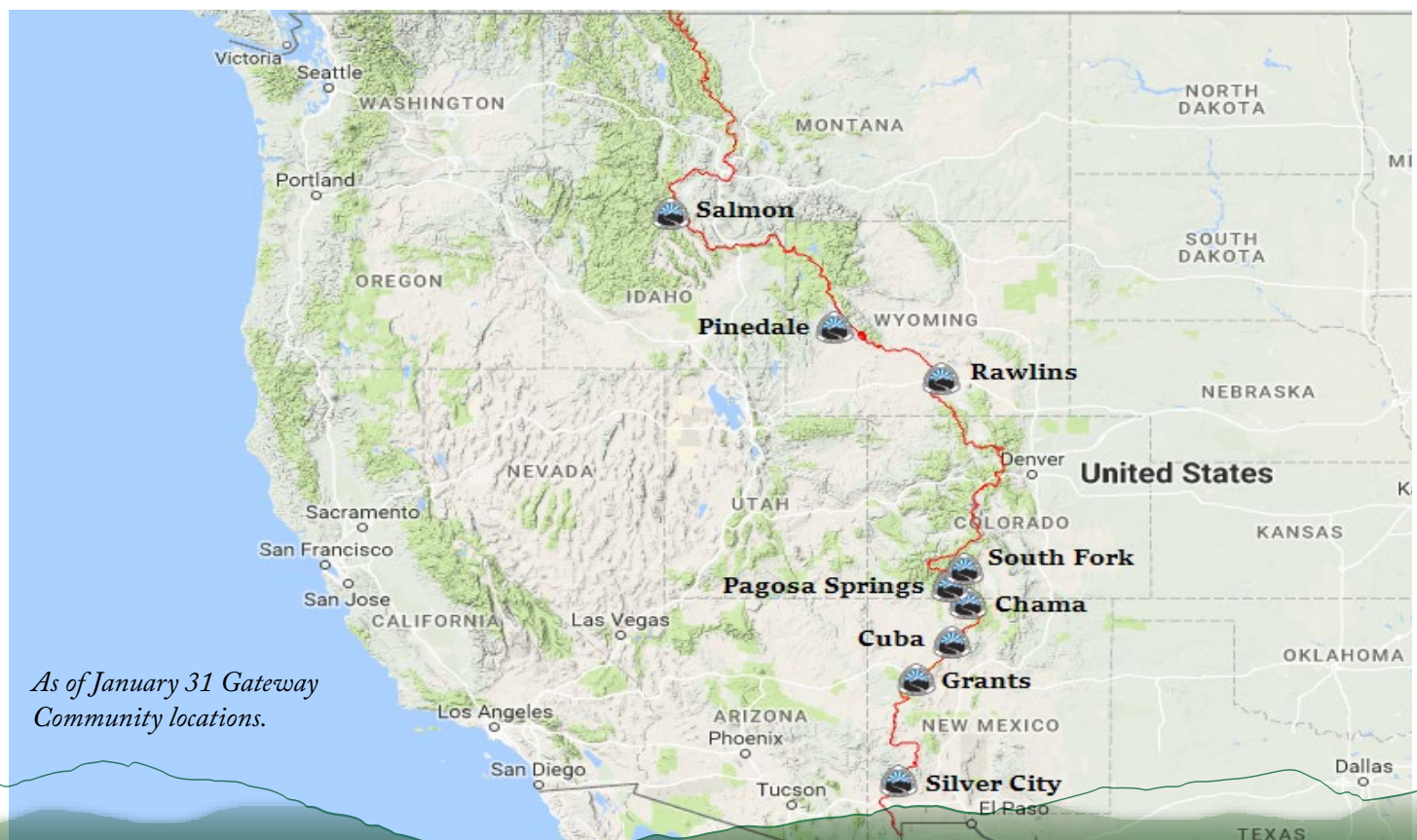
- Engage community citizens, Trail visitors and stewards
- Recognize and thank communities for their service to the Trail and hikers
- Act as a catalyst for enhancing sustainable economic development
- Aid local municipalities and regional areas with conservation planning
- Help local community members see the Trail as a resource and asset

Gateway Communities along the trail are making good progress in their efforts. In Pinedale, Wyoming, July’s Wind River Mountain Festival celebrated the community’s designation and brought representatives from companies like Patagonia, Marmot, North Face, and Keen Footwear

to this remote, rural community. The town of South Fork, Colorado worked with CDTC to obtain funding for bicycles that hikers can use to get around town without needing to hitch. Pagosa Springs, Colorado is developing a community brochure for CDT hikers, and recently designated Grants, New Mexico will begin working on a similar resource. Rawlins, Wyoming and Salmon, Idaho are our two newest Gateway Communities, and both are actively working to become more trail-friendly.

Says CDTC Gateway Community Coordinator Christy Curd, “the program is a win-win: it provides these rural communities with the tools and resources to enhance their economies, and it encourages local residents to take an active role in preserving, protecting, and promoting the CDT.” Communities trail-wide seem to be aware of this: with nine Gateway Communities and eight more working towards designation, the program has tripled in size since last fall. Whether a visitor to one of these communities is on the Trail for an afternoon, a week, or six months, they will find a welcoming, hospitable environment striving to serve recreationists well.

*Christy’s service is completed and we have welcomed Jenny Gaeng,*



*As of January 31 Gateway Community locations.*



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# Stories from the Trail by Dashiell Bove

*This story is from Dashiell Bove and his family's hike last summer along the CDT.*

I'll start from day one. We had been driving for the past two days, starting from LA, stopping one night in a rather nice hotel in Phoenix, and then stopping the following night in a motel in Silver City. I had woken up the following morning to the sound of a shower in the incredibly small bathroom and the door into the room closing shut.



*Dashiell, August and Christof Bove*

The morning was frantic, I showered and quickly packed away all my things into the backpack which I was to be wearing nearly non-stop for the next 20 or so days. Dressing and putting on the backpack, I went downstairs and found the "breakfast" which had been prepared for us by the motel staff. Just a line of donuts and other morning sweets sitting on a plastic table next to a coffee container. I took a handful of donuts and made myself a small, sugary cup of coffee.

I sat in the lobby with my Mom and brother for about ten minutes, before Dad made it down with the rest of our stuff and we unloaded it into the car. We drove briefly, before making a short stop at what I think was a ranger station. We took a picture of ourselves loaded out in camping gear and go back into the car.

We drove up a dry road next to a fire station set up in the middle of the borderline between foothills and the more desertous parts of Silver City.

There we unloaded, got our bags on, and started walking for the first time.

God knows that first day sent a clear message to us about the flaws in our plan. Within four hours we had drained all of our water and were walking in what seemed like 90 degree heat in the middle of coverless desert foothills. We climbed up and down a series of hills and marched through a nearly dead forest into more hills. All the while my throat and mouth and eyes dried up as I dove further and further into a state of waterlessness.

Eventually we found water, albeit in a rather small and somewhat dirty creek. Though honestly I started to find the taste of raw creek, river, and spring water to be some of the most pleasing fluids I have ever tasted.

After the rather precarious situation we encountered on the first day, the three of us resolved to completely fill all of our water containers each night to ensure that we never again encountered the extreme dehydration. This did add quite a few extra pounds, but after the more than harrowing experience of completely running dry, we all agreed we could deal with the added weight.

It is at this point that I lost my ability to calculate time naturally. Within two more days I ceased to feel like things were going from a day to day basis, and that instead there was always a constant continuity. I was no longer seeing our trek as a thing to be measured in milestones, but rather a single stream of walking, eating, sleeping.

To be honest, I found the feeling deeply pleasing. I felt almost liberated, like I had managed to escape some great prison of induced schedule and regulation.

Of course we had our routine, wake, walk, eat, walk, eat, rest, walk, eat, sleep. But this routine never felt monotonous. In the routine there was necessity, something that I had never felt before nor have experienced since. Everything we did was something we needed to do; nothing ever felt pointless or wasteful. Every time we stopped to look out at the forest covered foothills and distant desert mountains of southern New Mexico, every time we found a place to sit and rest for just a little while, every time we ate.

For me, the most difficult part of the hike passed when we clambered over the Black Mountains and fell down into the Gila River.

The first night we spent down on the river was my 16th birthday, and I was gifted extra food in celebration.



The river was cool, and when I first stepped into it I felt something almost orgasmic at finally being able to engulf myself in something with a temperature lower than 80+ degrees. We marched along, across, and threaded through the river for the next few days. By day two on the Gila, we all grew tired of having waterlogged shoes and sopping socks. Dad had started getting blisters. Weirdly enough, August (My brother) never had any blisters through the course of the trip, though he eventually got heat blisters on the backs of his ears.

The first leg of our trip was finished when we reached the Gila Hot Springs. It was managed by the children of a rancher and philanthropist who had lived in the area. There was a little general store that sat above the springs, the store was managed by a rather disgruntled German who had married into the ranch family. When we first arrived there, I gorged myself on soda and chips. I found that Pepsi and Doritos were my favorite combination of food and drink.

We stayed there for three days, relaxing and talking with other hikers and locals.

When we left the springs, we marched into more high desert, though by this point I had grown used and had

begun to even enjoy the heat. We ended up descending back into the Gila and marched along it for two more days. Here the river fell into a canyon, and we ended up scaling up and marching along the canyon walls.

There was a strange shift in environment on the canyon top. The riverside was jungle like in its humidity and crowdedness while the canyon top seemed more like a place between the forest and the high desert, where the trees stood high and dry, one had been struck by lightning and stood as a charred, broken monolith in the middle of a grassy clearing.

We stopped for the night on the canyon top. We were a little ways away from a ranching party that was apparently taking its horses and supplies up the river.

A brief diversion, stars. Being born and raised in the city, I've had very few chances to see starry nights, and only those when I was camping. So when I realized that I had spent almost every night for a month sleeping under the sea of stars, of little infinite white dots shining in differing intensities, I felt an awe. The moon and stars, the night sky in its entirety felt alive. As if the sky had freed itself of the suffocation of city lights and was now able to reveal its beauty.





Our crawl along the Gila ended the following day, and it's here that my memory begins to fog. I can't fully recall the time between us leaving the Gila and the end of our hike. We marched through so much, and the terrain always seemed to shift and sway, the temperature rising and falling while the winds started and stopped.

The walking became automatic, and at some point I ceased to absorb the world around me in the same way I had in the first week. I numbed for a while.

It was when we went to Ghost Ranch and began our final leg of the hike, from Ghost Ranch up to Chama and then back to Ghost Ranch and down. There was change away from the desert during this leg. The dry earth gave way to warm, moist forested hills where rain came and went as it pleased. It was a pleasant shift, and I found myself loving the change. Though we encountered enough mosquitoes that it drove me to scratching my legs to the point of scarring. There was even a brief moment where (I think we were in Carson) we encountered a bear getting treed by a wolf.

The places we marched through on those last two weeks were for me the most striking I had seen. The mountains and the foothills rose above me, covered greens and light yellow; clouds hovering all around, ebbing and flowing as if they were a floating sea. The rain came and went and we were always a little bit wet. I never felt dry in those last weeks and appreciated it. It was also in the Rockies where we found magnificent sights. We would stand at the tip-tops of hills and stare around at all the surrounding countryside, and I would feel a Romantic awe at it all, as if nature itself were engulfing and enlightening me to something beyond my little home life.

Of course I was always relieved when we took break days. It was nice not to have to wake up in the morning and immediately begin moving after eating a rather limited breakfast of pop tarts and coffee. Nice to sleep in too.

Even then, and even now, I feel a incredible nostalgia for just the feelings I had during it all. I haven't been able to quite describe that strange sense of accomplishment and oneness which came upon me during my walking. I felt freed from constraint, detached from the suburban world to which I have become most accustomed.

When I reflect on this all, I know that I am not the most descriptive when it comes to what I saw, but for me, the month I spent walking with a nine year old and a forty nine year old was more of a spiritual experience. I felt liberated.

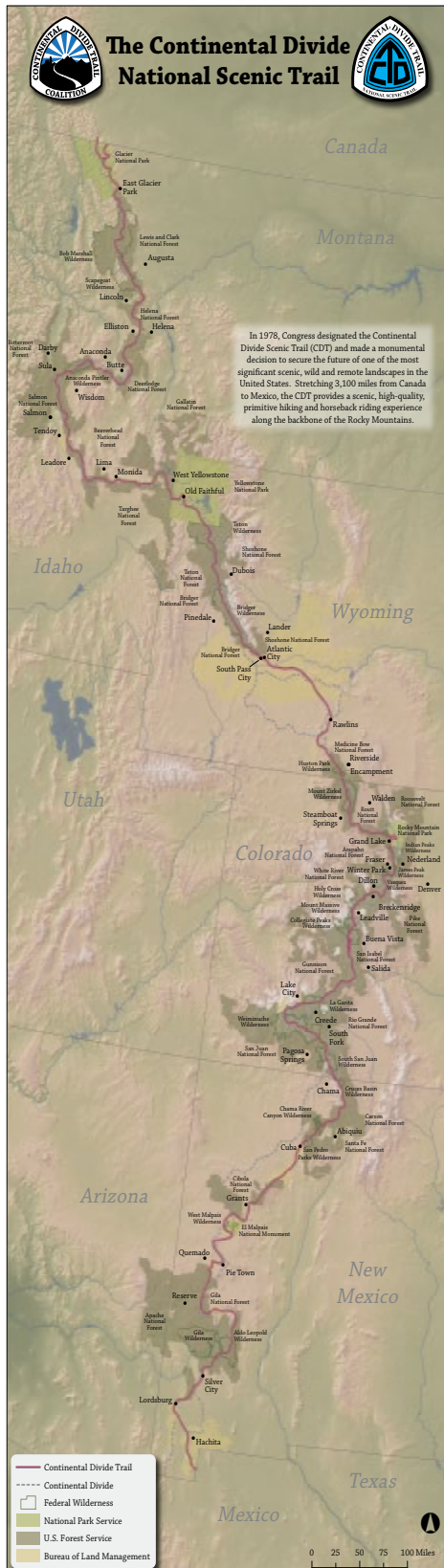
Though what I miss most was a particular feeling. Food. I've always had access to food of my choice, able to pick and choose what I wanted to eat or drink. But hiking for a month meant that we had to have a more regulated diet, and so I had to familiarize myself with mac and cheese and spam, with instant coffee and energy bars which I still loathe. When I was able to eat something more substantial than the hiker's diet, I found food more satisfying. I could feel flavor beyond just tasting it, though now I ate less due to my stomach shrinking. I took more joy in eating for the month following the hike than I can recall.

I again apologize for a lack of much in-depth detail, my memory of the precise details has begun to fade. What I can say with some assuredness is that I can't think of a moment where I don't recall just how beautiful the world around me really was, and that I don't regret a single moment.





# Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, aka The CDT



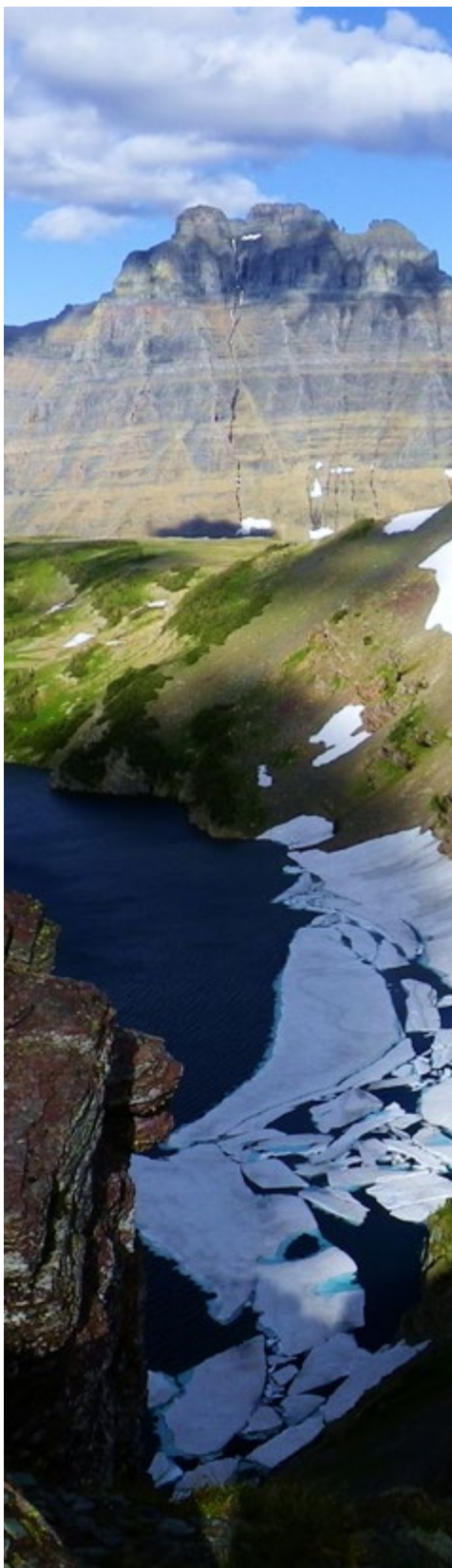
## BASICS

<b>Location</b>	United States
<b>Length</b>	About 3,100 miles
<b>Northern Terminus</b>	Canadian Border, Glacier National Park
<b>Southern Terminus</b>	Mexican Border, Big Hatchets Wilderness Conservation Area
<b>Highest Point</b>	Gray's Peak, Colorado at 14,270 feet
<b>Lowest Point</b>	Waterton Lake, in Glacier National Park at 4,200 feet
<b>States it Travels through</b>	Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, & New Mexico
<b>Uses</b>	Hiking, horseback riding, cross country skiing, hunting, sight seeing, wildlife watching, contemplation, solitude and community.

## FACTS

<b>Protection</b>	The CDT was designated as a National Scenic Trail in 1978 by the Congressional oversight Committee of the National Trails System.
<b>Thru Hikers</b>	In 2016 we estimate 250 people will attempt an end to end continuous thru hike of the CDT each year. The average time to complete it is six months, averaging 17 miles per day.
<b>Stand Alone</b>	The CDT is the highest and most remote of the National Scenic Trails. It is also the longest of the Triple Crown Trails that include the Appalachian and Pacific Crest Trails.
<b>Longest Roadless Section</b>	Weminuche Wilderness, Colorado
<b>Founded by</b>	Benton MacKaye and members of the Rocky Mountain Trail Association and the Colorado Mountain Club originally developed the concept of the CDT. Jim Wolf and the Continental Divide Trail Society built upon their work and helped ensure the CDT was included in the 1978 National Trails System Act.
<b>First thru hike</b>	David Maceyka and a small group documented the first hike of the CDT in the 1930's.





<b>Original Name</b>	The Blue Can Trail. Named for the founders who first walked the Trail, marking their path with blue cans nailed to trees.
<b>Proposed to Congress</b>	1966
<b>Designated</b>	1978
<b>Sources</b>	Continental Divide Trail Coalition, USFS
<b>INCLUDES</b>	
<b>Lots of Space</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 National Forests</li> <li>• 21 wilderness areas</li> <li>• 3 National Parks</li> <li>• 1 National Monument</li> <li>• 8 Bureau of Land Management resource areas</li> </ul>
<b>The Hike</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best place/time to start: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Northbound: March or April from Mexico/New Mexico Border</li> <li>– Southbound: June from the Montana/Canada border</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Both directions have challenges related to weather and terrain.</li> <li>• Most people who travel Northbound end up “flip flopping” along the way to find best travel conditions, while most South bounders have the best chance of a continuous thru hike.</li> </ul>
<b>Permits</b>	There isn't a broad permit for the entire CDT, but there are separate ones for Glacier National Park, Yellowstone National Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, and South San Juan and Weminuche Wilderness areas.
<b>Wildlife</b>	Mountain lions, grizzly bears, elk, rattlesnakes, Moose, wolves, javelinas - name it and you will probably see it along the CDT.
<b>Challenge and Risks</b>	Lightning, moving water, avalanche, hypothermia, heat exhaustion and heat stroke, Giardiasis, altitude, snow and sun blindness, wildlife and human error can all play into the chances of a successful “thru-hike” along the Trail.





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# Trail Management Update

by Teresa Martinez, Executive Director

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The CDTC is recognized by the Forest Service, National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as the major non-governmental partner in the completion, management and protection of the 3,100 miles Continental Divide Trail. CDTC's Trail management and corridor protection efforts are central to our commitment to serve as the lead non-profit management partner in the stewardship of the CDT. The myriad of activities involved in these efforts include participating in corridor protection efforts, participating in forest planning, travel management planning and other agency project proposal efforts, collaborating and support our agency partners to maintain the Trail and its facilities, and responding to proposed developments of many kinds that could harm the Trail's setting and values. Finally, CDTC participates in other issues facing the larger national scenic and historic Trails Community as an active participant in the Partnership for the National Trails System.

## CDTC Corridor Protection Policy

Since 2013, CDTC has been documenting a vision for the Continental Divide Trail. The work reflects the values and beliefs of the CDTC, as well as the intent of the National Trails System Act. CDTC's board passed a CDT Corridor Protection Policy in 2016. The Corridor Protection Policy serves to: 1) protect the significant experiences and features that exist along the CDT, 2) establish the best location for a non-motorized CDT, 3) help make decisions and comments on proposed public lands actions that may affect the CDT, 4) document the CDTC's positions and recommendations on the CDT issues, 5) foster communication, participation and partnerships along the Trail, 6) serve as a resource to monitor and evaluate conditions on and around the Trail, and 7) aim to leverage resources toward completing the Trail. With the guidance provided in the 2009 Comprehensive Plan, CDTC anticipates further development and additions to this policy and additional policies that will help support our efforts to protect the CDT Corridor. The policy will be up on CDTC website soon. If you would like a copy- contact us at [trailmgmt@continentaldividetrail.org](mailto:trailmgmt@continentaldividetrail.org)

## Trail Completion Plan

In 1999, the first action plan, the **2018 CDT Trail Completion Plan and Status report**, was developed by

the Continental Divide Trail Alliance in cooperation with the Forest Service, National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management, outlining all of the projects, needs, and costs to complete the CDT by 2008, the Trail's 30th anniversary. This Plan was used to forecast projects, raise money, and was reviewed and updated annually. Today this document is out of date. With the US Forest Service, CDTC has reinitiated efforts to bring this document up to date to continue the momentum towards completion in anticipation of the 2018 50th Anniversary of the National Trails System Act (and 40th Anniversary of the CDT).

## Rapid Trail Assessment

Part of this effort has been dovetailed with the development of CDTC's Rapid Assessment tool used to identify trail wide needs and better document the areas where the Trail is incomplete. The Rapid Assessment tool will be further tested in 2017 with hopes of having it available to citizen stewards to help collect data along the Trail on an ongoing basis.

## Optimal Location Review

Another aspect CDTC is working on to protect the CDT Corridor is the development of an Optimal Location Review Process in collaboration and conjunction with the Forest Service and its other agency partners. This effort will help provide a strategic and priority setting approach to gap areas along the CDT affected by private lands as well as help secure and protect the existing Trail corridor through the identification of underlying mineral rights and other land issues. This effort will be tied into the 2018 CDT Completion and Status Report and provide that next snapshot of needs and threats to the CDT and its corridor. This work will build upon the CDTC Focus Area and CDTC Gap Area reporting and documentation. CDTC has a draft OLR Guide that is in its final stages of completion. This draft guide will be available for review in mid-2017.

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# Trail Management continued

## Forest Planning

In 2016, the Forest Service developed a template for forest plan components that will aid in developing a consistent approach to trail wide land management activities. This effort was supported by CDTC, other partners and agencies. This tool will be critical as over the next 1-5 years many of the US Forest Service units we work with will undergo Forest Plan Revision (See forest planning chart) The number of ongoing planning efforts has proven hard for CDTC staff to maintain constant oversight of the various programs. To address this, CDTC is working as part of several collaborative efforts on the Gila, Carson and Santa Fe National Forests, as well as the Rio Grande NF to leverage partner relationships to ensure the CDT corridor is adequately protected.



*To learn more, or get involved in forest planning, contact us at [trailmgmt@continentaldividetrail.org](mailto:trailmgmt@continentaldividetrail.org)*

## CDT Land Management Plan Revision Timeline

This is the current schedule of ongoing and upcoming land management planning efforts that will effect the CDT.

(Last updated Fall 2016)				
Regional Planner	Region	Forest	CDT Miles	Status/ Timeline as of Fall 2015
Timory Peel	R1	Beaverhead-Deerlodge	329	Revision completed in 2009
		*Bitterroot	22	Begin 2017 or 2018
		*Flathead	19	Soon to release DEIS. Trail is in wilderness.
		*Custer-Gallatin	26	Begin 2016 or 17
		*Lewis & Clark/Helena	241	Jan/Feb 2016 begin developing PA.
John Rupe	R2	*Arapaho-Roosevelt	177	Begin 2017 or later
		*GMUG	134	Begin 2016
		*Medicine Bow-Routt	136	Begin 2017 or later
		*Pike- San Isabel	87	Begin 2017
		*Rio Grande	152	Wrapping up assessment; Draft Release Sept 2016.
		San Juan	41	Revision completed 2013.
		Shoshone	32	Revision Completed 2015. *
		*White River	13	Begin 2017 or later

# CDT Land Management Plan Revision Timeline *continued*

<b>Matt Turner</b>	R3	*Carson	101	Completed assessment (RO reviewed), starting plan development/evaluation phase soon. Goal: complete late 2017.
		*Cibola	45	Started 2012, Released draft plan summer 2016. Goal: Complete early 2017.
		*Gila	199	Started assessment 2015, Public Meetings Fall 2016- Assessment currently open for comment. Goal: Complete 2018.
		*Santa Fe	42	Completed assessment (RO reviewed), Starting plan/ development phase.
<b>Gina Lampman</b>	R4	*Bridger-Teton	177	Started evaluations but never formally initiated; halted planning process in 2009; May resume soon.
		Caribou-Targhee	54	Completed revision in 2003. Targhee completed revision in 1997.
		*Salmon-Challis	91	Scheduled 2017 or 2018.
	BLM MT	Butte FO	2	Revision Completed 2014/2015
	BLM MT	Dillon FO	13	Revision Completed 2006
	BLM ID	Salmon FO	7	unknown
	BLM ID	Upper Snake FO	4	unknown
	BLM CO	Gunnison FO	3	unknown
	BLM CO	Kremmling FO	4	unknown
	BLM CO	Tres Rios FO	4	unknown
	BLM WY	Lander Field Office	66	Revision Completed 2014
	BLM WY	Rawlins Field Office	58	Revision Completed 2008. Undergoing amendment for scenery objectives.
	BLM WY	Rock Springs FO	6	In progress- alternatives development
	BLM NM	Rio Puerco FO	90	Record of Decision expected 2016
	BLM NM	Socorro FO	49	Revision Completed 2016
	BLM NM	Las Cruces FO	76	Revision In progress since 2015
	NPS	Glacier NP	134	unknown
	NPS	Yellowstone NP	85	unknown
	NPS	Rocky Mountain NP	34	unknown
	NPS	El Malpais NP	26	unknown



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# CDTC Board of Directors Update

Growing a young organization is never easy, but thanks to a hard-working staff and a volunteer board of directors, we are continually expanding our impact out on the trail.

We would like to recognize three departing board members who helped to bring us to where we are today: Matt Hudson, Paul Magnanti and Jan Potterveld. Their thoughtful advice and dedication to public lands and outdoor recreation inspired us. Thank you for your dedication and for all of the volunteer hours you committed to CDTC.

We would also like to welcome four new board members who recently joined the organization: Barney "Scout" Mann, Chris Nessel, Greg Pierce and Steve Sherwood. We look forward to their ongoing contributions and fresh ideas to improve our governance and organizational effectiveness.

Please visit our website and the "Who We Are" section to learn more about our board members.



*Matt Hudson*



*Paul Magnanti*



*Jan Potterveld*



*CDTC Board, Staff and our Forest Service partner met in Santa Fe, NM for the winter board meeting and staff retreat.*

*Back row, left to right: Don Owen, Jenny Gaeng, Guthrie Alexander, Greg Pierce, Barney Mann, Josh Shusko. Front row: Christy Curd, Chad Angell, Kerry Shakarjian, Rachel Brown, Brenda Yankoviak, Teresa Martinez*



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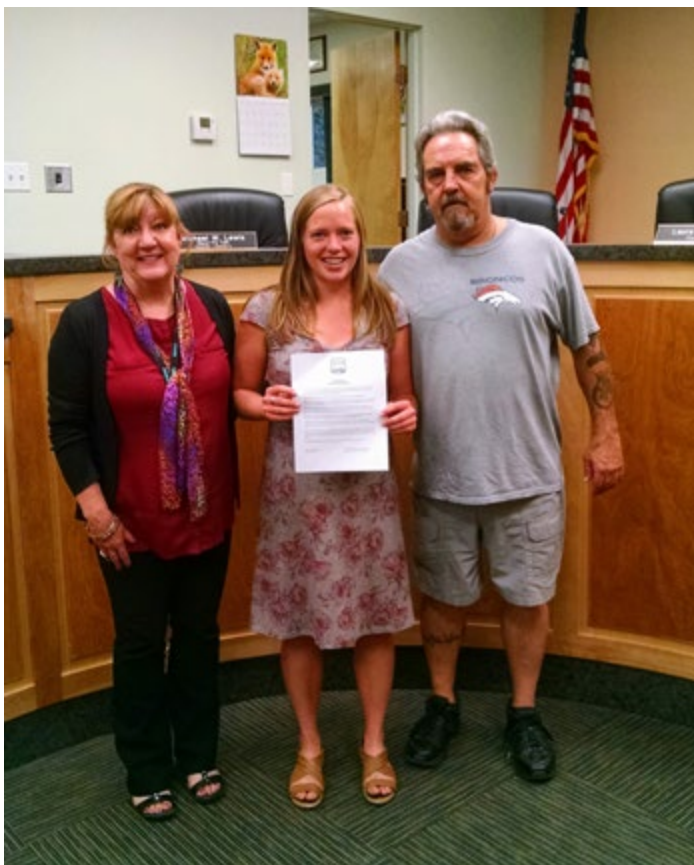
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*CDTC Gateway Community Coordinator, Christy Curd, and the Mayor of Grants, NM, Martin "Modey" Hicks, and City Manager Laura Jaramillo following the designation of Grants, NM as a Gateway Community in August 2016.*



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- CDTC decal, CDT decal and 5% discounts at CDTC's Trail Store
- CDTC Member Discount Card
- CDTC Passages Newsletter (three times a year)\*
- Invitations to CDTC events and volunteer projects
- Knowledge that your membership helps support the important work of the CDTC!

*\*CDTC Newsletter will be in a .pdf format and provided electronically until we have the resources to provide them in print.*

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## Charter Members

*This is a list of our charter members who helped CDTC launch its efforts in 2012.*

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Gene Allen	Dana Foulks	Rebecca Loudon-Louden Family	Erin Saver
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Mark Bankey	Lawton Grinter and Felicia	Paul Magnanti	Steven Sheppard
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Mike Bates	Tambi Gustafson	Barney and Sandy Mann	Mal Sillars
Susan Bates	Jim Hansman	Bryan and Sally Martin	James Sippel
Lyndon Berry	Frank and Jean Anne Haranzo	Alex Martinez family	Dave and Sandy Slowey
Jim Boeck and Vivian Wilson	James Harrold	Nicolas Martinez	Chris Smith
Jerry and Helga Bell	Tim Hart	Teresa Martinez	Morgan Sommerville
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Bob Brewer	Josephine Hazelett	Gary Monk	Rebecca Sudduth and Daniel Weber
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Chris Burke	James Hlavaty	Peter Necarsulmer	George Szeremeta
Kevin Burns	Olivia Holmes	Jean Neely	Michael Tam
Jeremy Burton	Thomas Holz	John and Lisa Nelson	Olli Tam
Clare Cain	Nancy Huber	Jim O'Brien	Avelino Tamayo
Elisabeth Chaplin	Peter Karnowski	Pat O'Donnell	Don Thompson
Paul Corbeil	2013 FB CDT hikers/Lisa Karst	Shane O'Donnell	Kathy Trotter
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This list contains the names for those individual who have reported to us through February 15, of the completion of a thru hike along the CDT. The CDTC does not verify these accounts, but wishes to celebrate the accomplishment of a completed journey along the length of the Continental Divide.

## 1972

Eric Ryback

## 1977

David O'Dell

## 1978

Nancy "Mile-A-Minute" Andujar

Jean Ella

Lynne Wisegart

## 1979

Walkin' Jim Stoltz

## 1997

Bryan "Wanderman" Shuman

## 1999

George "Billygoat" Woodard

## 2002

Michelle "Shell" Ellinwood

Bob "Dr. Bob" Ellinwood

Tim "Camel/Starman" Hart

Robert "Sly" Sylvester

Pete "Smokey Pete" Schlott

Joseph "JoeJoseph" Santiago

## 2004

Jackie "Yogi" McDonnell

David "Joe Moon" Wynn

## 2005

Clifford "Cliffhanger" Hardin

Al "Learned" Learned

## 2006

Shawn "Pepper" Forry

Lawton "Disco" Grinter

Felicia "P.O.D." Hermosilla

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Paul "Mags" Magnanti

Kalyn "M.R." MacDonald

Mat "Laundry Mat" MacDonald

## 2008

Brian Miller

Barry "Cubby" King

Julie "Boston" Obear

## 2009

Dylan Carlson

Sean "Rest Stop" Gregor

## 2010

Jack "Found" Haskell

Jacob "Don't Panic" Down

Phillip "Nowhere Man" Hough

Katie "Wing it" Howe

Deb "Walking Carrot" Hunsicker

Avelino "Makai" Tamayo

## 2011

Drew "Abear" Hebert

Kevin "Fandango" Jacobs

Brian "Gadget" Lewis

Ben "Smooth" Newkirk

Scott "Voyageur" Piddington

Mary "Speedstick" Moynihan

Kim "SOL" Geisreiter

## 2012

Kaitlin "Jetpack" Allen

Elaine "Brazil Nut" Bissonno

James C. "Boat" Boatwright

Sarah "Coyote" Holt

Nancy "Why Not?!" Huber

Shane "Jester" O'Donnell

Richard "Handlebar" Ostehimer

## 2013

Meredith "Ninja" Altland

Phoebe "Slam!" Andujar

Beau "Puck" Baker

Dain "Dain" Bray

Elisabeth "LoveNote" Chaplin

Ryan "the Tourist" Choi

Adam Confair

Thomas "Bigfoot" Holz

Eric "Balls" Gjonnes

Reed "Sunshine" Gjonnes

Kevin Michael "Aqua Man" Hall

John "Sycamore" Hildebrand

Tim "Hog" Hogeboom

Thomas "Uncle Tom" Jamrong

John "Papa Smurf" Klebes

Jeremy "Qball" Marble

Brian "Speed Bump" Miracle

Janie "Not Yet" Faucette Moore

Randy "Macon Tracks" Moore

Greta Mae "Squeak Squeak" Olafsen

Hans "Norm!" Rudi Praller

Aaron "Burly Whites" Philabaum

Erin "Wired" Saver

Brennan "Sparrow" Vandekerckhove

Lauren "Neon" Reed

Masafumi "Masa" Saito

Christopher "Brun" Sellars

Kirk "The Captain" Snyder

William "Estero" Stephens

Julie "Stopwatch" Urbanski

Matthew "Optmist" Urbanski

Dick "HikeOn!~~" Vogel

Domonick "Safety Officer" Zandarini

## 2014

David "Walker Texas Ranger" Allen

William "Opa" Dewar

Bill "Memento" Eason

Suzanne "Alien" Goulet

Tim "Oops" Guetersloh

John W. "No Trace" Hahn

Susan "Unbreakable" Hahn

Detlef "Hamburger" Körner

Daniel Bei "cloudwalker" Liu

Karen "Birdy" Mansfield

Spencer "Mismatch" Marple

William A. "yoyo" Martin

Cathe "Pounce" Neuberger

Nicolas "Lorax" Roman

Thomas "Rattlebee" Schiegg  
Anne "Stride" Tully  
Phil "Soulshine" Violette

## 2015

Lia "NomNom" Adair  
Marty "Race" Bannon  
Jason "Scallywag" Bordash  
Josiah "MeHap" Cilladi  
Grady "Fun Size" Clawson  
Chuck "One Nail" Corman  
Brendan "K-2" Curtin  
Sue "THE DARKNESS!" Damgaard  
Ken "Lion King" Dawson  
Gerald "Natty" Favret  
Patrick Force  
Craig "Scatman" Fowler  
Andrew "Crosby" Frei  
Adam "First Man" Fryska  
Mark "Messed Up" Garrison  
Maria "LaLa" Gaylord  
Sean "Rest Stop" Gregor  
Jay "Stabby McNeckbeard" Gregory  
Craig "Restless Wind" Hall  
Youshi "Wonderer" Kasai  
Robert "Banana Pants" Kristoferitsch  
Kasey "Commando" Lawson  
Gail "Chosen" Lowe  
Barney "Scout" Mann  
Michelle "Handstand" Maruska  
Joshua "OverDose" Matzke  
Patrick "Kramers" McIlvena  
Lucy "Mountain Spice" Parker

Renee "She-Ra" Patrick  
Mark "Mark Trail" Perschel  
Christopher "Cookie Monster" Pirrello  
Patrick "Wide Angle" Pondl  
Ratna "Flip" Pondl  
Mandy "Veggie" Redpath  
Holly "Laughs Alone" Reppert  
Holly "Ridge Runner" Rich  
Maya "Focus" Rosenzweig  
Meg "Delightful" Roussos  
James "Machine Gun" Sarnoski  
Eli "Patches" Simmer  
Sanjay "The World's Fastest Indian"  
Shanbhag  
Chuck "Hawkeye" Shugart  
Chris "U-Turn" Smith  
Daniel "Periwinkle" Smithson  
Brenton "Grimm" Snipes  
Dennis "Maniac" Stephens  
Tim "Memphis" Tache  
Chilton "chilly" Tippin  
Natsuki "MIJ" Tsuboi  
Scott "DooFrain" VanderEspt  
Shane "The Reverend" Von Schlempp

## 2016

Jon "Recon" Booth  
Katie "Wilderness" Brown  
Nick "Phantom" Burley  
Heather "Mama Bear" Burror  
Sierra "Monkey" Burror  
Marc "Deco" Connelly  
Elizabeth "Laugh Track" Corliss

Sadie "Sketchy" Curry  
David "Kiros" DiSanto  
Michael "grams" Doppler  
John "Johnny Rocket" Dragovits  
Michael "Helden" Fagerstrom  
Louie "Anchor" Ferdinand  
Seungjae "Rabbit" Jeong  
Carrie "Squirrel" Johnson  
Kevin "Wait Up" Landgraver  
Whitney "Allgood" LaRuffa  
John "Lucki" Maxwell  
Gary "Hob" McConville  
Susie "Rip" McNeely  
Nika "Early Bird" Meyers  
Carlos Miera  
Tracy "Sass" Renault  
Jim "Sagebrush" Sells  
Nima "Linus Cloudbuster" Shahidi  
Hyehyun "Turtle" Shin  
Nathan "Sampson" Simpson  
Adam "Paperweight" Sitarski  
Mark "Blue Skies" Strobel  
Robert "Stone" Sweeny  
Oliver "Handstand" Taylor  
Dustan "DAWG" Thomas  
Quentin "Q-Tip" Tobey  
Ted "Trail Dog" Willhite  
Peggy "Marmot" Willis  
Eun Jung "Thermometer" Yoon  
Peggy "Marmot" Willis

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Section hikers and thru hikers who complete the CDT can report their journey to the Continental Divide Trail Coalition by filling out the Continental Divide Trail Completion Form. Those who complete the CDT can report their adventure along the CDT will be added to our official completion list and will receive a certificate of recognition and a CDT Patch. Also, each year's thru hiker roster is published in the Passages newsletter. In order to be included in the magazine, regardless of the year of completion, applications must be sent to CDTC by December 31st of the current year.

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