President’s Letter

As the Continental Divide Trail Coalition planned trail building projects, organized volunteers and then implemented our trail work this summer, I was reminded again of the importance of volunteerism and of nonprofit partners working with our federal land managers to steward and maintain our public lands.

With continued uncertainty in the federal budgeting process, our land managers face increasing maintenance backlogs, meaning many campgrounds, roads and trails will continue to be neglected. Less staff means fewer trail crews out clearing blowdowns or repairing tread. 2017 was a very active fire season and even fewer resources will be directed to recreation and trails.

Federal land manager budgets are not going to increase anytime soon. Nonprofit organizations like CDTC will need to become even stronger in order to assist with trail building, signing, maintenance and information collection.

In Colorado, where we have witnessed a population increase of more than 500,000 residents from 2010 to 2016, there is greatly increased public land usage but no commensurate increase in budget. Seven of the ten fastest growing states in 2016 were western states with vast public lands. Many of these new residents come for the outdoor lifestyle, including recreating on public lands. As I’m sure many of you have experienced, trailheads are busier, trails themselves are more crowded and many trail users are not familiar with outdoor ethics like Leave No Trace or yielding to horse riders.

Along with the challenges of higher usage, more potential user conflicts and greater impacts on the Continental Divide Trail and other trails, these new residents also represent a great opportunity. How many people appreciate the work that went into building a trail? Or know that these trails have to be maintained regularly to provide for an appropriate trail experience? People tend to complain when a trail is in bad shape, but how many thank the federal employees, volunteers and partner groups that work hard to provide trail users with a world-class experience?

As friends of the CDT and public lands, we can help to educate these new arrivals (as well as long-term residents!) and create more passionate trail users who understand that we can’t take these things for granted. Threats to sell off public lands, to reduce the size of national monuments and to undermine the strength of the Forest Service and other agencies are very real, and we will be lucky just to hold the line over the next few years. Our mission to create a community committed to constructing, promoting and protecting the CDT is more important than ever.

You are our best advocates. Take someone new out for a day hike, trail ride or backpacking trip on our public lands. Tell your friends, neighbors and coworkers about your love for public lands in general, and the CDT in particular, and encourage them to give back.

For some people, time to actually get out and volunteer may be rare, but a small donation to CDTC goes a long way. As we grow our organization, we will be able to improve trail information and outreach, expand our network of volunteers and trail adopters, and increase the amount of volunteer projects.

Thank you for your continued support for the CDTC and our public lands. Please consider a year-end donation as a way to demonstrate your commitment to our mission.

Colorful Buttes of Ghost Ranch, New Mexico
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New Resources Available from CDTC!

CDTC staff have been hard at work this summer developing several new resources for CDT trail users, volunteers, and enthusiasts. Read on for a preview of these exciting new resources coming soon!

**CDT Adopter Map**

The CDT Adopter Map is coming soon to the CDTC website! Keep a lookout for this interactive map that will allow current and prospective CDT Adopters to identify adoptable sections of the CDT and connect with the CDT community.

**CDT Strip Maps**

Free strip maps covering the entire Continental Divide National Scenic Trail will be available soon on our website. These maps were created with data from the Forest Service CDT Data Set. They are scaled at 1 inch = 1/2 mile and include waypoints for water sources, road crossings, trail junctions, and more.

*La Ventana Arch in El Malpais National Monument, New Mexico*
CDT Planning Guide

CDTC staff have developed a planning guide for anyone preparing for an adventure along the Continental Divide Trail. The guide covers topics such as permits, transportation to the trail, safety, Leave no Trace, and resupply planning. The guide is available for free as a PDF on our website: http://continentaldividetrail.org/product/ cdt-planning-guide/

The CDT at a glance

The CDT, like other National Scenic Trails, crosses land owned and managed by many Federal and State public land agencies. The Forest Service is the administrator of the CDT with more than 70% of the trail miles, but the trail also crosses many miles of BLM and National Park Service land.

Three Public Land Agencies, One Trail

- 2150 Miles across 20 National Forests
- 881 Miles across 12 BLM Field Offices
- 270 Miles across 4 National Park Service Units

New Mexico

The 725 miles of the CDT in New Mexico begin at the Mexico border in the Big Hatchets Wilderness Study Area and then head across the graupl-hammered outcrop of the Big Hatchet Mountains, sending through the arid New Mexico desert before reaching the rugged, forested mountains of the Gila National Forest, and one of country’s most spectacular Wilderness Areas, the Aldo Leopold. The Trail continues north across the “Badlands” of the El Malpais National Monument, one of the best examples of recent volcanic landscapes in the United States. Here the Trail coincides with the 1,000 year old Zuni-Acoma trade routes, crossing rugged Des Rivers. The Trail then heads up Mount Taylor, a towering summit of 12,000′ and then begins the trek across the dramatic canyon lands of the Rio Puerco before heading into the lush San Pedro-Fox Wilderness of the Santa Fe National Forest. The Trail then heads across the Chama River and along the beautiful Mesa de los Viejitos before passing nearby the famous Ghost Ranch. It then heads into the high alpine areas of the Carson National Forest to cross into Colorado just south of Cumbres Pass. New Mexico is home to the pika, pronghorn antelope, roadrunner, javelina, and turkey vultures as well as prickly pear, columbine and yucca. Also thriving in New Mexico is a distinct culture enriched with Native American and Hispanic influences.

Colorado

The 600 miles of the CDT in Colorado lie high on the peaks of the Continental Divide and are known to include some of the toughest backcountry in the world. The Colorado CDT offers spectacular views, travels through historic ghost towns, and reaches the highest point of the entire Trail at 14,270′ feet above sea level. Entering Colorado from the south, the Trail passes through the remote, rugged alpine terrain of the South San Juan, Weminuche, and La Quinta Wilderness Areas. Expect to see herds of elk and mule deer, bighorn sheep and maybe even a few grizzly. The CDT then travels northward through the Collegiate Peaks Wilderness, through the high expanses of Georgia, Argentine, and Webster Passes before crossing into the Vasquez Peak and then James Peak Wilderness Areas. It then meets the majestic Rocky Mountain National Park and then Mt. Zirkel Wilderness with its countless glacial lakes, before entering Wyoming. Weather patterns on the Colorado CDT boast a typical high alpine element of surprise, so preparedness and experience are not just recommended; they are required.

Wyoming

The 550 miles of the CDT in Wyoming enters from Colorado in the Sierra Madre Mountain Ranges of the Medicine Bow and Routt National Forests. Here it crosses Battle Pass and travels North to Bridger Peak to overlook the historic copper-mining town of Encampment, before entering into the Great Divide Basin. It then moves through the west side of the spectacular Wind River Range before entering the craggy mountains of the Teton Wilderness. It enters the eastern border of Yellowstone National Park and then crosses between the glassy blue surface of Yellowstone Lake and the white rapids of the Folsom River, wanders past Old Faithful Geyser, and traverses the Summit Lake Trail before entering Idaho. The CDT in Wyoming is inhabited by long-tail weasels, coyotes, wild horses, antelope, and grizzly and black bears, and of course, wolves. It is also home to the forget-me-not and the alpine buttercup.

Montana & Idaho

From Summit Lake Trail in Wyoming, the CDT meanders along the Idaho-Montana border for 80 miles through the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. In Montana, approximately 980 miles of the Trail travel through the rocky peaks of the Anaconda range, inhabited by the mountain goat, mule and whitetail deer, moose and elk, and waders around Butte, a century-old copper town. From here it heads north through many National Forests, including Lewis and Clark, through the Bob Marshall Wilderness, and finally up to Glacier National Park. In Glacier, grizzly bears forage for huckleberries in a constant search for calories, bald eagles and osprey share the sky, and lady slipper wildflowers wait to be pollinated by hummingbirds. In Glacier, the Trail passes between glacial lakes over Triple Divide Pass, into the Red Eagle Valley and through the Many Glacier Valley before it reaches the Canadian Border.

About the CDTC

The Continental Divide Trail Coalition (CDTC) is the lead national partner working with federal agencies to support stewardship of the CDT. CDTC is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. The mission of the Continental Divide Trail Coalition is to promote, protect and maintain the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail by building a strong and diverse trail community, by providing up-to-date information to the public, and through encouraging conservation and stewardship of the Trail, its corridor, and surrounding landscapes.

You can support the work that CDTC is doing by becoming a member. Visit www.continentaldividetrail.org/membership or fill out and mail in the form at the back of this guide.
A new CDT brochure will be available soon as a resource to help inform and educate the public. The brochure also includes a beautiful map showing the entire trail.
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Our new lightweight hiker that keeps you cool and comfortable while gripping the trail.
Trail Administrator’s Update by Brenda Yankoviak, CDTA, USFS

It’s hard to believe fall has arrived and the summer field season is now just a memory. What a summer it was! My job is primarily office based, but there is no substitute for seeing and experiencing the trail first-hand and spending time with local managers and partners. I make a point of getting out on the trail as much as possible during the field season. Fortunately, CDTC staff have the same philosophy! Being able to share these experiences with CDTC staff makes the trips even more useful, as we can draw from our shared experiences when discussing ways to best serve and assist CDT units, and when contemplating future CDT projects and opportunities. This past summer, CDTC staff and I traveled to northern Montana, southern Wyoming, and Colorado to hike or ride sections of the trail. We will be in New Mexico in October for more CDT site visits and an inter-agency meeting with Forest Service, National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management staff to coordinate on CDT management issues and opportunities in that region.

As you’re probably aware, the CDT turns 40 next year! In honor of that milestone, we are placing great emphasis on getting the trail marked on the ground to help raise the profile of the CDT and ensure people can find and follow the trail on the ground. This past summer, Agency staff across all five states and youth corps crews in Montana, Idaho and New Mexico mobilized to install or, where necessary, replace CDT markers at trailheads, trail junctions, and road crossings. The youth corps crews alone installed or replaced more than 1,200 CDT markers along 320 miles of the CDT. In 2018, the goal is to engage volunteers through CDTC’s Blaze the CDT campaign, as well as youth corps crews and agency staff to finish marking the entire 3,100 miles of trail. CDTC’s technical support in creating maps, developing the Rapid Trail Assessment app, and producing the Trail Marking Guide, has been critical to helping make this project a reality.

CDTC staff and I have also been working closely to develop a draft Optimal Location Review (OLR) process document, which is currently out for review by agency staff and partners. This document will establish a common framework for identifying the best (optimal) location for the trail corridor in order to provide high quality recreation opportunities in highly scenic settings. Ultimately, this document will help us make informed and transparent decisions on trail routing at the local level within a bigger-picture context to help us invest our time, energy and money wisely.

The OLR document is just one of several foundational program pieces to be finalized in 2018. We are working to populate and validate CDT GIS data, and will be issuing a State of the Trail Report that will summarize current trail conditions and identify gaps in knowledge and date. This report will be instrumental in helping develop a strategic plan for the CDT program to guide program priorities for the next 3, 5 and 10 year period.

There is much work to be done, and that is what makes this job so fun and interesting. This long-distance, iconic trail provides ample challenges to address and abundant opportunities to be turned into concrete actions. I look forward to continuing to work with partners, agency staff, and other interested parties to develop creative, innovative, and resourceful approaches to addressing challenges and taking advantage of opportunities in 2018 and beyond.
Speak Up For Your Public Lands

Advocacy is increasingly important for our public lands. Leveraging public support for our trails, National Parks and Monuments, and other wild spaces shows our lawmakers that these are resources that have real value and should be protected. CDTC would like to encourage all of our supporters to continue to contact your elected officials and stress the importance of public lands. On the following page we have compiled a list of guidelines for contacting your elected officials in the most effective way.

National Park Service Proposes “Peak Season” Entry Fee Hike

The NPS has proposed an increase to entry fees at 17 National Parks during “peak season” (the Parks’ busiest season). The proposal calls for a fee increase to $70 per vehicle, $50 per motorcycle, and $30 for cyclists and pedestrians. Glacier, Rocky Mountain, and Yellowstone National Parks—the three National Parks that the CDT travels through—are among the 17 Parks included in this proposal. Under the proposal, vehicle entrance fees would increase by $50 per vehicle at Rocky Mountain and $40 per vehicle at Yellowstone and Glacier—more than doubling the current entrance fees. The increased fees are intended to be directed towards maintenance projects throughout NPS sites.

While funding is needed to address maintenance backlogs in our National Parks, increasing entry fees limits the accessibility of our Parks for low-income visitors. CDTC is dedicated to increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the outdoors. The fee increase proposed by the NPS unfortunately runs counter to these ideals, by creating financial barriers to accessing some of our country’s most beautiful and scenic landscapes. Engaging a broad and diverse base of outdoor enthusiasts is essential if we want to continue to protect our public lands and leverage support for funding, conservation, and land protection.

You can mail written comments to: 1849 C St NW, Mail Stop: 2346, Washington, DC 20240.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Expires in 2018

The Land and Water Conservation Fund is a critical component of public land protection in the United States. Funded through royalties from offshore oil and gas drilling, LWCF funds have been used to protect National Parks, wildlife refuges, historic sites, trails, rivers, and lakes. LWCF has been essential to the effort to complete and protect the Continental Divide Trail. In 2016, LWCF funding was used to acquire 600 acres of land in southern New Mexico and 5,000 acres of land in central New Mexico along the CDT corridor, helping to move the CDT off of roads.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund is set to expire on September 30, 2018. Please contact your elected officials and encourage them to commit to the reauthorization and full funding of this essential resource. Use the hashtag #SaveLWCF on social media. For more information about LWCF and how you can help, visit the LWCF Coalition website, www.lwcfcoalition.com.

The CDT in New Mexico. Photo by Chris Roma
How can you help or get involved?

We are told time after time by elected officials that hearing from their constituents and the American people as a whole, is important to them. Recently, they have even shared that in the past 6 months, they have heard more from their constituents than ever before, and it makes a difference. And that’s what we all need to keep doing - contacting our elected officials and sharing our opinions and thoughts with them on the things that matter to us.

How to contact your federal elected officials:

1. If you don't know who represents you, and don't know how to reach them, use this website to get their contact information: https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials

2. A phone call is often the most effective way to reach your elected officials, but they can be hard to reach at critical times and votes. Leave a message or try local offices along with national offices. And, if possible, call them all!

   **NOTE:** If you get a live person ask for the email for the staff person who handles the issues you are concerned about (public lands, the environment, natural resources etc.) and save it for use in the future.

3. Send an email to their office via their official website. If you have an email for the staff handling public lands issues - email the staff person directly!

4. Attend a Town Hall Meeting

5. Use social media to make comments and to engage your networks. Remember to tag your elected official using the “@” (@SenatorBennet) and a hashtag for the campaign in question (i.e. #SenatorBennet #MonumentsforAll #Trails50 #BravetheCDT)

6. Mail your elected official. It may take a little bit longer but never hesitate to write your elected official a letter.

7. Use Resistbot to contact your elected officials. Text “resist” to 50409 and Resistbot will help you craft a message and then fax it to your senators and representatives.
Gateway Community Spotlight: Lincoln, MT
by Jenny Gaeng, CDTC Gateway Community Coordinator

The morning in Lincoln, Montana is nice and cool, a welcome break from the heat. I walk from Leepers’ Motel to Lambkin’s diner for breakfast, breathing in the scent of the pines. They’re big here, practically giants among the trees of the CDT. And north of town, they’re on fire.

The smoke grows denser as I make my way to the park. The CDT Gateway Community kickoff is proceeding as planned – come hell, high water, or the Alice Creek fire that’s ripping through the mountainside just miles away.

The Blackfoot Valley has a long legacy of welcoming travelers. The Nez Perce hunters who passed through each year named the river Cokalahishkit, river to the road of the buffalo. Merriweather Lewis took their route on his return from the Pacific Coast. The gold mining boom of the 1860s established the town, but by the 1970s that industry had all but died out, leaving an aging population of 1,100. But today, CDT hikers and Great Divide bikers are arriving each year in growing numbers. That, Chamber of Commerce President Laurie Richards figures, is a fact that could transform the town’s future.

“We are hoping this will help boost the economy in Lincoln,” Laurie tells me. “When it was brought to our attention that we could put Lincoln on the map for CDT hikers, we were beyond excited. We live at the base of three entry points to the CDT, and we want hikers to know that we support them. We are very proud of their enthusiasm and determination.”

They have certainly gone to great effort: a banner decorates the gazebo in the park, and residents line up for free hot dogs and hamburgers. Laurie tells me ruefully that they wanted to have a military flyover, but couldn’t because of the fire. I have a table with CDT merchandise, and excited kids are running up to claim free bandanas. Laurie introduces me to her daughter and granddaughter, a little girl wearing a CDT bumper sticker on her arm.

The air is thick with smoke and festivity. The locals ask the usual questions: Have you hiked it? How long did it take? Were you alone?

“I’m thrilled to celebrate Montana’s first Gateway Community,” I tell the audience scattered on the grass. “But my story in Lincoln actually begins a year ago.”

I tell them about the CDT. I describe the heat, the snow, the toll on my body and mind. I tell them about arriving here last September. Dancing in their lively saloons, resting on a local host’s sofa, I did not feel alone. It was evident that I was among people who were connected to their public lands, who could understand my journey.

In their attempts to reshape Lincoln’s future, the residents of the Blackfoot Valley have gotten creative. In 2013, they built the Sculpture in the Wild park, which awards residencies to artists from around the world. They create giant installations that blend seamlessly into the surrounding forest, exploring “a new approach to environmental stewardship and the creation of a new economic future for the community.” After the festival, I wander off to explore it.

One piece has grafted two tree trunks into an arch and carved large words into them. I cock my head to read it: A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN NATION STATES AND THE FORESTS THAT SUSTAIN US.

Eyeing the smoke on the horizon, I’m not sure we’ve reached that reconciliation yet. But we’re trying.
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Plants and Animals of the CDT by Matt “Sheriff Woody” Berger

Just before starting my thru hike of the Continental Divide Trail this spring, Guthrie Alexander, a friend and the Conservation Program Manager of the CDTC asked if I’d be interested in cataloging the flora and fauna of the CDT as I hiked along it. Because I’m always taking photos of animals, plants and fungi anyway, this was a perfect task for me. I used an app which records the GPS location of each find and then I’d enter data about the organism such as time of day found, which family the organism is in, common name and whether this species is endemic or invasive to the area it is found, as well as a photo if one could be taken (some animals are too quick or far away for a photo).

While on trail, I attempted to document every species I found the first time I encountered it. The goal for me with this project was to show off the awesome diversity of life which can be found in the highly variable environments you walk through on the CDT. For example, lizard species were very diverse in the New Mexican desert, alpine mountaintops abound with beautiful wildflowers which bloom in the lack of trees which would shade them out at lower elevations, and northern Montana was filled with all sorts of berries, edible and poisonous alike. One of the things I enjoyed most about hiking on the CDT was the huge shift in environments with elevation. You can be walking in a desert with cacti and rattlesnakes in the morning and by evening be walking on a snow covered mountaintop. With these changes comes the huge shift in plant and animal communities.

For some species I recorded data points as often as I encountered them in hopes that they may be scientifically useful in the future. For example, I recorded all pikas that I saw because they are declining in some areas. I wanted future scientists to be able to see that there were in fact pikas living on such and such mountain at this elevation in the year 2017. I also documented uncommon species multiple times for similar reasons. One such species is the Calypso orchid, a beautiful and rare species of orchid that lives in moist mountainous areas of the Rockies.

While I already knew many of plants and animals of the Rocky Mountains, I found that documenting the ones I wasn’t familiar with was the most fun. I downloaded several field guides on my phone and would scroll through them at night until I saw a familiar, but nameless to me plant. Then I got the joy of discovery and read about this new plant! It is pretty easy to at least identify what family a plant or animal is in while in the field which makes finding them in the field guides a breeze. Then when I next saw that species, I’d record a data point for it. I learned a ton about the flora and fauna of the Rockies that I would have never guessed without this project.

Some of the most exciting things I came across on my hike were completely unexpected. Perhaps the most unexpected animal was a Gila monster just north of Lordsburg! Gila monsters are the largest lizards native to the U.S.
They’re also the only venomous lizard in the U.S. A bite from a Gila monster is supposedly excruciatingly painful but not lethal when treated. No need to fear them though, their bright orange and black coloration is hard to miss and they hiss loudly when approached. They’re also very slow moving. They can however strike and swing their heads quickly. Honestly the only way to be bitten by them is by trying to grab them… so… don’t. I was so surprised to find one of these awesome lizards not just because of their reclusive nature, but because their geographic range just barely enters New Mexico. Also, don’t be deceived by their name, they don’t live in or near the Gila River in New Mexico. Your only chance to see them will be near their easternmost populations around Lordsburg.

Another animal that may not be as exciting but was weird for me to see were fairy shrimp in high elevation ponds. These shrimp are the “sea monkeys” that children grow as pets in little bottles. I knew they lived in salty deserts where temporary ponds are their preferred habitat, but at 10,000 feet in melted snowpack? A little research told me that there are other species which have adapted to freshwater, fishless ponds way up in the mountains. Also in the high elevation meadows of northern New Mexico I was astonished to see huge salamanders in the boggy creeks and ponds. As it turns out they were tiger salamanders, the largest terrestrial salamander in the U.S. and the only salamanders I saw the entire trail. This same species also occurs in my home state of Ohio, so to see them living in these snowmelt meadows at 10,500 feet above sea level left me flabbergasted and extremely excited.

Some animals were not so unexpected, but still exhilarating to share the woods with. Along the trail I saw four bears: two black bears and two grizzlies. With the two black bear encounters (one in New Mexico and one in Montana), they had seen me first and were running away fast. Now with the first grizzly in Wyoming, we surprised each other! Walking just out of the Wind River Range one morning I saw a large figure come around a turn in the trail and then stop. About 100 feet away from each other we both realized what we were looking at and within a few seconds, the bear stood up on its hind legs, about faced and ran away. It didn’t even seem real. Such a huge animal you always see on TV walking in the sunlit woods towards you. I’m just happy it was afraid of me! The data point I recorded for this grizzly was just about at the southernmost range of grizzlies in the U.S. The second grizzly was in Glacier National Park and again I spotted it from about 100 feet away. Lucky for my hiking partner and me, we were above it on a steep switchback and it hadn’t noticed us because it was so busy eating huckleberries. We were able to take lots of photos of it until it finally smelled us, saw us and ran away down the hill. Sharing space with a grizzly bear really gets your adrenaline going. It also makes you appreciate how wild the CDT still is in the northern Rockies.

The Continental Divide Trail is a trail full of surprises and amazing flora and fauna. Thru hiking is not just about the hiking, but to me, learning about the places I’ve never been and the creatures that live there. Every time I find some new or cool mushroom or plant or animal I get a morale boost. This is why I’m out here. To have that sense of exploration and discovery that comes with learning something you didn’t know yesterday and not knowing what you’ll find tomorrow.
Before the summer 2017 season kicked off, our CDTC Field Program Manager, Chad Angell, and Field Coordinator, Morgan Anderson, attended the Pacific Crest Trail Association’s Big Bend Trail Skills College at Hyatt Lake, OR. Like the Continental Divide Trail, the Pacific Crest Trail is another long distance National Scenic Trail that spans from Mexico to Canada.

As a supporting non-profit of a National Scenic Trail, the CDTC communicates pretty consistently with the other similar supporting non-profits throughout the year, either directly or through the Partnership for the National Trails System, to discuss best practices and share experiences.

At PCTA’s Big Bend Trail Skills college Chad and Morgan attended classes such as Basic Cross Cut Saw Crew Training, Drainage Design and Drain Dips, Waterbars and Checks, Tread and Drainage, and several more that allowed them to brush up on their trail skills. It was equally beneficial for Chad and Morgan to experience another non-profits training, see different ways of teaching trail maintenance, and to collaborate with PCTA staff and volunteers.

That weekend PCTA volunteers contributed more than 700 hours of service on the PCT! Morgan and Chad have been able to bring home the skills and knowledge gained from their training experience to benefit the CDT this summer during our CDTC Volunteer Projects and CDT Adopter Trainings.

To get involved with our volunteer program in 2018, please visit our website or email volunteer@continentaldividetrail.org.
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**Original Name**
The Blue Can Trail. Named for the founders who first walked the Trail, marking their path with blue cans nailed to trees.

**Proposed to Congress**
1966

**Designated**
1978

**Sources**
Continental Divide Trail Coalition, USFS

### INCLUDES
- 25 National Forests
- 21 wilderness areas
- 3 National Parks
- 1 National Monument
- 8 Bureau of Land Management resource areas

### Lots of Space

### The Hike
- Best place/time to start:
  - Northbound: March or April from Mexico/New Mexico Border
  - Southbound: June from the Montana/Canada border
- Both directions have challenges related to weather and terrain.
- 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.

### Permits
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.

### Wildlife
Mountain lions, grizzly bears, elk, rattlesnakes, Moose, wolves, javelinas - name it and you will probably see it along the CDT.

### Challenge and Risks
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.
In celebration of the CDT’s 40th birthday, Leki, USA wants to thank you for supporting CDTC. Donate $250 or more this year and get a pair of Leki DSS Trekking Poles. Give today. For more details, call us at 303-996-2759 or info@continentaldividetrail.org

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Bison in Yellowstone National Park. Photo by Matt Berger
With the arrival of chilly temperatures this autumn, the Continental Divide Trail Coalition’s volunteer season is coming to a close. With work that spanned New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana we’ve been able to expand our essential volunteer base and build new partnerships across the entire spine of the CDT.

Throughout this season CDTC staff had the opportunity to organize and lead 16 volunteer projects on trail construction, maintenance, or restoration. Long days were spent re-establishing tread and drainage mitigation in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest (Granby, CO), constructing turnpikes in the Bridger-Teton National Forest (Pinedale, WY), and replacing barbed-wire fence in the Helena National Forest (Helena, MT). More than 10,000 feet of trail was carved into the Carson National Forest (Canjilon, NM) to get the CDT off roads in the region. We also re-established 3,000 feet of trail in the Salmon-Challis National Forest (Salmon, Idaho). All of these accomplishments and many more would not be possible without the continued support from the Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, regional non-profits, crew chefs, and dedicated volunteers.

High winds, blistering sun, and frosty mornings never slowed down our volunteers who were willing to wake up early for long, fulfilling days of challenging, fun work. Some volunteers were first-timers while others were long-established friends in the field - but no matter their level of experience, every person became an indispensable asset to the CDT community. The more diverse our volunteer base grows, the better the campfire stories become. Feel free to join us around the campfire next season and keep an eye out for volunteer opportunities in your state.

Along with volunteer opportunities, the CDTC (in partnership with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado) is beginning to develop and offer Trail Adopter Trainings along the CDT for individuals interested in long-term stewardship of the Trail. We kicked off the season in Silver City, New Mexico where an in-depth and hands-on Adopter Training for locals led to nearly the entire Gila National Forest being adopted. Our second Adopter Training in Fraser, CO resulted in five segments being adopted. CDT Adopters are responsible for surveying, maintaining, and reporting on their section of trail. We wanted to thank those who have adopted sections of the CDT and those individuals who have remained patient as we compile and organize data so you will soon be able to adopt a section of your own. If you are interested in becoming a trail adopter, visit http://continentaldivetrail.org/volunteer/.

Special thanks to those who kept our hearty appetites satiated:

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News Release: GMUG National Forests Complete Land Purchase Along the CDT

On November 8, 2017, the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests completed the purchase of 132 acres of land from Mark Pearson of Durango, Colorado. Included in the purchase were 86 acres of land east of Stony Pass along the Continental Divide Trail/Colorado Trail, as well as 26 acres of land along the Cuba Gulch trail, an access trail for the CDT.

In response to the sale, Pearson stated, “I’m happy to have the Forest Service’s stewardship of these properties for the long term. Should help guarantee the wonderful recreation and scenery assets of the Continental Divide Trail will remain unimpaired.”

This land acquisition helps to protect the CDT and the Colorado Trail from future development.
CDT Completion Award

The Continental Divide Trail Coalition (CDTC) recognizes anyone who reports completion of the entire Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. CDTC policy is to operate on the honor system, assuming that those who submit a request for recognition, have completed a journey between the Mexican and Canadian Border along the Continental Divide. Issues of sequence, direction, speed, length of time or substitutes of for the “official” route are not considered. CDTC assumes those that apply have made an honest effort to complete the entire Trail, even if they did not pass by every reassurance marker or blaze.

CDT Completion Certificate

Section hikers/equestrians and thru hikers/equestrians who complete the CDNST can report their journey to the Continental Divide Trail Coalition by filling out the Continental Divide Trail Completion Form. CDT thru-hikers/equestrians who report their adventure along the CDNST will be added to our roster of 3,000 milers and will receive a certificate of recognition and a CDNST Patch. Also, each year’s thru hiker roster is published in the March/April 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.

RECOGNITION POLICY

• We give equal recognition to thru hikers/equestrians and section- hikers/equestrians.
• We operate on the honor system.
• We recognize users regardless of sequence, direction, speed, or whether they carry a pack, or any variation of their hike.

TO APPLY

Complete Official CDTC Completion Certificate Form and include $5.00 for shipping and handling of patch and certificate.


New for 2018: CDT Completion Award

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CDTC are those who pay annual membership dues and may be individuals, families, or groups/organizations. Memberships are annual memberships and may be renewed during the anniversary month of the initial date membership. If membership is renewed before the anniversary date, the renewal month will not change. If membership is renewed after the anniversary date, the new date will be considered the anniversary date.

All CDTC Members Receive:

- Thank You letter recognizing your tax deductible contributions
- 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.

http://www.continentaldividetrail.org/get-involved/join-2/

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1972
Eric Ryback

1977
David O’Dell

1978
Nancy “Mile-A-Minute” Andujar
Jean Ella
Lynne Wisegart

1979
Terri “Princess” Mowrer Gilmore
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
Heather “Anish” Anderson
Shawn “Pepper” Forry
Lawton “Disco” Grinter
Felicia “P.O.D.” Hermosilla
The Lewis Family (Bobby, Natalie, Cody, Jessie and their two burros Wellstone and Pingora, and their dog Deso)
Paul “Mags” Magnanti
Kalyn “M.R.” MacDonald
Mat “Laundry Mat” MacDonald

2007
Bob “Sir-Packs-Alot” Gabrielsen

2008
Brian Miller
Barry “Cubby” King
Julie “Boston” Obear

2009
Dylan Carlson
Sean “Rest Stop” Gregor

2010
Jack “Found” Haskel
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” Sellers
Kirk “The Captain” Snyder
William “Estero” Stephens
Julie “Stopwatch” Urbanski
Matthew “Optmist” Urbanski
Dick “HikeOn!~” Vogel
Domonick “Safety Officer” Zanarini

2014
David “Walker Texas Ranger” Allen
Gabriel Deal
William “Opa” Dewar
Bill “Memento” Eason
Suzanne “Alien” Goulet
Tim “Oops” Guetersloh
John W. “No Trace” Hahn
Susan “Unbreakable” Hahn
Detlef “Hamburger” Körner
Gary “Shutterbug” Lawton
Daniel Bei “cloudwalker” Liu
Lindsay “Marmot” Malone
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 “Messsed Up” Garrison
Maria “LaLa” Gaylord
Sean “Rest Stop” Gregor
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Eli “Patches” Simmer
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Chuck “Hawkeye” Shugart
Chris “U-Turn” Smith
Daniel “Periwinkle” Smithson
Brenton “Grimm” Snipes
Dennis “Maniac” Stephens
Tim “Memphis” Tache
Chilton “chilly” Tippin
Natsuki “MIL” Tsuboi
Scott “DooFriain” VanderEspt
Shane “The Reverend” Von Schlemp

2016
Jon “ReconJon “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
Connor “Bard” DeVane
David “Kiros” DiSanto
Michael “grams” Doppler
John “Johnny Rocket” Dragovits
Michael “Helden” Fagerstrom
Louie “Anchor” Ferdinand
Staci “Hotshot” Harris
Matthew “Easyrider” Hess
Lenka “Mermaid” Jensen
Seungjae “Rabbit” Jeong
Song Jeong Mi
Carrie “Squirrel” Johnson
Dan “SimpleSole” Kayser
Kevin “Wait Up” Landgraver
Whitney “Allgood” LaRuffa
Corey “Toes” Long
Gerald “Freebird (New & Improved)” Mast
John “Lucki” Maxwell
Brad “Shepherd” McCartney
Garry “Hob” McConville
Susie “Rip” McNeely
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Kyle “Titan” Williams
Peggy “Marmot” Willis
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2017
Mark “Even Keel” Akers
Heather “Anish” Anderson
Vincent “High Country” Bochsler
Molly “Greenbay” Borgstrom
Christopher Burke
Rabinath de Lange
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