

CDT COOPERATIVE STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT: BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT



Partnership Accomplishments in 2023

- ✓ The CDT community celebrated **the acquisition of ROWs across NM State Lands**, not only helping to complete and protect the CDT in the state over 50 miles, but will help to provide hiking, equestrian, and mountain biking opportunities for many years to come.
- ✓ **The funding, creation, and installation** of gates in partnership with the BLM, private landowners, and community members in Southern New Mexico, with the installation aided by youth corps members.
- ✓ BLM secured funding and scouted the area near the southern Terminus of the CDT to **improve trail infrastructure**, including a shade structure and information for CDT hikers.
- ✓ **The BLM Dillon Field Office** collaborated with the U.S. Forest Service in the Madison Ranger District of the Beaverhead - Deerlodge National Forest to share resources for completing and optimizing a section of the CDT.

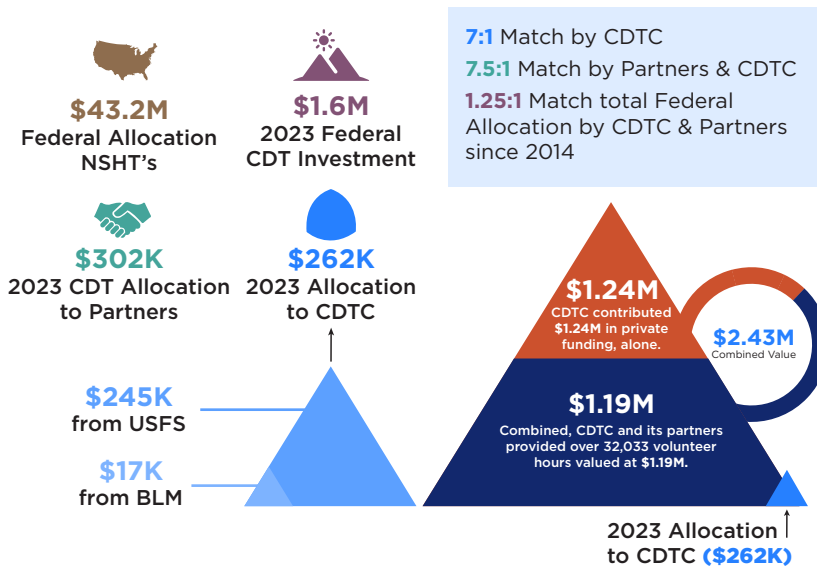
Investment in Partners

In 2023, the U.S. Forest Service continued to invest in the Continental Divide Trail Coalition which included **\$245,000** to support trail planning, completion and youth corps projects in New Mexico and Colorado.

The BLM invested **\$17,214** into CDTC for work along southern New Mexico.

The combined **\$262,214** invested by the USFS and BLM helped CDTC leverage an additional **\$1,226,000** and over **\$507,878** in volunteer labor.

Across the entire CDT, CDTC and its partners received a total of **\$302,214** from the USFS and BLM produced over 32,033 volunteer hours valued at **\$1,018,900**.



- ✓ The BLM and CDTC participated in working groups around **a major gap section of the CDT near Cuba, New Mexico**. The group scouted the area and began identifying an optimal location for the trail that optimizes the scenic character but prioritizes community access to the trail, too.
- ✓ CDTC participated in discussions on **the Blueprint for 21st Century Outdoor Recreation**, and supplied comments for the rulemaking on conservation focused on protecting and restoring landscapes along the Divide.



CDTC has been working closely with BLM to complete and steward the CDT **for over 10-years**, and looks forward to continuing to build on past successes from this partnership, particularly those at the intersection of conservation and recreation. Of lands managed by the BLM, the CDT crosses 13 BLM resource areas and 10 Wilderness Study Areas through the states of Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION

In 2024 and the coming years, the BLM and CDTC have plans to continue to steward the trail collaboratively. CDTC has been awarded nearly **\$128k** for 2024 work in New Mexico. Future projects and opportunities to improve the CDT experience include:

Installation of gates and optimizing trail use education across southern and central New Mexico.

Support and analyze [the analysis from the BLM Assessment, Inventory, and Monitoring program](#) across Southern New Mexico, in partnership with BLM, Tribal partners, and indigenous communities.

[Collaboration with Hidalgo County](#), as the newest CDT Gateway Community, as they onboard their designation and invest in their connections to the surrounding landscape.

[Continued work to identify a CDT route](#) in and around Mangas Valley, Pie Town and Grants, Cuba in New Mexico and Muddy Pass in Colorado, particularly working with the Pueblo of Acoma around Mount Taylor.

[Strengthening cooperative stewardship](#) in southern Wyoming with BLM, in partnership with new Gateway Community of Rawlins and Lander/South Pass City.



Stewardship Accomplishments



360

Total Trail Adopters



6

BLM Aopters



1

New BLM Adopter in 2023



CDT Field Tech: Muddy Pass Gap

Investment in a CDT Intern expanded the capacity of the agency and CDTC by providing support around the gap at Muddy Pass in Colorado and engaging with communities in the region about the trail. The internship culminated with a Story Map depicting the many facets that make the Muddy Pass gap a challenge and an opportunity to protect the CDT Experience.

