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Continental Divide Trail Coalition
CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY THAT SUPPORTS THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

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Letter from the President

I am consistently impressed and amazed by the support our members, volunteers, and donors have shown the CDT. You have all made a contribution to the Trail – whether by joining our online campaign on Indiegogo, by signing our support letters to Congress or the Forest Service, or simply by liking our Facebook page. Together, we are writing the next chapter of the Trail’s story. Thank you!

Ultimately, the permanence of the CDT will depend on broad public support not just up and down the spine of the Rockies but from coast to coast in the halls of Congress and in the hearts and minds of citizens across America. That is why what you are doing - by liking, sharing, and donating – is so important. We’re building a movement.

But for all that we have accomplished in one short year of existence; we must still strive for more. Funding for the Trail has been cut due to sequestration. Competing priorities at the local level have eliminated seasonal positions charged with planning, building, and maintaining the Trail. And threats to the Trail increasingly impact the views and experiences that make it so special. That is why we must deepen our relationships with the communities along the Trail; we must establish great working relationships with our nonprofit partners and advocates organizations; and we must build lasting contacts in Washington to ensure the long term preservation of this national resource.

The Continental Divide Trail Coalition was founded to enhance the stewardship of the CDT, to build a strong community of CDT supporters, to promote the CDT to the broader public, and to strengthen our own organizational effectiveness. We will deliver services and implement activities along the CDT that are designed to meet these goals. We will build and cultivate strong relationships with the agencies, stewardship organizations, funding partners and other stakeholders. All for the preservation of the Trail.

In the next 30 years, the US population will grow by 100 million, bringing increased pressure for real estate, energy, and transportation. At the same time, we will see more severe hurricanes, drought, and wildfires that will change the lands that once seemed unchangeable. These facts are at once a threat and an opportunity for the CDT.

To be sure, the CDT corridor will be on the front lines for many of these changes as we grapple to build a 21st century energy infrastructure, adjust to climate change, and welcome millions of people to establish roots in the Rocky Mountain West. But, in this fast changing world, the CDT is protecting a window into our past – something pure and good. We’re ensuring a connection to our natural and cultural history that will be increasingly sought out as similar experiences around the country are lost forever.

Of course many of you support the CDT because you like to hike. We’re into that too! We’re going to make sure CDT users – from thru-hikers to weekend warriors – have the resources they need to have a great experience on the Trail. Can you find the trail head? Has a fire, flood, or blow down affected the Trail? Are your maps accurate? We want to be the one-stop-shop for all your CDT needs. If you have suggestions for how we can better serve the CDT user community please let us know.

Thank you for all the support! Your efforts on our behalf are sincerely appreciated. The Trail and future Americans appreciate it too.

Bryan enjoying his favorite winter past time along the divide in Colorado!
The CDT – A walk through History
by Paul “Mags” Magnanti

A journey on the Continental Divide Trail takes in some of the most remote, raw, wild and beautiful scenery found in the American landscape. Lands where grizzly’s still roam, wolves howl, mountain goats scamper and elks bugle.

Among these many experiences from the Continental Divide Trail, some of the strongest memories were when I followed in the footsteps of others who came before me.

When I thru-hiked the Continental Divide Trail, being able to immerse myself in the history of where the trail passes through was a joy for me. The trail crosses the route of the Pony Express and Mormon pioneers in the Great Divide Basin, ancient trading routes of the Pueblo people and explorers who came before me among the many historical places passed.

Perhaps because of that fact that I hiked in the bicentennial year of the expedition, I had many thoughts about the Corps of Discovery as I made my way through Montana and Idaho along the divide.

On a sunny day in July, I was on Lewis and Clark Pass in Montana. Besides a simple sign at the pass, only the mountains could be seen along with a faint jeep track. The surroundings were not far different from what Meriwether Lewis had seen over two-hundred years ago. It was not hard to imagine what Lewis may have seen for I was seeing it as well: The ridge line that seemed to extend forever, the unbroken forest and the valley far below. It was an experience that is only possible in the preserved areas of the American wilderness: an unspoiled connection to the past free from modern intrusions.

In the Great Divide Basin of Wyoming, the wide open areas had a stark beauty that was dramatic as anything seen in The Wind River Range or The San Juan Mountains. As I was walking along, the strong light of Wyoming’s high altitude sun gave way to a warmer light of the early evening. A slight breeze was felt and the smell of sage filled the air. The Oregon Buttes could be seen in the far distance. The Oregon Buttes were a landmark that was guiding me along in my journey much like the emigrants to California over a hundred and fifty years ago were guided on their journeys. Onward I went through the basin following the trail and seeing faint wagon ruts left long ago.

Along the divide in Colorado, mining remnants dotted the landscape. In a remote area, old and rusted machinery and old shacks gave testament to the once thriving communities found along and around the Colorado Rockies... and a reminder how our impact on the mountains can be felt for generations to come.

In New Mexico, I continued to walk in the path of those who came before me. An ancient trading route between the Zuni and Acoma people is the Continental Divide Trail. The trail was a link between these Puebloan people and was now a link in the 3000 mile long trail that extends from Mexico to Canada. Petroglyphs can be spotted along the trail letting us know we are not the first travelers to come this way.

And why do we seek and remember these experiences from the Continental Divide Trail? A quote from Meriwether Lewis seems apt: “As we passed on, it seemed as if those scenes of visionary enchantment would never end”. That is why I think many of us travel on the Continental Divide Trail: To seek our own scenes of visionary enchantment that we do not want to end.

We want to be on top of that unspoiled pass deep in the Montana wilderness. And on top of that pass we wonder what is further down the divide waiting for us...

Paul is an avid outdoors person who calls Boulder, CO his home. When not playing outside, he is often enjoying a pint or two of a tasty beverage (usually after said outdoor activities).
Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, a.k.a. The CDT

The basics:

Location: United States
Length: About 3,100 miles
Northern Terminus: Canadian Border, Glacier National Park
Southern Terminus: Mexican Border, Big Hatchets Wilderness Conservation Area
Highest Point: Gray’s Peak, Colorado at 14,270 feet
Lowest Point: Waterton Lake, in Glacier National Park at 4,200 feet
States it Travels through: Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico

What’s the Trail for: Hiking, horseback riding, cross country skiing, hunting, sight seeing, wildlife watching, contemplation, solitude and community.

Fun facts:

Protection: The CDT was designated as a National Scenic Trail in 1978 by the Congressional oversight Committee of the National Trails System.

Thru Hikers: In 2013 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.

Stand Alone: 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.

Longest Roadless Section: Weminuche Wilderness, Colorado

What the Trail includes:

- 25 National Forests
- 21 Wilderness Areas
- 8 Bureau of Land Management resource areas
- 3 National Parks
- 1 National Monument

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 and Rocky Mountain National Park.

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

Challenges 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.

History:

Founded by: 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.

The first thru hike: David Maceyka and a small group documented the first hike of the CDT in the 1930’s.

Original Name: The Blue Can Trail. Named for the founders who first walked the Trail, marking their path with blue cans nailed to trees.

Year Proposed to Congress: 1966
Year it was designated: 1978
Sources: Continental Divide Trail Coalition, United States Forest Service.
Moss Campion, Glacier National Park

New trail near Cottonwood Pass

Back Country Horsemen in the Bob Marshall Wilderness

Cottonwood Pass

Moss Campion, Glacier National Park
This email was sent from Coyote during her 2012 Thru hike:

Hello All- and greetings from Steamboat Springs, Colorado!

Steamboat is only a few miles shy of the Wyoming border. Our small group of itinerants is still clinging together. And man oh man, are we ready for a state border crossing. All things considered, Colorado has treated us wonderfully. But it is time to move on. And as arbitrary as a state boundary is, it also brings the morale boost an aspiring CDT thru-hiker needs once in a while, like: Progress! Zing!

Our landscape has begun to flatten out a little. I mean that in a relative way, since the average elevation of the Continental Divide Trail in Colorado is 11,000 feet. We are fortunate to get through the San Juans with very little snow. That was our longest stretch without resupply, a week. The rest of the Colorado CDT? Well, it’s all rugged high terrain. Grandiose views, Marty Stauffer material. One quirky mountain town after another. Trail magic of the purest kind, the unplanned. And thank goodness for that, because the weather-despite the state’s overall driest year on record- decided to WHOMP us. Every afternoon. From Salida north. You see these ginormous cumulonimbus clouds building at 11 a.m. and you know that you’re in for it. And you look up at your path which, inevitably, seems to head upwards, beyond treeline and along the highest ridges. Thunder grows. Welcome to the afternoon death trap. It’s a constant conundrum in Colorado: Do you continue on, keep making those miles, getting soaked by rain and chased by lightening until its time to camp? Or do you hunker down, set up a tent under a few trees, STILL get soaked, and not make any progress? Oof. At least there are others to share the misery, the wet, and sometimes a nip of whiskey at the end of the day. Friends make it worth it.

Locals make it worth it, too. Ratatouille and I arrive at Marshall Pass, a crossroads with small Forest Service rest room and a sign describing what the CDT is for the myriad mountain bikers, ATVers and auto travellers who pass through on the weekends. Rat and I are excited. This is the day we get to hitch into Salida, which we’ve heard is a favorite trail town. Plus, town days are exciting because you get to clean and stuff your face. We have 10 miles left to go from Marshall Pass to Monarch Pass. AS we plop down next to the rest room (it’s the only decent shade at Marshall Pass), a large group of cyclists come up. They’re in their 40s and 50s, clad in cycling gear and smelling clean. They stop to wipe their faces and regroup. Naturally, we begin to chat. They’re out for the day, their cars parked at Monarch Pass, their legs primed for hours of good cycling down to Salida. Within minutes, one of the women says to us, “Hey! We should give you our keys!” She turns to her friend. “We should give them our keys!” She turns back to us. “Is it crazy if we give you our keys?” Rat grins from ear to ear, in shock, and replies: “…YES. It IS crazy.” And the after thought: “But we’re good people. We’re not gonna steal your car.” Rat and I suddenly have two sets of car keys. One for a Toyota Highlander, the other for a Subaru Forester. Our good trail buddies Dove Bar and G.I. Joe appear. “Got a present for you “ I say, and hand them the Forester keys. “What? What!!” G.I. Joe is astounded, or something, because that vein pops
how can you thank people for taking in four completely rank strangers for two nights?

Colorado has been FULL of these sorts of people. It counteracts what you hear on the news, no? And I could tell TEN stories like that one, just from this state.

Now we are staying in a rock gym adjacent to the apartment of two former A.T. Thru-hikers, a couple named Sam-I Am and Origami, in Steamboat Springs. Sam-I-Am owns her own hair salon. She gave me a professional haircut yesterday. No big deal, right? But, now, consider that I haven’t been to a salon since the year 2000. Sam-I-Am gave me the WORKS. Shampoo and scalp massage and everything. For his part, Rat cleans up pretty darn good too. As for Dove Bar and G.I. Joe, Sam-I-Am has threatened to give them both purple highlights today before returning us all to the trail head at Buffalo Pass. And Jester- who finally caught up to us- might be a lost cause, but it doesn’t matter ‘cause he’s super dreamy (and standing over my shoulder prompting me to write this). So. Despite the hairy legs, mosquito-bite scabs and inescapable sock tan, I kinda feel like a girl! But don’t worry, I’m not gonna start “repping” for Avon or anything.

We should be in Encampment, Wyoming, by Monday. That’s when the post office opens, when we can pick up a care package from a friend. Wyoming- the little I know? Rodeos. The Great Divide Basin. The Wind River Range. And Yellowstone. And grizzlies. But one thing at a time. We gotta get out of Colorado. It’s tested us. It’s been good to us. But it’s time to make progress.

Take care of yourselves out there, and happy trails!

Hugs from Coyote!

“Coyote is from here and there, but her preferred habitat is mountains. She currently works as a wilderness ranger for the Forest Service. She completed her Northbound thru hike on October 5, 2012.”

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In Tribute to a real Trail Angel: Sam Hughes

In early June, 2013 the CDT community lost a gentle soul who helped many a CDT traveler in the town of Hachita, NM. In an excerpt taken from Scott Williams article in the Martinez Patch posted on April 20, 2012 and reprinted with permission, we wanted to share with you a little of Sam’s story and why he will sorely be missed. We know Sam is now with his beloved Gonzala, and we also happen to think when Trail Magic occurs along the Trail in Southern New Mexico, that maybe Sam may have a little to do with it. Many Happy Trails to Sam and our thoughts go out to his loved ones, and any time we travel through the Hachita Crossroads, we know we will think of you fondly.

Sam Hughes has the sunburnt face of a man who’s experienced life big and lived in the desert for a long time. His wrinkles, infectious smile and the twinkle in his eye all overshadow the nearly missing nose, a recent casualty to skin cancer and the ever present cigarette that never seems to go out. At eighty-one, he’s the trail angel of Hachita New Mexico, and the only ride around to get to the start of the Continental Divide Trail at Crazy Cook. That’s not a small order as it’s over thirty miles of four wheel drive dirt road before a hiker can even get to the border to start this 3,000 mile walk to Canada. Sam’s been doing it for twelve years now and revels in the people he’s met, bike riders on cross country races and tours and the yearly class of CDT hikers starting north in April and May, or the south bounders coming through in October and November. He charges for his service, but he earns every penny of it.

Driving into Hachita on the evening of April 11, we thought we might have driven into a preserved ghost town. No one was outside on the dirt streets and there were as many abandoned adobes as those still being lived in. Some were melting back into the soil, the most direct recycling of a building I’d ever seen. The steeple of Saint Catherine of Sienna Church stood tall on one end of town but the building itself was in ruins, smashed glass everywhere and the front doors agape, the entry befouled by cattle. The saint’s niche in the steeple was empty and it looked as if the town was going the same way.

Then we spotted Sam’s house and the prominent CDT sign on his gate and realized this was the place. His warm greeting smoothed the sadness we’d felt at seeing the town in it’s demise and we began to feel the heart still beating in this old place.

That evening Nancy and I sat in his small, cracked plaster walled living room, the outside mud bricks a foot or more thick, and were regaled by story after story from Sam, most of which I couldn’t paraphrase if I tried. These weren’t the stories of an old dotard you wanted to get through politely but were gripping, told with a Southwestern drawl that brought a color to the telling and we were rapt for hours.

We heard how the prosperous little town of Hachita had fallen on hard times in 1999 when the copper smelter was shut down and the mining operation transferred to South America and of how 12 years ago while Sam was talking to a friend in town a thirsty hiker had come up and asked for water. Sam drove him to the border and he’s been doing it ever since.

Sam is originally from Spokane Washington. His father was a Choctaw Indian who died when Sam was young and he ended up being raised by the Cree in British Columbia where he learned the tribal language, and most importantly, Indian sign language. He speaks “English, Cree, sign language, Mexican and just enough French and German to get me into trouble.”

He served in WWII on the Pacific Front and received a dishonorable discharge under honorable conditions. How’s that? Well, at fifteen he lied about his age and joined the Marines, fighting in several major Pacific battles before being “ratted out” by his older brother when the two met on one of the islands. He was bitter and put on a troop transport flight that only just made it off the runway before belly flopping into the lagoon. Sam was “a bit excited,” and thinking the plane was about to sink, jumped out of the hatch face first onto the coral reef. He tore himself to ribbons. He was shipped to several other islands in route to the States, but ended up being shelled on both. He was sure the Marine Command was trying to kill him.

A heavy equipment operator for years, Sam lived for a time in Texas where he caught the eye of Gonzala, a beautiful young Señorita who couldn’t hear or
speak. His fluency in sign language made up for that and the two fell in love and were married and had four children all raised in Hachita, a town that was a town back then.

Outside of town is a large wildlife study area and he and Gonzala spent many evenings parked near watering holes, watching coyotes, pronghorn antelope and the occasional mountain lion come down for a drink. Hachita is small but the wilderness just beyond the town is huge.

The walls of the room where we sat were covered in pictures of his children and his gorgeous wife, who’s long, softly curled hair could have graced any movie star from the 1940s. She was beautiful. We were lucky enough to meet Sam’s daughter Dorothy, who was staying with her old dad for the week while she was dispatched locally by the New Mexico Department of Transportation. She was the image of her mother who passed away five years ago and the two clearly still miss her.

Some time later...

Our plan had been to make it to Highway 9 and hitch into Hachita, as we had food stored at Sam’s place. We could see traffic on the road from a great distance but it was 6pm when we finally reached it and whatever after work rush hour there might have been had ended at 5:05pm. Two cars passed us in the first half hour, one of which had a load of workers, and we were getting cold. Pitching a tent in that wind and icy drizzle would have been a feet of engineering. Then Nancy had a brain storm and here’s the reason for hiking with others, three chilly but thinking people are better than one. Hachita had no cell service but Nancy just decided to give it a try anyway. She tried once, twice, and then said, “Third times the charm,” and got through to Sam, who put down whatever he was doing, got into his boat of an old Lincoln and dragged us out of the storm to a warm adobe and a night on his living room floor.

It was great to see him but we could feel his distress at the ordeal of his truck’s breakdown. The border patrol agents had delivered him to his door, however, the next day he had pulled his truck over twenty-five miles of ruts and it would cost quite a bit to be repaired. He was starting to feel his eighty-one years and thought maybe it was time to follow his daughter’s advice and quit this hiker nonsense. She’d been really upset when he was late returning from our run to the border. But he still spoke fondly of the hikers and bikers he’d helped for so many years and was proud of the stack of cards and mail he had from all over the world. At eighty-one, stopping all this foolishness might be the best thing for him. On the other hand it was clearly a big part of what got him out of bed in the morning, something he was proud of and cared about, something akin to the passion we hikers felt for the trail and a desert angel in an unlikely spot at the start or end of a very long walk.

"We all flow from one fountain Soul. All are expressions of one Love. God does not appear, and flow out, only from narrow chinks and round bored wells here and there in favored races and places, but He flows in grand undivided currents, shoreless and boundless over creeds and forms and all kinds of civilizations and peoples and beasts, saturating all and fountainizing all."  

John Muir - June 9, 1872

Southern Terminus Monument Stands Tall Once Again!

On April 5, 2013 we received a report that the Monument at the Southern terminus had been knocked over by vandals. A symbol for many things for many people who start or end their journey on the "official" CDT route, working with our BLM partners from the Las Cruces Office, plans were established to get the Monument repaired and standing tall once again. On June 12, 2013, the BLM Las Cruces Field Office reported that the monument was back in its rightful position.

A huge thank you goes out to the BLM Las Cruces Field Office for working to resolve the situation so quickly and ensure that this symbol continues to stand tall for all of those looking to mark their CDT Journey's beginning or end!

Inset photo by Craig Johnston
Trail Dad’s Spaghetti

Weight per serving: 8 ounces

Total servings: 1 super hungry backpacker or 2 normal backpackers

This recipe come from Brian Robinson, aka Flyin Bryan. Flyin’ Bryan was the first person to hike the Continental Divide, the Pacific Crest and the Appalachian trail (Triple Crown) in one year. That’s a distance of over 7,371 miles in 300 days!

According to Bryan, “TrailDad is my father, Roy Robinson. He single-handedly packed fifty-seven resupply boxes for the Continental Divide and Pacific Crest legs of my Triple Crown hike. That required dehydrating gallons of sauce! TrailDad’s Spaghetti is my favorite dish.”

At home:

1 (26-ounce) jar spaghetti sauce (your favorite brand)
4 ounces whole wheat angel-hair pasta
¼ cup Kraft Parmesan cheese

On the trail:

2 1/2 cups water
2 tablespoons olive oil

Dehydrate your favorite spaghetti sauce until it is hard and brittle. Low-fat vegetarian sauce dries more readily. A chunky brand of sauce should be pureed in a blender prior to dehydration. Place dried spaghetti sauce in a ziplock bag. Carry pasta and cheese separately.

For 1 serving, crumble dried spaghetti sauce into 2 1/2 cups of cold water and heat to boiling. Add 2 tablespoons of olive oil and 4 ounces of pasta. Stir quickly for a few minutes. Simmer if your stove will permit; otherwise, remove from heat to prevent burning, keeping the contents hot as long as possible. The pasta should soak up the liquid so that there is no need to drain the pot. Add ¼ cup of Parmesan cheese, stir, and serve.

Brian Robinson
“Flyin’ Brian” Mountain View, California

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsB2a8EkBN0
**Thru Hiker List**

**2002**
Michelle "Shell" Ellinwood  
Robert "Dr. Bob" Ellinwood  
Robert "Sly" Sylvester

**2006**
Shawn "Pepper" Forry  
Lawton "Disco" Grinter  
Felicia "Princess of Darkness" Hermosillo

**2007**
"Lint" Bunting

**2008**
Brian Miller

**2010**
Jacob "Don't Panic" Down  
Jack "Found" Haskel  
Philip "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

**2012**
Kaitlin "Jetpack" Allen  
Jerry Brown  
"Coyote"  
Elaine "Brazil Nut" Bissonno  
Nancy "Why Not?!" Huber  
Richard "Handlebar" Ostheimer

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Colorado Partners

Colorado Trail Foundation: www.coloradotrail.org

Project Location and Dates
• August 3-10 – Winfield I
• August 10-17 – Winfield II
• August 17-24 – Winfield III
• August 17-24 – Tunnel Gulch/CTF I
• August 24-31 – Tunnel Gulch/CTF II

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado: www.voc.org

Project Location and Dates
• July 12-14 – Clear Creek IV
• July 20-21 – Tunnel Gulch
• July 26-28 – Clear Creek V
• August 10-16 – Ute Creek
• August 30-September 1 – Clear Creek VI
• August 30-September 2 – Wolf Creek Pass
• September 6-8 – Clear Creek VII
• September 13-15 – Clear Creek VIII
• September 20-22 – Clear Creek IX

Wyoming Partners

Montana Wilderness Association: www.cdtmontana.org

Project Locations and Dates
• September 5-10 – Shoshone Lake, Yellowstone National Park

Idaho and Montana Partners


Montana Wilderness Association: www.cdtmontana.org

Project Locations and Dates
• July 1-7 – Elk Calf Mountain I
• July 5-7 – Warren Peak, MT
• July 19-21 – Bison Mountain
• July 19-27 – Warren Lake
• August 11-18 – Strawberry Creek
• August 18-24 – Bullhead Lake
• September 7-14 – Rainbow Pass
• September 13-17 – Granite Butte Look Out

To see these projects please go to our Interactive Map.

Bridger Peak Wilderness - taking a break
Finding Our Way Campaign Update from Jonathon Stalls, Campaign Manager

I wanted to take a few minutes to update you on our "Finding Our Way on The Continental Divide" campaign on IndieGoGo.com.

We have currently generated just over $22K (about 62%) to reach our goal of $35K. We have less than 5 days before our campaign ends. We've been featured on the homepage for IndieGoGo for 5 days and were their 'Campaign of the Day' Thursday, June 20th. We've had about 10,000 eyes on our page and have just over 380 contributors from all over the world.

The amount of hours, sweat and (sometimes tears) that have gone into this process is beyond significant. We are a very small team and have worked hard to keep the heart and future of the CDT alive. This campaign has been an aggressive attempt to energize and rally the greater outdoor community. It's all we have. There are no 'start-up' funds or grants for groups like the CDTC. We call, we email, we text, we knock on doors and we create and re-create what seems like 100s of messages and opportunities for the chance at new eyes hitting our campaign page and making a contribution. While we know that many people will never fully understand the impact trails like these have, we trust that you do, and you will boldly stand with us, fight with us and offer your time, your networks and your dollars to see this campaign come to fruition.

Please be a part of history. Please be generous with your donations, your emails to friends and your time to help us share our message that the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail IS important to the public.

I believe ever so deeply in the potential the CDT has to change, inspire and teach millions of people for years to come. We are connected to this trail! We are the CDT's true guardian. Please be one of many voices doing everything you can to help us reach our goal by July 5th.

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$1,000-$5,000
Michelle Fuller
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Anonymous

In honor of:
Anthony Mason, MD, by Pat and Herb Smartt

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A big thank you to everyone who has joined the CDTC and all who made contributions. We wouldn't be here without you.
Yes, I want to support the CDTC!

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Online Membership Form

Membership Fees:

☐ CDTC “Friend”     $5.00
☐ CDTC Student Member     $25.00
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Depending on your membership level, you may receive the following benefits:

• CDTC and CDT decals and 5% discounts at the Trail Store
• CDTC Newsletter (three times a year)
• Invitations to CDTC events and volunteer projects
• Knowledge that your membership helps support the important work of the CDTC!
• CDT Calendar

Thank you for your support! The Continental Divide Trail Coalition is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your membership dues are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Memories from the Fundraiser Kick-off

Paul Mags, serving it up behind the bar.

Waiting for show kickoff to start.

Watching the “Finding Our Way on the Continental Divide” video