WILDLANDS RESTORATION
Volunteers

2013
Annual Report

Wildlands Restoration Volunteers

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Members like you gave April Andujar the tools to heal the land at 25 projects, and the trainings where she learned to be a Crew Leader, Instructor, Technical Advisor, and Cook Team Member.

"Volunteering and interning with WRV was the most positive and beneficial thing I could have done. I learned so much that I could not have learned in the classroom. The work that WRV does affects wildlife habitat, it affects water quality, it affects things like soil erosion, and from what I’ve seen through my monitoring work, we’re making a pretty huge difference. There’s a lot left to be done, but you can see the progress being made."

-April Andujar

April communicates with her team at Echo Lake Trail and Restoration Project, where she serves as Technical Advisor.
In September 2013, Boulder, Broomfield, Larimer and Weld Counties were struck by a very heavy rainfall event – a 500 year flood for Boulder County, devastating areas such as Lyons and Jamestown, and heavily impacting many other areas nearby. *Your donation helped mobilize 468 volunteers* to remove debris and repair trails at six events before year’s end.

In 2013, you helped 568 volunteers mulch, seed, and install erosion control structures such as straw wattles, at 21 restoration events in the high-intensity burn area from the High Park Fire. As the above photo demonstrates, straw wattles *held up to the test of flooding* in September, 2013, by stopping erosion, and millions of seeds are sending down tiny root structures to hold the soil in place. You supported volunteers to really brave the elements in all seasons and *treat over 213 acres* of burn area.
THANK YOU! In addition to all these achievements, your 2013 contribution helped WRV engage diverse youth in restoration service learning; certify new chain sawyers to help with the aftermath of fire suppression and bark beetles; and more. Boulder’s Daily Camera in 2013 honored WRV Founder Ed Self with the Environment Pacesetter Award – an achievement he couldn’t have reached without help from people like you. You made a huge difference!

In 2013, you helped WRV cross a threshold to a $1.1 M budget. Needs are growing, volunteerism and volunteer leadership are growing, and so must staff, budget, and reserves. Why are non-program parts of the expense pie important? Without them, there would be no accomplishments by WRV. Highlights include the cost of training leaders, recruiting new people, and turning every $1 donated by individuals into $12.22 worth of restoration on the ground. To ensure WRV’s long-term sustainability, we plan to double income from members. We’re not there yet, and your support is crucial! Thank you!
You brought WRV into a classroom at Naropa University, where student Marissa Pulaski got hooked. She took a crew leadership course, perfected her skills under the mentorship of WRV’s board chair, and led crews to restore two locations right away.

Your help prepares the next generation of stewardship leaders; their future engagement leverages your impact for years to come.

Marissa works at O’Fallon Park Bear Creek Restoration with Brock Bowles, who served as the first of many volunteer Technical Advisors in WRV history, and the second to volunteer for 50 projects.