

# FY2005 Centennial of Service Challenge Accomplishment Report

State:	Colorado	Centennial Funds:	\$ 4,875
National Forest:	Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests; Parks Ranger District	Other Funds Used:	\$42,684
Project Name:	CDNST Illinois Pass-Bowen Pass Trail Project	Total Project Cost:	\$48,316

**Project Purpose/Objectives:** This project was part of the larger objective to complete construction/reconstruction of the CDNST by 2008. The Parks Ranger District completed an analysis and decision to finish the section of trail between Forest Road 104 and Bowen Pass in the Rabbit Ears and Never Summer ranges and to construct new non-motorized trail segments throughout this area. This volunteer project helped the District complete a substantial and difficult trail segment.



## **Work Performed:**

**Illinois Pass to Bowen Pass Continental Divide National Scenic Trail Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado Project**

- 90- VOC volunteers during August 13 – 14, 2005
- 180 Volunteer Days
- 1,600 feet of new trail
- 2 rill crossings
- Much of the trail construction in very steep terrain



## **Expected Benefits:**

*This trail construction work helped the Forest Service build this technical trail section with limited budgets and expertise.*

*This project followed the Forest Service intent of managing the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail primarily for non-motorized recreation.*

*The work helped drain water off the trail.*

## **Partners:**

*Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado is an excellent group to work with on this kind of effort. They have the expertise, experience, provide tools and training for their volunteers, and recruit the many volunteers needed for this type of project. They also provide tools, transportation, and best of all, expert supervision for the volunteers. The volunteers have a great time while contributing their time and efforts to worthwhile projects on public lands.*



## **Congressional/Media Outreach:**

*Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, in coordination with the Forest Service, marketed this trail project via the VOC website and a other networking tools throughout the state of Colorado to an estimated 50,000 people.*