

# VOLUNTEERS PARTNERS

## *Caring for the land*

*Volunteers and partners continue to improve the forest for everyone and serve as a vital role in not only providing the public with recreation and safety information but also helping with forest restoration efforts, wildlife habitat improvements, trail repairs and maintenance, invasive species, building fences, kiosks and collecting data. Volunteers and partners contribute to our success and accomplishments.*

► The **Arapaho Roosevelt Pawnee Foundation** supported five projects donating more than \$50,000 and hundreds of volunteer hours on the Forest in 2012. Support was provided for improvements at Point Park on the Sulphur Ranger District (SRD) and Brainard Lake on the Boulder Ranger District. They also supported the Canyon Lakes Ranger District (CLRD) volunteer program, providing funding for much needed materials and recognition items and National Public Lands Day (NPLD).

► The ARP hosted **two NPLD** events in September 2012, attracting nearly 450 volunteers between the two districts. Volunteers worked on projects from tree planting and trash pickup to trail improvements. It was the third annual event for CLRD and the 18th annual event for SRD, making that the longest-running NPLD event in the nation.

► Volunteers came out in full-force following the Hewlett and High Park fires of 2012. **Four trail days** were organized by the Poudre Wilderness Volunteers, with support from the ARP Foundation, on CLRD and many from the community came to help. Volunteers also helped during the fires, answering phones and sharing critical information.

► Kristy Wumkes, CLRD partnership coordinator, was honored by the U.S. Forest Service Washington Office as **the Volunteer Coordinator of the Year** for her efforts leading the second largest district program across the Forest Service. CLRD hosts more than 900 volunteers who donated over \$1 million worth of services to the district.

► **Grand County Wilderness Group** continues to provide integral support to the SRD in providing visitor information services at remote locations in the Arapaho National Recreation Area, including at Monarch Lake Cabin and Junco Lake Cabin.

► **Headwaters Trails Alliance** is in its 12th year of working with SRD on its Adopt-a-Trail program, which allows volunteers to assist with trail maintenance. A total of 177 miles of trail on SRD are currently adopted by private individuals, nonprofits and businesses in Grand County.



Employees and volunteers complete a bridge to protect a riparian area on Sulphur's National Public Lands Day in 2012.

## **VOLUNTEER** 2012FACTS

■ *More than **1,600** volunteers donated nearly **70,000** volunteer hours on the ARP worth more than **\$1.5 million**.*

■ *Partnered with more than **100** businesses and organizations.*



Volunteers plant trees for Canyon Lake's 2012 National Public Lands Day.



Looking for a volunteer opportunity?  
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