

Rocky Mountain Field Institute

2021 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Supporters of RMFI,

After enduring the challenging year that 2020 presented, we entered into 2021 with enthusiasm and cautious optimism. After operating a full year under the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, we felt more confident in our ability to negotiate the ongoing challenges presented by the pandemic and knew we could make the 2021 season a success.

We were able to employ nearly 35 staff, providing meaningful job development, leadership, and training opportunities. We increased our volunteer engagement by 400% compared to 2020, completed the 20th year of our Earth Corps field studies course on Pikes Peak, completed the 9th annual Pikes Peak Regional Crew Leader Training program, and secured long-term funding agreements for a number of important projects. Best of all, RMFI celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2021, a milestone we could not have reached without your generosity, support, and steadfast commitment to RMFI. We sincerely appreciate each and every one of you who collectively make the work that we do possible.

Some important project highlights and accomplishments included embarking on our first year of a new Resilient Communities stewardship program in partnership with Great Outdoors Colorado and the City of Colorado Springs, making significant progress on our multi-year project to construct a new 4-mile segment of the Devils Playground Trail to the top of Pikes Peak, improving forest health and timber stand improvement projects at Mueller State Park, and completing a wide variety of other trail and restoration projects at popular local parks and open spaces including North Cheyenne Cañon, Palmer Park, Garden of the Gods, Ute Valley Park, and Red Rock Canyon Open Space. We also were excited to host our annual Fall ShinDIG in person in November 2021, a celebration that is near and dear to our hearts!

We invite you to read the following pages for an in-depth look at what kept us busy in 2021. At the time of writing, we are still in the throws of the pandemic and are busy navigating public health guidance and policies to ensure a successful and impactful 2022. Thanks for all of your support!

Sincerely,



Jennifer Peterson
RMFI Executive Director





OUR MISSION

The Rocky Mountain Field Institute conserves and protects public lands in Southern Colorado through volunteer-based trail and restoration projects, environmental education, and restoration research.

OUR VISION

The Rocky Mountain Field Institute envisions a world where our work fosters vibrant and healthy natural systems that are respected and cared for by the public.

OUR VALUES

Excellence in programs. We are committed to providing the highest standard of programming for our project partners, supporters, and participants.

Volunteerism. We will implement a restoration model that centers on community involvement as a means of connecting people to the outdoors, promoting a healthy lifestyle, and fostering an ethic of environmental responsibility and stewardship.

Outdoor recreation and education. We respect the natural environment and seek to provide the opportunity for youth and adults to enjoy our natural world. Through our educational efforts, we will seek to develop the next generation of environmental leaders and stewards.

Science-based solutions. We are committed to furthering the field of restoration through the study and application of science-based solutions.

Inclusiveness in partnerships. We encourage strong and diverse partnerships through broad stakeholder and public participation.

Integrity in actions. We are committed to holding ourselves to the highest degree of responsibility and accountability.

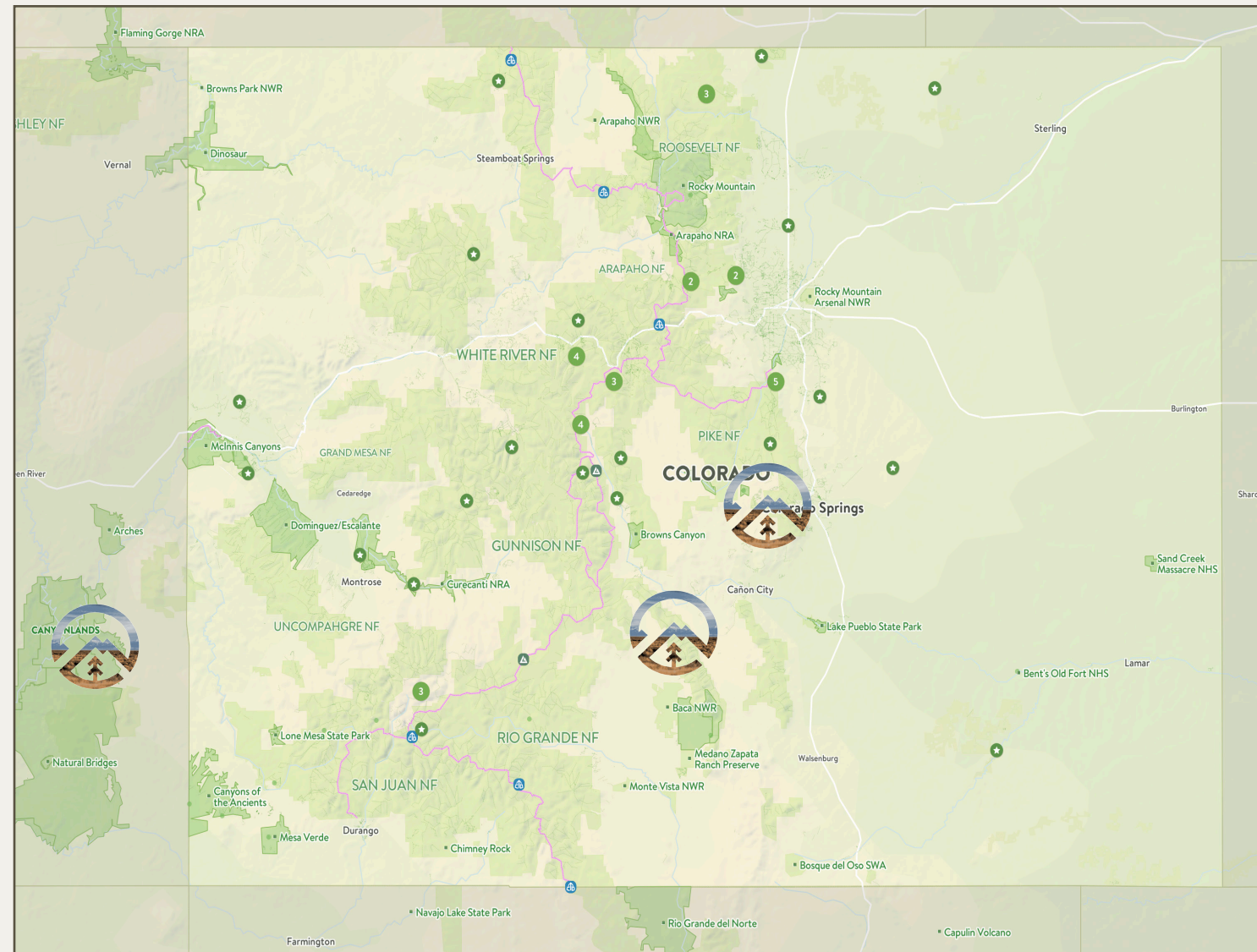
Courage. In furthering our mission, we will have the courage to undertake difficult and complex projects.

Generosity of others. We are committed to being responsible stewards of the time, money, and gifts entrusted to us.

2021 PROJECT LOCATIONS

For the past 40 years, RMFI has accomplished its mission by completing a wide variety of important trail and restoration projects in recreational areas throughout the Southern Rocky Mountains and Colorado Plateau. RMFI has received national, state, and local recognition for its stewardship work that is widely regarded as some of the finest work of its kind accomplished in the region.

Our stewardship model centers on community engagement as a means of connecting people to the outdoors, providing sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities, and fostering an ethic of environmental responsibility and stewardship. From recreational trail work to watershed protection and forest mitigation, our work keeps Colorado's great outdoors great.



Map courtesy of COTREX



ALPINE

Devils Playground Trail - Pikes Peak
South Colony Lakes Basin



South Colony Lakes, Jennifer Peterson



MONTANE

Bear Creek Watershed
Guffey Gorge
North Cheyenne Cañon Park
Mueller State Park
Pike National Forest



Bear Creek, Rob Hoff



FOOTHILLS

Austin Bluffs Open Space
Barr Trail
Cresta Open Space
Garden of the Gods Park
Palmer Park
Paul Intemann Trail
Red Rock Canyon Open Space
Shelf Road Recreation Area
Stratton Open Space
Ute Valley Park



Garden of the Gods, Rob Hoff



DESERT

Indian Creek, Utah



Indian Creek, Alex Hladkyj



Before and after photos showing construction of rock steps along the new Devils Playground Trail to Pikes Peak!



Before and after photos showing construction of a punchon structure near Rampart Reservoir to help protect water quality.



Before and after photos showing restoration of a social trail at Indian Creek, Utah.



Before and after photos of restoration work completed in Garden of the Gods Park.



Before and after photos of timber step construction along Barr Trail.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHT



Resilient Communities Program with Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

In 2021, RMFI and the City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department were awarded a Resilient Communities Grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) to support increased stewardship capacity across the City's parks and open spaces experiencing significant and growing visitation as a result of the COVID-19 public health crisis. Funds received will support the completion of 80-100 individual stewardship workdays each year for 2 years over the 2021 and 2022 field seasons. In addition, the grant seeks to partner with the Trails and Open Space Coalition to develop a Trail Ambassador program to educate users on trail safety and etiquette.

Combined, these efforts provide needed stewardship and community outreach to address the on-going impacts of overuse and degradation on public lands.

The 2021 field season marked the first year of implementation under the grant in which RMFI completed a total of 80 stewardship workdays across Colorado Springs including Austin Bluffs Open Space, Cresta Open Space, North Cheyenne Cañon Park, Palmer Park, and Ute Valley Park. Work including social trail closure and active restoration, trail construction, trail maintenance, erosion control, habitat improvement, and Leave No Trace education.

RMFI is actively planning for 2022 projects and programs tied to the Resilient Communities grant and looks forward to completing another successful year of stewardship in our beloved parks and open spaces!





PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Sangre de Cristo Stewardship Crew - South Colony Lakes

RMFI first began working in the South Colony Lakes Basin in 1997 to create a sustainable trail and camping infrastructure in this highly visited alpine basin. The Basin provides unparalleled access to popular rock climbing routes and three popular fourteen thousand-foot mountains (14'ers) – Humboldt Peak, Crestone Peak, and Crestone Needle.

Since 1997, 14'er climbing has grown exponentially in popularity and this area in particular has experienced unprecedented visitation. The increased use of these unmatched outdoor recreation opportunities has resulted in significant impact on the natural resources that make the area so special.

In 2021, RMFI was able to return to the South Colony Lakes Basin with support from the U.S. Forest Service and National Forest Foundation to complete much needed trail maintenance. Over the course of 40 workdays, RMFI crews cleared hazard trees and blowdown, replaced and repaired timber bridges, trimmed vegetation to better delineate the trail corridor, and improved off trail drainage. All work focused on the popular South Colony and South Colony Spur Trails.

In 2022, RMFI will return to the area to continue critical trail maintenance and stewardship projects closer to Broken Hand Pass. With support through the Great American Outdoors Act, RMFI intends to have crews working in the area for the next 3-4 seasons.



ON-THE-GROUND IMPACT



169 Tons of rock moved



265 Rock/timber steps built



4.4 Miles of social trail closed/restored



24 Total project sites

77 Youth conservation corps members

37 Community and school groups

1,348 Erosion control structures built/maintained



2021 TOTALS:

583
TOTAL WORKDAYS

711
TOTAL VOLUNTEERS

31,783
TOTAL WORK HOURS

\$163,058
VOLUNTEER VALUE

5.8 Miles of trail built/maintained



280
Pounds of native seed

1,318
Native transplants used in restoration

11,360
Trees felled for forest health

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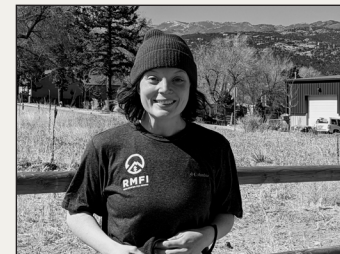
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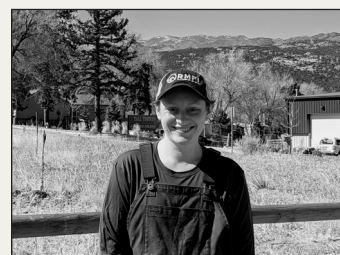
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RMFI TURNS 40!

RMFI embarked on its 40th year of stewardship in 2021!



RMFI was founded on January 5, 1982 by Mark Hesse, an avid mountaineer and outdoor enthusiast, who had a vision of creating an organization to care for and protect public lands in Southern Colorado. RMFI's original name was known as the American Mountain Foundation, and the organization was initially formed to support expeditionary climbing. In 1997, Mark officially changed the group's name to the Rocky Mountain Field Institute, and its focus to education, sustainability, and organized maintenance of climbing areas. Now, 40 years later, RMFI still works at climbing areas, but has grown to encompass a much broader focus on stewardship, conservation, and education at all public land settings in Southern Colorado and the Pikes Peak region. Mark tragically passed away in a climbing accident on January 27, 2014. We remain honored to carry on Mark's legacy as we continue to lead RMFI into many more decades of public land stewardship.

To commemorate this huge milestone, we celebrated all year with events and prizes, culminating in our "40 Years of Discovery Contest" in which people signed up to visit a list of 40 locations where RMFI had worked over the years. Participants were required to log their visits by taking a selfie at each location holding a custom RMFI 40th bandana. Nearly 500 people across the region signed up to participate in the contest, which ran from April 1 - October 1. The contest winners were announced at the RMFI Fall ShinDIG with thousands of dollars in prize packs being given courtesy of contest sponsor, Mountain Chalet! Thanks to everyone who participated and helped celebrate our 40th anniversary!

RMFI staff member working on a new trail. Photo by Riley de Ryk.



RMFI FALL SHINDIG

RMFI's annual Fall ShinDIG returned in a hybrid style in 2021 with both an in-person and online celebration. We were thankful to continue this annual tradition despite the ongoing challenges! A big thank you to our event sponsors, Great Outdoors Colorado and Stargazer's Event Theatre!

SHINDIG AWARD WINNERS:

Robert Weggel Funder of the Year: Friends of Garden of the Gods
 Mark Hesse Stewardship Partner of the Year: Catamount Institute
 Land Management Partner of the Year: Colorado Springs Regional Parks, Trails and Open Space
 Volunteer Group of the Year: Friends of Cheyenne Cañon
 Volunteer of the Year: Emma Weeks
 Mountain Chalet Crew Leader of the Year: Jennifer Sullivan

NATURE! PHOTO CONTEST FINALISTS:

Restoration: Wesley Trimble, Dean Waits
 Mountains: Jason Fazio, James Van Hoy
 Flora: James Van Hoy, Diane Falconer
 Fauna: Vaughn Larsen, Mike Endres
 Interaction: Mike Endres, Jennifer Summers
 Youth: Wyatt Fink, Elle Gray
 Staff Pick: Justin Peterson
 Grand Prize Winner: Jason Fazio

PHOTO CONTEST SPONSORS:

Mountain Chalet
 Mike's Camera
 Give! Campaign



RMFI Fall ShinDIG, Photo courtesy of Tyler Woodward.



Finalist in the "Flora" category of RMFI's annual NATURE! Photo Contest. Photographer: Diane Falconer.

ROCK STAR VOLUNTEERS

RMFI's volunteers are the lifeblood of the organization. Given our continued limited ability to engage community volunteers in 2021, we are recognizing those who volunteered with RMFI 3 or more times during the 2021 field season. Thank you, rock stars!

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| 1. Emma Aspelin | 18. Brandon Pinto |
| 2. Liliah Boatman | 19. Adam Paquette |
| 3. Nicole Box | 20. Chris Pirovano |
| 4. Steve De La Torre | 21. Janelle Ross |
| 5. Jose Dominguez | 22. Taylor Saulsbury |
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| 7. Denise Downs | 24. Dan Stabler |
| 8. Jon Fisher | 25. Valerie Stander |
| 9. Elizabeth Hallman | 26. Jennifer Sullivan |
| 10. Rob Hoff | 27. Stephen Toledo |
| 11. Bree Horner | 28. Dean Waits |
| 12. Courtney Johnson | 29. Tanner Walsh |
| 13. Austin Kent | 30. Emma Weeks |
| 14. William Kinn | 31. Laura Wilkins |
| 15. Scott Miller | 32. Carlee Wilson |
| 16. David Mink | 33. Jill Wohlbach |
| 17. Hannah Mooney | |



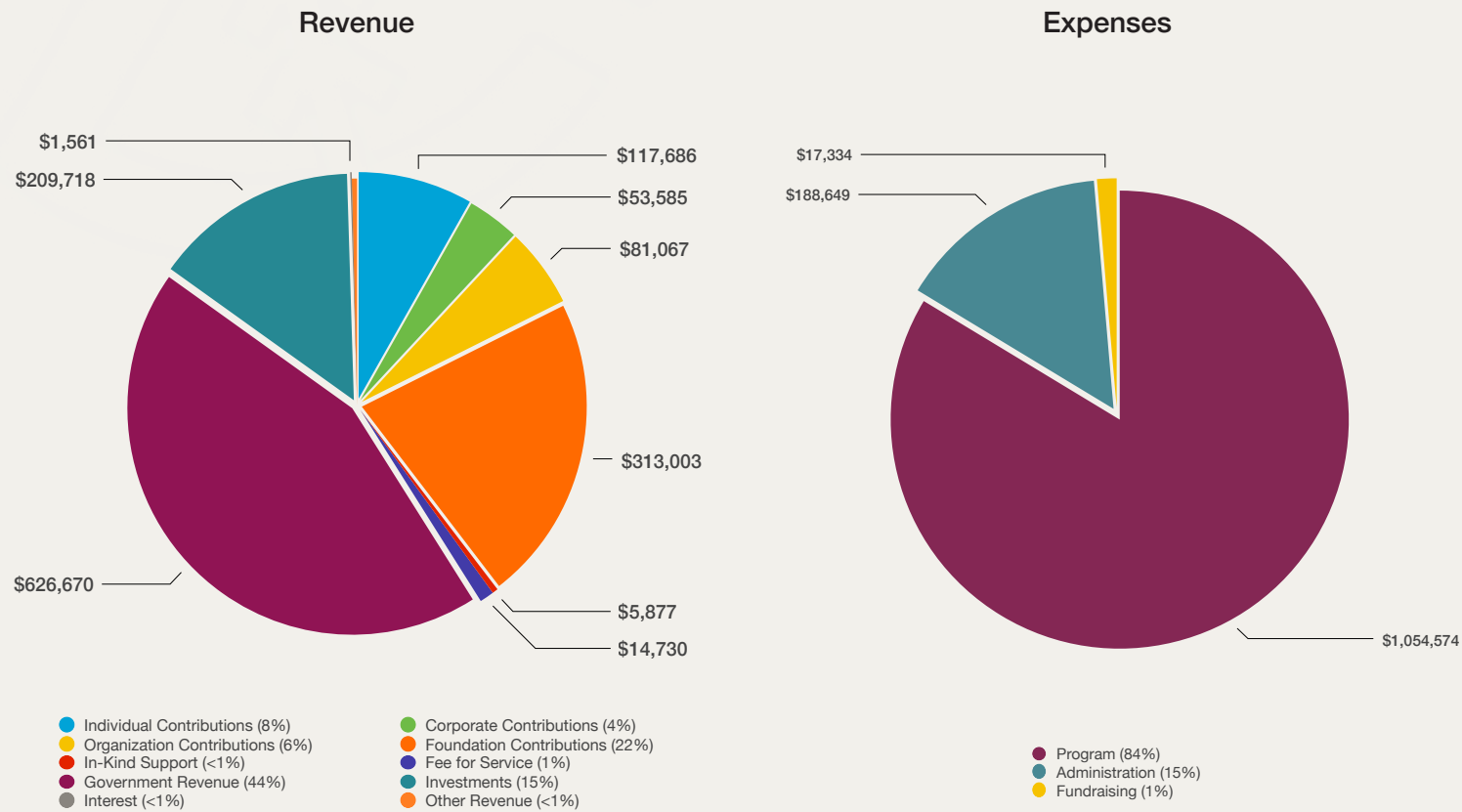
Volunteers gear up for a day of work at RMFI's Devils Playground project location on Pikes Peak. Photo courtesy of Riley de Ryk.

RMFI Fall ShinDIG. Photo courtesy of Justin Peterson.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

RMFI continued its strong financial performance in 2021 despite continuing challenges faced with the COVID-19 pandemic. Revenue was down slightly as compared to 2020 primarily due to the fact RMFI was not eligible to receive any additional COVID-19 relief dollars that it received in 2020. Expenses reflected continued demand for RMFI's stewardship services and additional investment into staff capacity, project equipment, and supplies.



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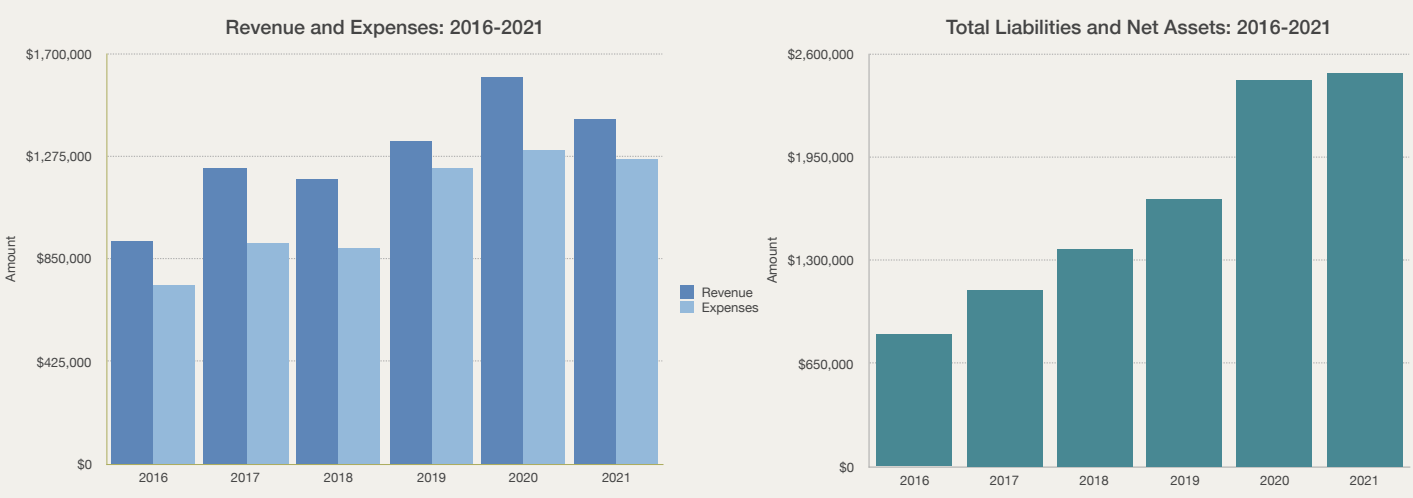
THE ROBERT J. WEGGEL FUND

Robert "Bob" Weggel has long been an avid hiker and backpacker, having trekked two hundred miles to gaze enraptured by Mt. Everest and its vicinity and summited Mt. Whitney and all but nine of Colorado's 14ers—the first in 1970, the most recent at age 73. He's also an avid conservationist and trail builder, specializing in rock steps, stepping stones and soil-retention walls. RMFI's Volunteer Vacation program hosted him in 2006 at South Colony Lakes and subsequently at Lake Como, Kit Carson, and Cheyenne Mountain. In gratitude, in March of 2017 he established RMFI's first Endowment Fund to help support its conservation and stewardship work.



Bob earned a B.S. degree in physics from MIT, followed by graduate work at Harvard. For thirty-six years he designed magnets for the National Magnet Laboratory at MIT; 1980s editions of The Guinness Book of World Records cite him as co-designer of a magnet that generated the most intense continuous magnetic field in the world. He now is contributing to expeditiously bringing to our energy-hungry world abundant, economical, environmentally-benign electric power from thermonuclear fusion.

The Robert J. Weggel Fund for the Rocky Mountain Field Institute will help ensure the organization's long-term financial viability and sustainability. If you'd like to learn more about the Fund and how you can contribute to it, please contact RMFI's Executive Director, Jennifer Peterson, at 719-471-7736, ext. 1# or jennifer@rmfi.org.



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We've made every effort to ensure all of our donors are acknowledged in this report. Please let us know if we've made an error. We appreciate your support and understanding.

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ORGANIZATIONS

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 Catamount Institute
 Cavalier Riding Club
 EBK
 Freshmen Academy
 Girl Scouts
 Green Dental



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 Steadfast Wealth Co.
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RMFI RECEIVES CHIEF'S HONOR AWARD

RMFI was honored to receive a U.S. Forest Service Chief's Honor Award alongside our partners at the U.S. Forest Service, National Forest Foundation, and Colorado Fourteeners Initiative in recognition of the Colorado Fourteeners Program. Colorado's 14,000-foot peaks, known as the "Fourteeners," are world-renowned for their majestic beauty. Increased visitation combined with the lack of a sustainable trail network has led to the loss of vegetation and wildlife habitat, soil erosion, and watershed damage in recent years. The Colorado Fourteeners Program has been instrumental in helping foster partnerships to conserve countless areas of fragile alpine tundra and other critical natural resources by working to design and build sustainable summit routes to the top of Colorado's iconic and majestic 14ers. We are honored to be part of this amazing program and look forward to many more years of work on 14ers in Southern Colorado!



Photo by Kellon Spencer.

Finalist in the "Mountains" category of RMFI's annual NATURE! Photo Contest. Photographer: James Van Hoy.





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