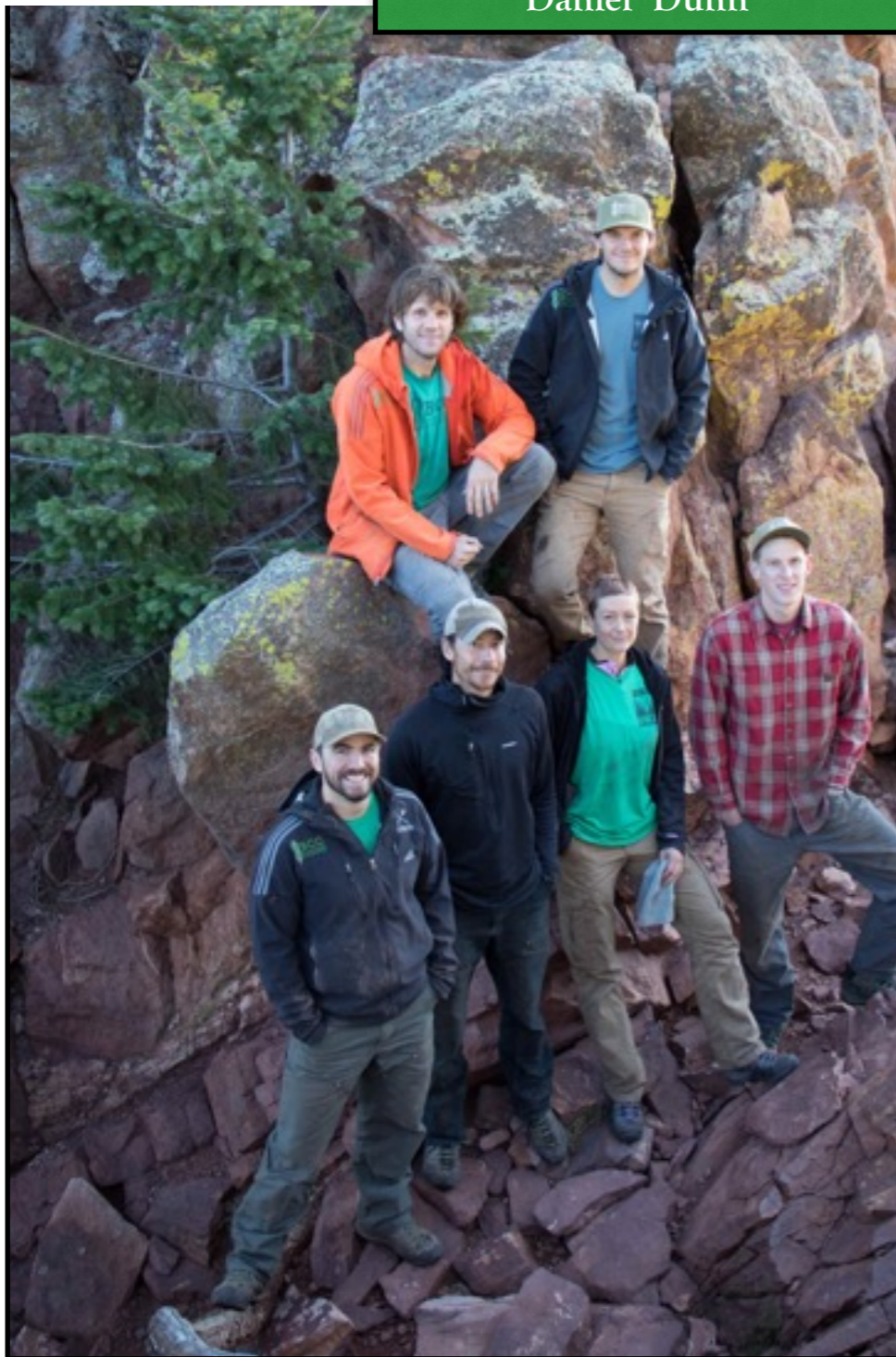




# 2017 Front Range Climbing Stewards Year-end Report



THE 2017 CREW (L to R):  
Top - JB Haab, Evan Andrews  
Bottom - Ryan Kuehn, Aaron  
Mojica, Beth Liska,  
Daniel Dunn



The Third Flatiron  
Descent Trail,  
BEFORE and AFTER





## Message from the Front Range Climbing Stewards Co-Directors, JB Haab and Roger Briggs



We just completed our fourth season of building sustainable approach trails and restoring damage at local climbing areas, and once again, the work we completed was much-needed and very impressive to climbers and land managers alike. The photos in this report capture some of it. The 2017 season was our most productive yet, with a small crew working through the winter at North Table Mountain, and our main-season crew growing to five members because we had so much work on our plate. The total cost of the 2017 season came in at \$205,000, and was financed through support from the City of Boulder OSMP, Jefferson County Open Space, REI Colorado, the American Alpine Club, High Mountain Institute, and generous donors in our community. The Access Fund continued to provide critical services such as payroll and accounting, contracting, and insurance. And also, thanks to all the volunteers who came out and worked side-by-side with the crew. The Climbing Stewards model that we have pioneered is truly a collaborative effort between individuals, organizations, businesses, and governments that is making a real difference on the ground, in our climbing areas. We are grateful to everyone who has believed in us and made the FRCS program possible.

Looking ahead, we have a full schedule of work in 2018 slated for March through November, and beyond 2018 we are developing long-term plans for major work in Boulder Canyon and the iconic Cathedral Spires. JB will continue his outstanding leadership of the crew and handling all facets of operations as Program Director of the FRCS, while Roger's support role will change slightly as he assumes the position of Executive Director of the Boulder Climbing Community, the parent organization of the FRCS. In another exciting development, we will begin partnering with the very successful Boulder-based non-profit, Wildlands Restoration Volunteers to share and leverage resources.

Over the program's four year history our funding has averaged 80% from land managers and 20% from our community, including individuals, organizations, small local businesses, and our major funding partner REI Colorado. But as we move towards more work on Federal lands, such as the Forest Service land in Boulder Canyon where most of the climbing happens, we will be covering nearly 100% of the costs ourselves. This means that support from our community will be more important than ever. Whether you are an individual, a business, or represent an organization please consider supporting the FRCS program with a donation or grant, and be part of our mission to make climbing sustainable.

**DONATE** in one of these ways:

- Writing a check to *Boulder Climbing Community*, noting "FRCS", and mailing it to: **FRCS, 727 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Boulder, CO, 80302**
- Using PayPal or credit card on the BCC website at [www.boulderclimbers.org](http://www.boulderclimbers.org)



## Summary of 2017 Projects

| <u>Work Site</u>  | <u>Duration</u> | <u>Land Manager</u>         |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| North Table Mountain (Golden)   | 7 weeks         | Jefferson County Open Space |
| Plotinus Wall, Phase II<br>(Boulder Canyon)                                     | 10 weeks        | U.S. Forest Service         |
| Wall of the Nineties, Independence Day<br>Wall, Canal Zone (Clear Creek Canyon) | 13 weeks        | Jefferson County Open Space |
| Third Flatiron Descent, Phase II (Boulder)                                      | 8 weeks         | City of Boulder OSMP        |
| Donnelly Canyon, Indian Creek (Utah)  | 2 weeks         | BLM                         |
| Flagstaff Mountain (Boulder)  | 4 weeks         | City of Boulder OSMP        |

## 2017 Season Metrics

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Total crew labor          | 7067 hours       |
| Total volunteer labor     | 2395 hours       |
| Rocks moved by hand       | 1448             |
| Rocks moved by high line  | 1371             |
| Rock steps built          | 571              |
| Retaining wall structures | 4981 square feet |
| Rock quarrying            | 2876 cubic feet  |
| Aggregate backfill        | 1968 cubic feet  |
| Total cost of season      | \$204,817        |



Left - Aaron Mojica bringing in one of the 454 large stones high-lined from far above the work site at Plotinus Wall.

The Plotinus Wall Project was started in 2016 and completed in 2017 at a total cost of \$54,000, with REI Colorado providing over \$40,000. REI Rocks !

Many climbers want to know, is the Plotinus Wall open to climbing? Since the wall itself is on Forest Service land, the answer is yes. But the approach through Boulder Falls, a City property, is still closed until damage from the 2013 flood can be repaired. BCC and FRCS remain closely involved with the City to get Lower Dream Canyon completely open with sustainable approach trails.

## BEFORE

Major erosion damage at  
the Plotinus Wall,  
Lower Dream Canyon



## AFTER

Each stone was brought  
down on a high line from  
way up there.



Wall of the Nineties,  
Clear Creek Canyon  
**BEFORE and AFTER**



## Our Partners and Supporters

Jefferson County Open Space

City of Boulder OSMP

REI Colorado

Willett Foundation

Access Fund

American Alpine Club

High Mountain Institute

USFS - Boulder Ranger District

Rocky Mountain National Park

BLM - Monticello, UT Office

The Spot Bouldering Gym

EVO Rock and Fitness

ABC Kids Climbing

Earth Treks Gym

Sanitas Brewing

Rock 'n' Resole

Avery Brewing

Colorado Mountain School

Estes Park Mountain Shop

Neptune Mountaineering

Kent Mountaineering

Wolverine Publishing

Fixed Pin Publishing

Climbing Magazine

Outdoor Alliance

Avid4Adventure

Black Diamond

Ubergrippen

A-Lodge

Clif Bar

Google

Northern Colorado Climbers Coalition

School of Mines Outdoor Rec Program

Montrose HS Outdoor Club

Sender Films/REELRock

Mountain Project

Mountain Khakis

Outdoor Prolink

Satan's Minions

Xcel Energy

Climbtech

Navigant

Sterling

Salewa

Rab



# VOLUNTEERS





## 2018 Work Schedule (tentative)

Scarface approach trail, Indian Creek

The Amphitheater, Flatirons

Nip & Tuck, Boulder Canyon

Oceanic Wall Trail, Upper Dream Canyon

Third Flatiron Descent - finishing touches

The Back Forty, Ten Sleep, Wyoming

Highwire Crag, Clear Creek Canyon

Indian Creek with High Mountain Institute

Cathedral Spires restoration work, South Platte

