



Boulder Canyon Climbing Access Stabilization Project: Upper Dream Canyon, Oceanic Wall Approach 2022

Overview

The Boulder Climbing Community's (BCC) Trail Program has completed 5-weeks of trail work on the Oceanic Wall Approach trail at Upper Dream Canyon. This completes the final section of the project which has been one of the BCC's most ambitious self-funded trail projects that was started in 2018. This multi year long project established long term access to the Oceanic wall by constructing a new climbing access trail on USFS(United States Forest Service) land and away from private property where the previous trail had been located. The BCC was tasked with designing and constructing the new trail along with providing training and supervision for the RMC (Rocky Mountain Conservancy) which has worked alongside the BCC the last three years. This project was funded by the BCC with help from Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), The American Alpine Club (AAC), The Access Fund, Athletic Brewing, Movement Climbing and Fitness, REI Co-op, and Colorado Mountain Club (CMC).



Figure 1: RMC crew learning how to move large rocks

Project Synopsis

Starting in 2018 the BCC in collaboration with the USFS began designing and constructing the long-term climbing access trail to the Oceanic wall. Like many crags in Boulder Canyon, the Oceanic Wall sees lots of traffic which the original trail was not able to handle. In 2022 The BCC finished this project with the help of the RMC for three out of the five weeks. The section of trail shown in *Figure 2*, rerouted the main trail off of private property and was some of the steepest and more technical building the BCC has done. Along with some step staircases, retaining structures were also put into place to support tread and prevent erosion. This project was only possible through the support of the RMC and volunteers generously giving their time to assist the BCC.

Project Outcomes

At the end of the 2022 5-week work session, BCC completed construction of 230 linear ft of new durable and sustainable trail, including the construction of 315 ft² of stone retaining structure and installing 74 stone steps. Please see the Oceanic Wall Approach Trail-Upper Dream Canyon Project Budget and labor amounts in Table 1 as well as complete work metrics for the project in Table 2.

Table 1: Labor Type

Labor Type	Hours	Cost
Total Volunteer Labor (in-kind contribution)	113	\$3,384.35
BCC Trails Program	640	\$17,354.18
BCC Administrative Planning	18	\$671.04
RMC Conservation Corps (in-kind contribution)	840	\$25,714.20

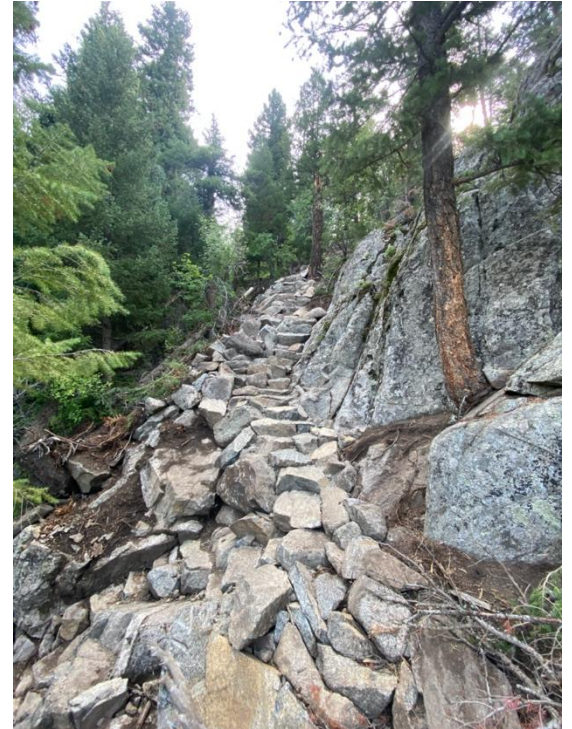


Figure 2: This completed staircase is BCC's most ambitious and technical stone project to date.

Table 2: Project Outcomes

Project Outcomes	Amount	Unit
Trail Improved	230	Linear Ft
Stone Steps Installed	74	#
Retaining Structure	315	Ft ²
Rubble Structure	110	Ft ²
Staging Area/Belay pad	NA	#
Rock Quarried	1,035	Ft ³
Rocks Moved via Rigging	25	#
Rocks Moved by Hand	195	#
Trail Restored	375	Linear Ft

Before and After Photos



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