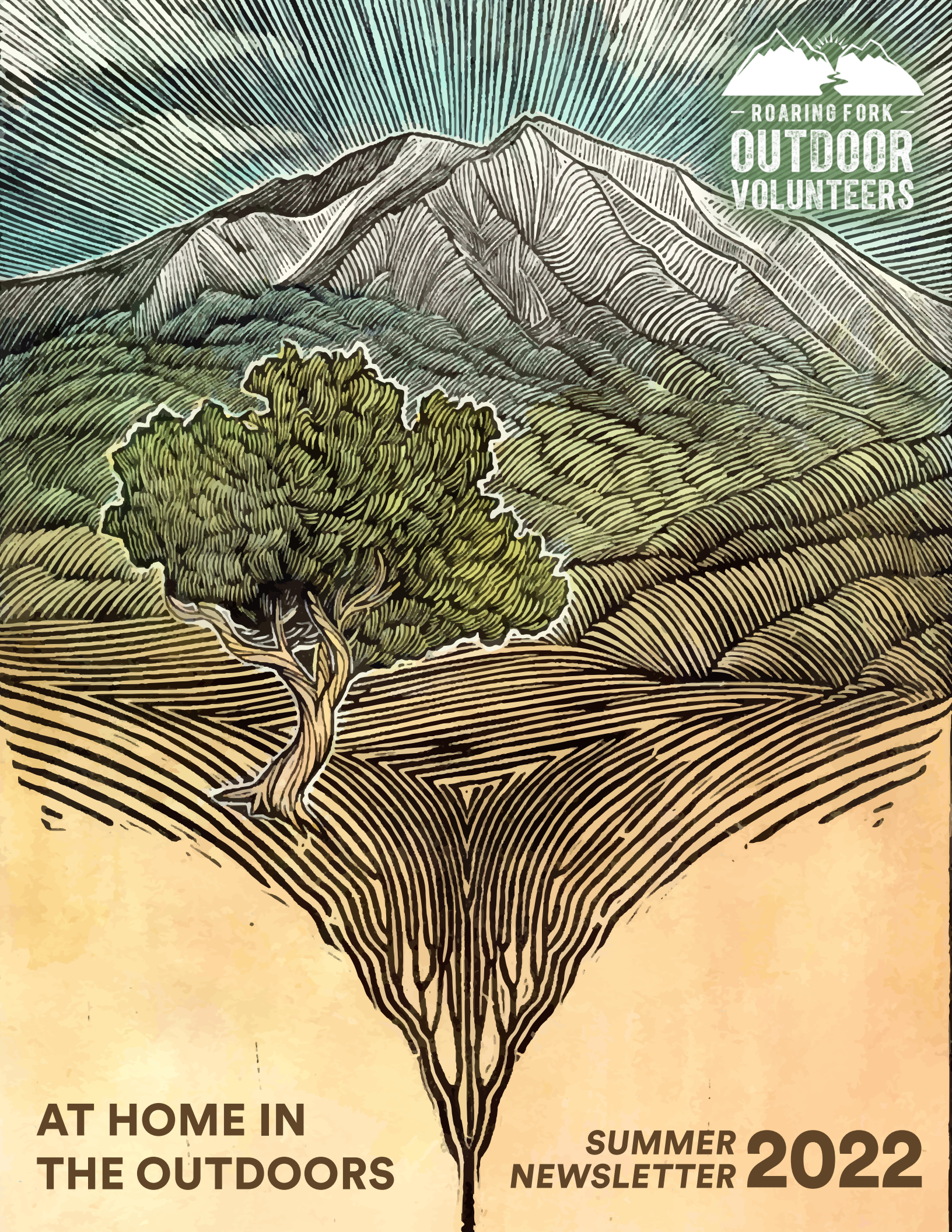




— ROARING FORK —  
**OUTDOOR**  
**VOLUNTEERS**



**AT HOME IN  
THE OUTDOORS**

**SUMMER  
NEWSLETTER 2022**

## Why not? Why not volunteer?

Well, everyone's busy. Maybe too busy. Gas is expensive. And it could just...not be a good fit.

But how about our shared outdoors?

How about making an impact on the trails and parks our community loves?

Now that – that's the reason only 10 weeks into Project Season 2022, more than 900 people have joined Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers to complete 2,200 hours of stewardship on local public lands.

We've dug out rocks (and used them to reinforce high-use trails). We've raked back earth and scattered native seeds. And most of all, together with community members like you, RFOV has gathered at project sites across our region with one goal in mind: caring for the places we care about.

RFOV is making our shared outdoors into common ground and we're doing it with the support of your neighbors and friends up and down the valley. That's why we welcome you to join RFOV this summer.

After all, *why not?*



# Reflections on being AT HOME IN THE OUTDOORS

## WHY I CHOOSE TO VOLUNTEER

BETH SELZER

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." (*The Lorax* Dr. Seuss, 1979)

It's been raining all night, tent and sleeping bag are both warm and dry, yet it is time to get up to help make breakfast and drinking water for my fellow crew members in the backcountry. On a different morning, it's a pre-dawn Saturday when the alarm goes off; time to get up and get ready to meet others to volunteer in the backcountry. Why do I get up? For seventeen seasons I've gotten up to meet new friends, carry tools, work in varying weather conditions,

## BEHIND-THE- SCENES

CALEN VICKERS

The RFOV Backcountry Trail Crew is working on a wide variety of trails within local public lands and open spaces this summer. On every trail, we're primarily focused on managing one hazard – erosion.

We deal with erosion in two main ways. The first is to encourage the trail to remove water by building drains as well as 'outsloping' the trail. Our second action is to stabilize the trail by building structures



Above, from left: Super-volunteers Carlos & Beth at Thomas Lakes in June; Volunteers celebrate Red Hill in May; RFOV trail crew at work on Glenwood Canyon's Grizzly Creek Trail.



SUSTAINABLE RECREATION



HEALTHY LANDSCAPES



FIRE ADAPTATION

## OUR MISSION

Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers promotes stewardship of our public lands by engaging our community in education, restoration and conservation projects.

and get dirty. For myself, I never question why since it is a given. When others ask me, I give varying reasons: "Because someone asked me to help"; "I use the trails"; "I want to give more than I take"; "I care deeply for Mother-Earth"; "I care about restoring lands after fires"; "I meet new friends each time"; "I enjoy watching someone new to trail work light up"; "I'm a steward of public lands"; "I like seeing trails transformed for the better"; "I welcome the physical work"; "I get to work in the dirt".

My heart and my soul are forever transformed because of the work that I do, and have done, for our shared outdoors. Ultimately, I get up and volunteer on trails and to restore our precious public lands because, like the Lorax, I care an awful lot – come and join me!

**Beth is RFOV's 2021  
Volunteer of the Year**

like stairs and dams to hold soil in place while enhancing the trail experience.

Most trails in remote areas started their lives as paths for wild game or stock. Trails adopted or built by people were historically focused on access and travel rather than sustainability. Even though many of these trails are beautiful and function well, maintenance and support is required to keep them that way.

The team and I are excited to continue working behind-the-scenes as we repair our region's many trails this summer.

**Calen is RFOV's 2022  
Trail Crew Leader**

Our local community of

## REALTORS FOR STEWARDSHIP

are

## AT HOME IN THE OUTDOORS!

RFOV thanks the individual realtors and collective realty groups that have gone the extra mile (or two, depending on the trail!) this year:

BJ ADAMS	LUCY NICHOLS
SUMMER & ERIK BERG	KAREN PEIRSON
BETSY BLACK	CAROL PETERSON
TAYLOR BURSTYN	STEPHANIE POWER SMITH
ASHLEY CHOD	STEPHANIE REDMOND
KIM COATES	SARA ROBERTS
MARIA COOK	JOSHUA SASLOVE
COREY CROCKER	PEGGY SCHARLIN
KATHY DEWOLFE	KAREN SETTERFIELD & GALEN BRIGHT
TONY DILUCIA	WILLIAM STIRLING
ANDREW ERNEMANN	ALEXIX TARUMIANZ
MICHELLE FOX	MELISSA TEMPLE
CHUCK FRIAS	TORY THOMAS
RANDY GOLD	RALEIGH VOS
JULIA HERMAN	RILEY WARWICK
JACKSON HORN	ANN WILKINSON
KATIE KAROW	SARAH WOELFLE
KRISTA KLEES	
LESLIE NEWBURY	

Our realtor partners have already contributed more than 150 hours of volunteer stewardship – and we have half the season left to go!

thank you to



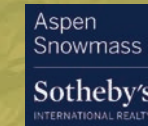
**ENGEL & VÖLKERS**

for adopting the  
**three gulch trail**

thank you to

**RILEY WARWICK &  
ABIGAIL FASSNACHT**  
for adopting the  
**thomas lakes trail**

thank you to



for adopting the  
**capitol creek trail**

thank you to



for adopting the  
**west maroon trail**

thank you to

**BRITTANIE ROCKHILL**  
for adopting the  
**ute trail**

# Project Highlight

## LAKE CHRISTINE BURN AREA



### our commitment

RFOV is committed to landscape-scale stewardship solutions. At Lake Christine, above downtown Basalt, we began post-fire restoration in 2019 and will continue until 2025, at least.



All photos by Katie Hake.

### partners

Our June 11th project was coordinated with Colorado Parks & Wildlife and Roaring Fork Fire Rescue Authority. Bristlecone Mountain Sports, Gay For Good, and Engel & Volkers helped realize the project.



### reseeding

We seeded native grasses, forbs, and flowers to finish building a new fire break behind the shooting range.

### funding

Support for this fire adaptation project comes from many sources, including people like you. Individual donations directly fund stewardship work.

### volunteers

**34 PEOPLE** contributed  
**136 HOURS** of stewardship  
at this one project!



## Join Us!

# COMMUNITY PROJECTS

all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are welcome to volunteer with RFOV

### JULY 16-17 MARBLE BASECAMP OUTDOORS

#### HEALTHY LANDSCAPES & SUSTAINABLE RECREATION

Generations of middle schoolers have camped at the Marble Basecamp. Bring your excitement for outdoor education as we learn and practice conservation and team-building methods to get this conserved property ready for the upcoming school year.

### JULY 24 REDSTONE COAL BASIN RANCH

#### HEALTHY LANDSCAPES

Recreation is growing in this Redstone hideaway, and we want to ensure that trails, plants, and streams get along! You can participate in landscape restoration that will enhance this publicly accessible property.

### AUGUST 13 SNOWMASS SKY MOUNTAIN PARK CLIMBING TRAIL

#### SUSTAINABLE RECREATION

Volunteers will help to construct a new trail within this popular multi-use trail system. Mountain biking can be made safer for humans and less intrusive to nature by constructing directional trails. What we build will make a big impact.

### AUGUST 13 & 14 MAROON BELLS CAPITOL CREEK TRAIL

#### SUSTAINABLE RECREATION

This two day backpacking project will focus on trail maintenance and improving drainage and stabilization features along this popular trail. For

iconic vistas and permit-free backpacking, join us for a late summer dive into the Aspen alpine. Expect scenery, trail maintenance, and shovels!

### AUG 20 & 21 MARBLE MARBLE EXTRAVAGANZA! MARBLE MILL SITE, RASPBERRY RIDGE TRAIL, BEAVER LAKE SUSTAINABLE RECREATION & HEALTHY LANDSCAPES

Come for the scenery, stay for the barbecue! Enjoy a weekend campout in Marble full of stewardship projects, learning opportunities, and plenty of time to just hangout.

### AUGUST 27 ASPEN NORTH STAR OPEN SPACE SUSTAINABLE RECREATION

Wetland trails, sometimes, must be moved to avoid trampling sensitive plants. This is the goal of our trail-rebuilding project at the James H Smith trail. Join us!

### AUGUST 28 INDY PASS LINKINS LAKE TRAIL SUSTAINABLE RECREATION

Independence Pass is true alpine splendor! For four years we've been working to reduce the impacts of water runoff and human traffic on this short, but popular, trail. Come out and put your rock skills to the test.

For a complete list of all events through October, and to register, visit:  
[rfov.org/calendar](https://rfov.org/calendar)



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Our outdoors depend on RFOV and we depend on you. Help make our shared outdoors into common ground by becoming a member of RFOV.

## JOIN US. DONATE TODAY.

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