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Outdoor Stewardship Institute

A program of Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado



- Created as a comprehensive stewardship training and resource service provider through VOC in August 2007, the result of a merger with the Colorado Outdoor Training Initiative.
- OSI increases and strengthens volunteer outdoor stewardship in the state and nationally by providing training, educational resources, and technical assistance.



COTI was first conceived as an idea 10 years ago by land managers and volunteer conservation groups as a means to address the growing need for standardization and training of volunteer groups working on public lands.

- Initial structure included a coalition of 30+ Member organizations
 - Federal, State and Local Land Management Agencies
 - Volunteer and Non-Profit Organizations and Associations
- Training and Resource Provider
 - Develop standardized curricula and training programs w/partners
 - Train volunteers and staff using a train-the-trainer model
 - Build volunteer leadership and stewardship capacity



- Merger with VOC strengthens COTI's initial purpose; expands and deepens volunteer involvement and impact on public lands
- Merger resulted in three programmatic areas within OSI:
 - Training
 - VOutdoors: a web-based site for statewide volunteer recruitment and project posting
 - Stewardship Planning and Technical Assistance



- Merger created the OSI Advisory Board; shared governance with VOC Board
- Established a Director-level position for program development and oversight



Training Resources

All OSI training is designed to emphasize leadership, safety and technical skills

- Conservation Leadership Training
- Land Stewardship Skills Workshops.
- Additional Training Opportunities



550 individuals through 36 trainings in 2008



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Technical Assistance & Stewardship Planning

- Direct and referral-based technical assistance to land managers, not for profit organizations, and volunteers interested in building locally based outdoor volunteer capacity for stewardship projects.
- Assistance to agencies and organization in the planning and delivery of outdoor stewardship programs and projects.



Helpful OSI resources

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