

## Continental Divide Trail Project

### Press Sheet

#### SUMMARY

The lack of an authoritative and “approved” map of the Continental Divide Trail (CDT) is causing sustainability issues for land managers and confusion among outdoor enthusiasts. In several areas, the information printed in guidebooks, on websites, or in other forms of media are misleading hikers or not providing up-to-date information on the CDT. Our solution is an online guide, complete with trail details, photos, video clips, and an interactive map of the CDT. This erases the concerns of “where the CDT goes” and also allows land managers and other partners to keep a real time update of the trail and an approved resource to share with recreationists who demand more information.

#### BACKGROUND

In January 2007, BACKPACKER magazine announced plans to work with both the Continental Divide Trail Alliance and BACKPACKER readers to map and document the ever-shifting CDT. Editor-in-Chief Jonathan Dorn called for reader support to map the trail the [Feb. 2007 issue](#) of BACKPACKER. The response was overwhelming, roughly 3,000 readers submitted in-depth applications.

#### ABOUT THE TRAIL

The Continental Divide Trail is nicknamed the King of Trails. This 3,100-mile roller coaster runs from Mexico to Canada along the Continental Divide, linking no fewer than a dozen iconic destinations and some the wildest places in the Lower 48, including Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks.

#### BY THE NUMBERS

- 300 Number of trained volunteers mapping the trail in 2007
- 52 Number of teams on the trail from mid-April to Sept. 2007
- 5000 Estimated photos teams will collect

8700 Estimated points of interest teams will collect

600 Estimated video clips teams will collect

## **MORE INFO**

Follow our project blog at: [www.backpackpacker.com/cdt](http://www.backpackpacker.com/cdt)

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