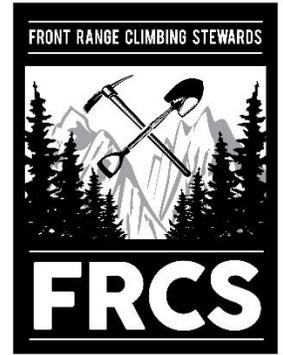


# The Front Range Climbing Stewards

## Darkside Boulders Project Report

Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 2015



### Synopsis:

On Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the FRCS completed the final phase of the project. The main focus was to construct a central trail that connects the various boulders in the area. We were directed to build stone steps in the steep and already eroded initial section after the trail crosses over the ridge. This was done by quarrying stone within 100 ft. of the proposed worksite, transporting materials to the area and building structures within the existing trail corridor. The focus was on the main steep trail corridor (photos: Main Staircase). Additionally, we enhanced three other areas with stone structures in order to work in a more efficient manner and to accommodate work areas for larger volunteer groups (photos: Lower Stairs, Lateral Connector & Cave steps). Supplementing this traditional trail work we endeavored to clean up the graffiti that is prevalent at the site. In collaboration with Access Fund and Earthtreks Climbing Gym we accomplished this to a large degree. (Photo: Lateral Connector 3)

Please see the following link for before and after photos of the worksites:

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B3ajKgY2\\_QQ\\_cU95TjRrM1BwM2s](https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B3ajKgY2_QQ_cU95TjRrM1BwM2s)



## Volunteer Component:

This work was completed by a primary crew of 3 FRCS trail staff who were complimented by volunteers on occasion during regular work days as well as three organized events: Salewa give-back day, Earthtreks stewardship project and Access Fund's Rock Project. There was a total of 72 volunteer days on this project and a total of 326.5 hours of volunteer labor were utilized. (see appendix A: Darkside Boulders Volunteer Log)

## Metrics:

The metrics of the project are categorized in the following categories with the corresponding amount and unit of measure.

<b>outcome</b>	<b>amount</b>	<b>unit</b>
Trail improved	128	L FT
Rock Step	69	#
Retaining Structure	161	SQ FT
Rubble Structure	98	SQ FT
Junk Structure	7	SQ FT
Staging areas constructed	15	SQ FT
Backfill Aggregate	116	CU FT
Fill, Rock, Restoration 100%	45	SQ FT
Quarry/Move Rock by Hand	127	#
Quarry/Move Rock by Highline	119	#
Seeding w/ native mulch	39	SQ FT