

2022 Registration Box Report

The Grand County Wilderness Group has been monitoring and maintaining registration boxes for trailheads leading to Wilderness Areas for the US Forest Service since the year 2000. There are now a total of 12 registration boxes that are maintained by the GCWG. A volunteer provides registration sheets, retrieves them and tabulates the numbers for that trail. These numbers are given to a Coordinator who puts them together and writes a report for the Forest Service. This report has been identified as being very important in Forest Service planning and funding.

This year another very short report. We did receive a report from Devils Thumb, including data from both 2021 & 2022.

Below is a tabular listing of all the data obtained for the total number of visitors at each trailhead registration box. In 2022 we are still seeing the results of wildfires(primarily the Troublesome fire) on our wilderness sites. Data was available from 10 of the 12 original registration boxes. The North Supply box was destroyed, and the Kinney Creek box was in a closed area (previous fire).

Also we have data for hikers on the Continental Divide Trail(CDT) which passes through several of our Grand County Wilderness areas. Bowen trailhead reported 392 CDT hikers, while Monarch Lake reported 50.

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The numbers in the following Table are a count of the number of overnight visitors passing through each trailhead multiplied by the number of nights spent in the Wilderness. The data give a better sense of how many people are actually recreating in the various Wilderness areas.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Monarch	1899	1801	2213	3075	3727	2790		3079	3409
Junco	74	245	343	282	457	176		374	417
Byers	5	35	13	31	10	29			
St. Louis Lake	44	43	74	122	66	186	20	58	41
Devils Thumb	26	38	27	49	167	172		116	37
Baker	1008	1564	1753	946	1181	829	496		710
Bowen	24	1122	541	531	574	359	210	198	410
Kinney Creek	24		47	228	76	156	66		
Lake Evelyn	49	56	70	123	33	48		95	18
Vasquez	126	43	86	133	75	23	34		48
Roaring Fork	378	239	420	607	667	481		488	390
North Supply					268	240	339		

