A wooden trail signpost stands in a grassy field. The sign is a horizontal wooden plank with two arrows pointing left and right, and the text "HAMILTON MESA TRAIL 249" carved into it. The background shows a vast landscape with a forest of evergreen trees and distant mountains with patches of snow under a blue sky with light clouds.

My Trails, Your Trails: ...at the start of the Rocky Mountains

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Backpacking, Hiking, Snowshoeing, Yurt trips

Less Traveled Trails owner, since 2014

Leading group outings in New Mexico,
since 1990

- New Mexico family roots, 100 years
- State Government career, 1989-2024
- Ghost Ranch staff 1970s
- Wilderness First Responder
- Past Training Officer,
Santa Fe Search and Rescue
- CDT Coalition Trail Adopter
- Santa Fe Professional Tour Guides
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Business Partnerships

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Continental Divide Trail Coalition





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of
New Mexico's
backcountry...

[acknowledgement]

MY TRAILS: Year-Round Outings

SUMMER

WINTER



Hiking and Snowshoeing

LET'S GO HIKING!

- Ghost Ranch
- Continental Divide Trail (CDT)
- Bandelier backcountry
- Forest wilderness



LET'S GO SNOWSHOEING!

- Hyde Park Road
- Pecos Wilderness

Backpacking and Yurt Trips



SPRING-SUMMER-FALL

overnight in the wild!

- Shrine of the Stone Lions, **Oct 24-26**
- Hamilton Mesa
- Heart Lake
- Borrego Trail

WINTER

snowshoeing to the yurts!

Chama & Cumbres Pass

- Trujillo Meadows, **Jan 19-21**
- Spruce Hole, **Feb 16-19**
- Neff Mountain, **March 6-8**





The Continental Divide Trail Coalition

cdtcoalition.org

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CDT Coalition
...Trail Adoption

NEED
VOLUNTEERS





CDT Coalition ID tag

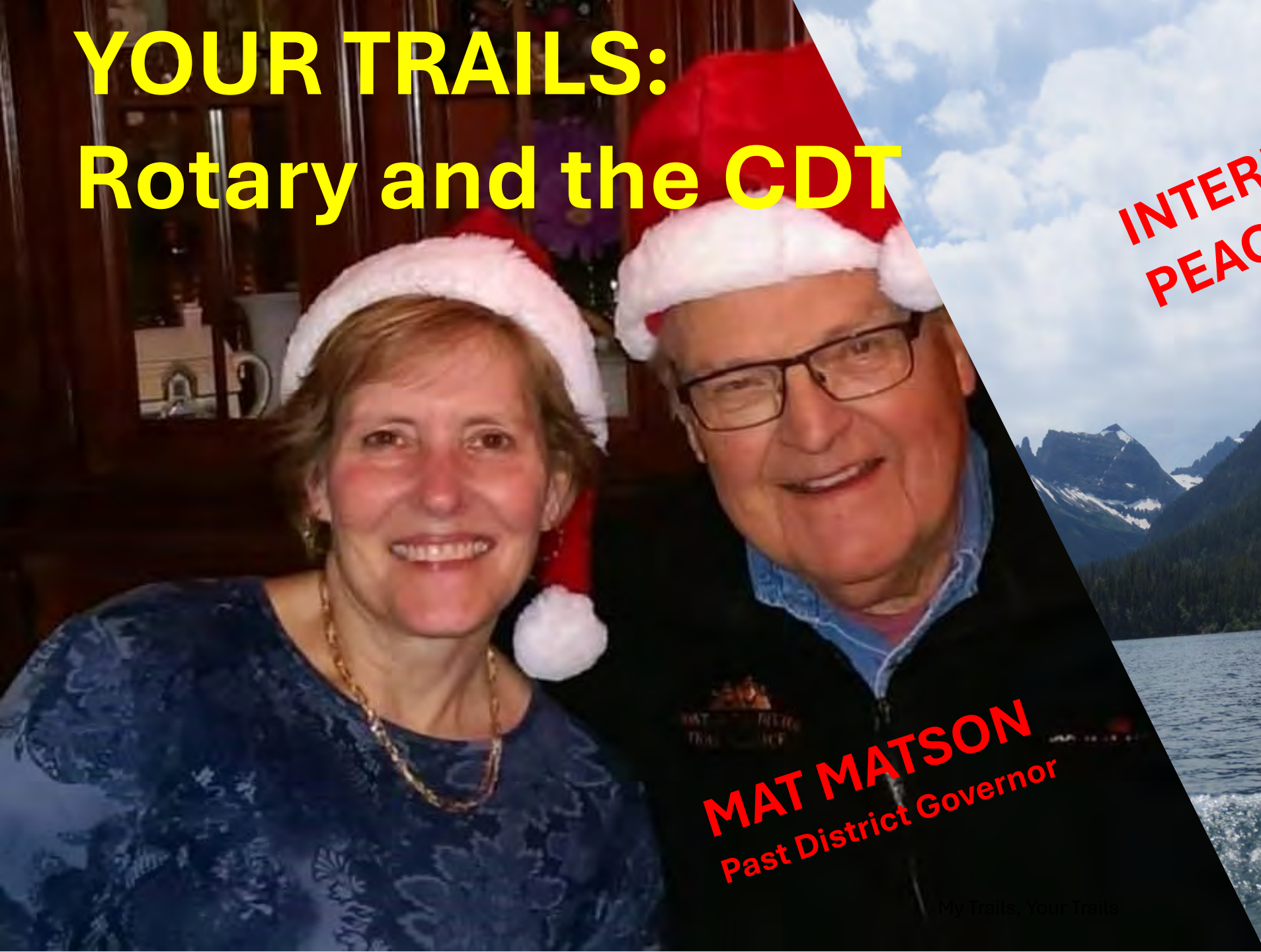


Crazy Cook Monument

Start of the CDT *...the Bootheel*

- Southernmost terminus, Mexico border
- National Defense Area, first 1.1 miles
- US Army at Fort Huachuca
- Restricted access
 - application process
 - background check
 - Foreign tourists? Lordsburg Shuttle?
- CDT Coalition working with Feds
- ➔ **No hikers have been detained**

YOUR TRAILS: Rotary and the CDT



**INTERNATIONAL
PEACE PARK**

MAT MATSON
Past District Governor

Mat Matson

Past District Governor, District #5450
Littleton, Colorado

May all your trails be crooked, winding, lonesome, and dangerous, leading to the most amazing view, where something strange and more beautiful and more full of wonder than your wildest dreams waits for you.

Audrey & Mat

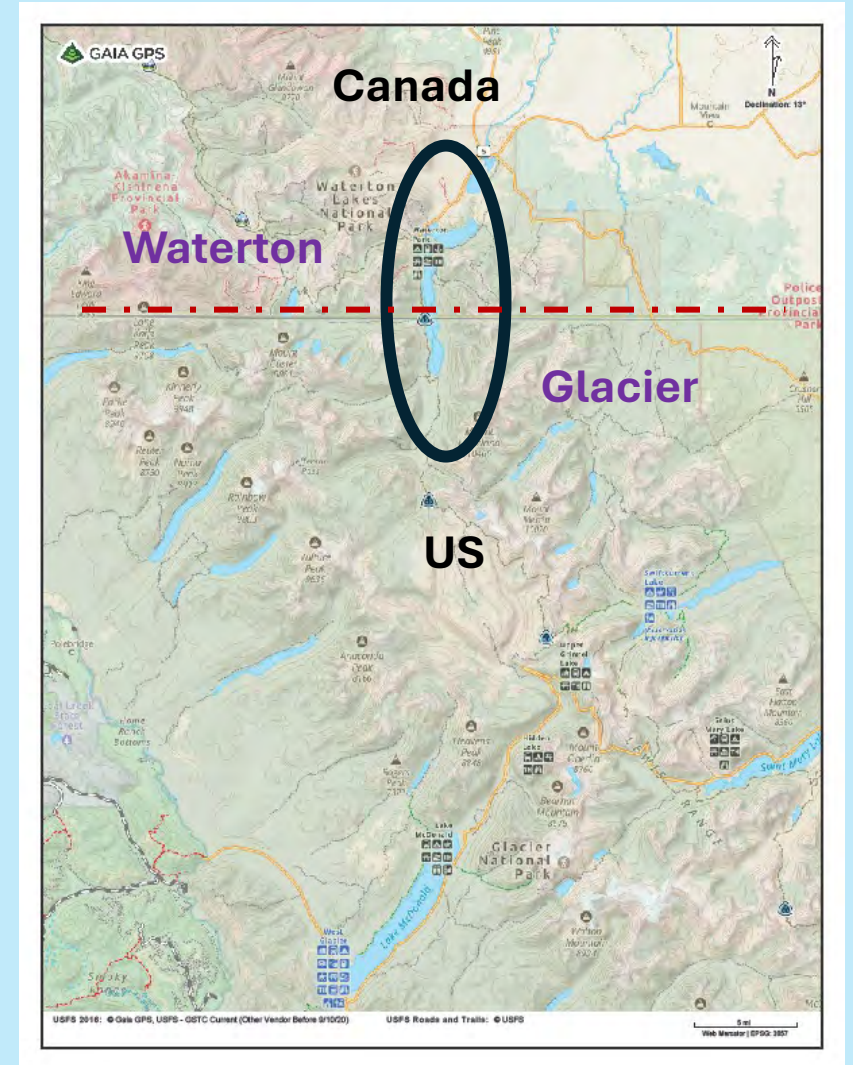
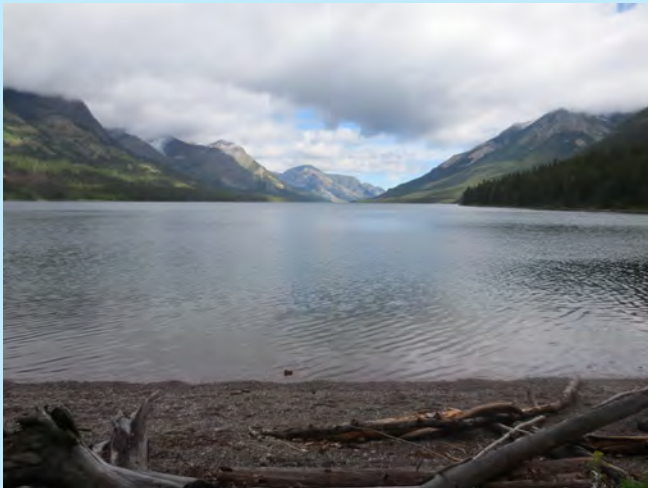


Rotary Continental Divide Trail Challenge

- Mat hiked entire CDT
- With Everest climber Pem Sherpa, Katmandu Rotary
- 3100 miles
- 2007-2012, starting with NM
- Raised funds to establish the CDT
- Promoted outdoors for boys & girls
- Goals:
 - Complete the trail system
 - Ensure protection of the CDT

Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park (WGIPP)

- Created 1932, Canada-US
- CDT runs through the Peace Park
- WGIPP Association Board – key Rotary roles
 - Executive Board
 - Action Teams
 - Canada and US Rotary Districts



Backpacking, Waterton Lake to Goat Haunt



What is most meaningful...

PLACES



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PEOPLE



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THANK YOU SANTA FE ROTARY!

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