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# VR employees help out with water, rec projects

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### Daily staff report

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VAIL — On Saturday, 250 Vail Resorts employees and their families converged along the Eagle River and at the Eagle River Preserve in Edwards for a day to give back to our community. Before they were through, 1,000 volunteer hours were donated to local environmental projects. The enthusiastic volunteers planted more than 300 trees and built more than a half-mile of new public nature trails. These projects were designed to benefit our local watershed and provide outdoor recreational opportunities for the people of our community.

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“The Land Trust and the Watershed Council are proud to have Vail Resorts Echo as our partner in environmental conserva-

tion and stewardship, especially on VR Echo Day,” said Scott Conklin, projects manager for the Eagle Valley Land Trust. “The Echo program strongly supports our organizational missions by providing financial assistance to our programs, volunteer hours for our projects and community leadership in environmental protection.”

Launched in August 2010, VR Echo Day is an annual, companywide volunteer day for Vail Resorts employees and their families. Focused on projects that are meaningful in the local resort communities where the company operates, VR Echo Day hosted seven events for employees and their families and friends over the weekend. This year’s VR Echo Days took place on Tahoe’s North and south Shores and in Colorado’s Summit and Eagle counties, along with Colorado’s Front Range, where the corporation’s headquarters are located. Smaller projects took place in Jackson, Wyo., and other VR Caribbean properties.

In Eagle County, it was gloriously sunny and warm on Saturday for the 250 volunteers who donated their time and energy. Everyone had a fun, productive day of work and camaraderie by joining forces with the local Watershed Council and Land Trust to complete these needed environmental projects for our community. At the conclusion of the successful 2012 VR Echo Day, volunteers were treated to lunch by Moe’s Original BBQ.

To learn more about Vail Resorts Echo, the company’s corporate sustainability program, visit [www.vailresortsecho.com](http://www.vailresortsecho.com).