

RIMS (RECREATION IMPACT MONITORING)

This document walks you through the basic steps of installing the CMC RIMS app on your phone so that you can report information from your VWR hike. Here are some supplemental notes. **Please refer to them if you have questions or issues while using the app:**

- Technology can be frustrating. Remember that the main reason we want you on the trail is for visibility and education to other hikers. Do the reporting the best you can. Also, while you can enter some of the optional reporting – it is better for now just to put any other information in the “Notes or Other Comments” at the bottom of the Stewardship Report.
- **The RIMS app is constantly being updated. Please consider these instructions as a guide only and just roll with it if you see something different in the app versus the guide.**
- Note that you must use the email provided to ESWA to login to RIMS. If you use a different email, you won't be successful. If you prefer to use a different email, please send a note to howdy@wild4eswa.org with the alternate email.
- We recommend you open the app and start your stewardship report at the trailhead. This will make sure that the coordinates of the trailhead are recorded correctly and will allow you to select the trailhead. You can then save your report as a draft and then edit it later.
- If you forget to start at the trailhead, you'll need to edit the coordinates, select the location on the map – as close to the trailhead as possible and then you can search for the trailhead.
- When entering data on the app, you may have trouble selecting a field. If you do, put your finger on the right side of the field you are trying to select instead of the center.
- If you are hiking with another VWR, one of you should be the primary VWR and enter all of the data. For the secondary VWR, you should also submit a report under your name but only record the information in the “Patrol Details” section (location, date, hours, miles, organization). You can save your assessment at the end of this section and you (secondary) are done! This is how we capture the fact that you patrolled as well as your hours and miles without duplicating the other information that the primary VWR records during the hike.
- Entering the number of people can be a bit confusing. Two key points – 1 person is a group of 1, and “Public Seen” is the sum of “People (day use)” plus “People (night use)”. So, if you see 1 person for day use, a group of 2 for day use, and a group of 3 for night use, you should enter: 2 groups day use, 3 people day use, 1 group night use, 3 people night use, and 6 Public Seen.
- **IMPORTANT - VWR + SAWYERS: In the Stewardship Action section, we've crossed out the “Trees Removed” section. If you are a Sawyer and remove trees while on patrol, you can enter the number of trees removed here. However, you should also submit that in the ESWA Sawyer Google spreadsheet. The ESWA spreadsheet is the primary data source for Sawyer data for now.**
- In addition to entering your report using the phone app, you can enter using a web browser at the following site: <https://rims.cmc.org/#/my-assessments>
 - Note that any reports you save on the app can be seen and edited on the browser version. However, any drafts you save on the app won't be seen and you'll need to save them as a completed assessment before you can see them in the web version.

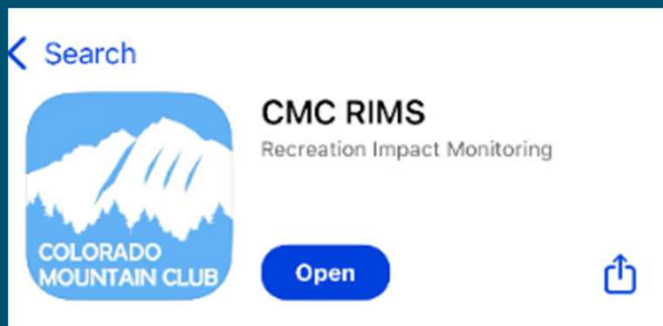
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The RIMS Mobile App is the data collection tool which includes GPS point data, detailed surveys, photos, editing and sharing features, and offline functionality.

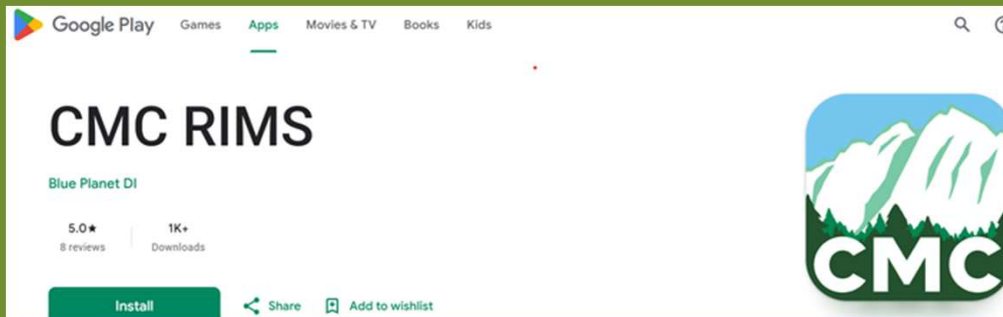
App users can report trail maintenance needs, inventory campsites, track visitor use, and more to help agencies and stewardship groups prioritize hot spots and deploy crews to work on trail issues.

- Download the CMC RIMS app in the App Store or the Google Play Store. Scan the QR code to download the App. Allow RIMs to access your location.

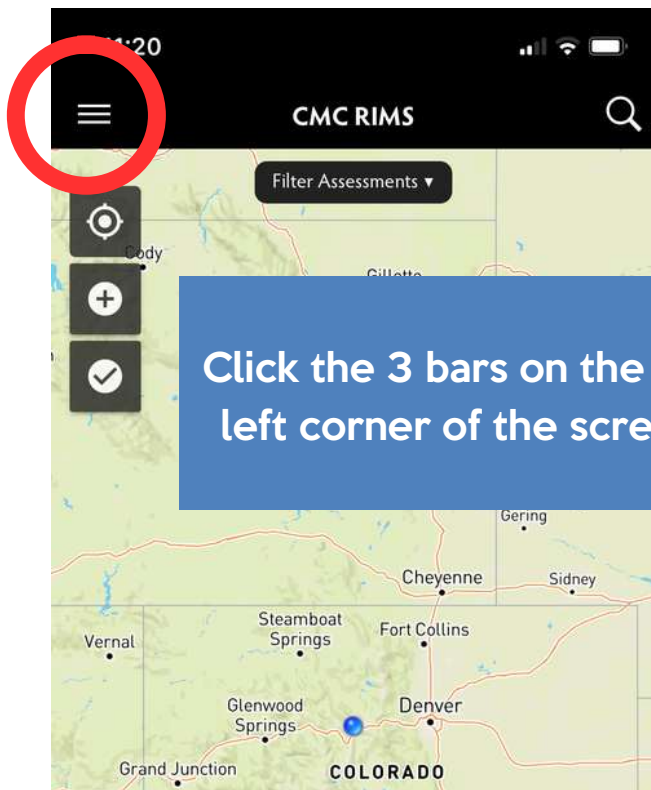
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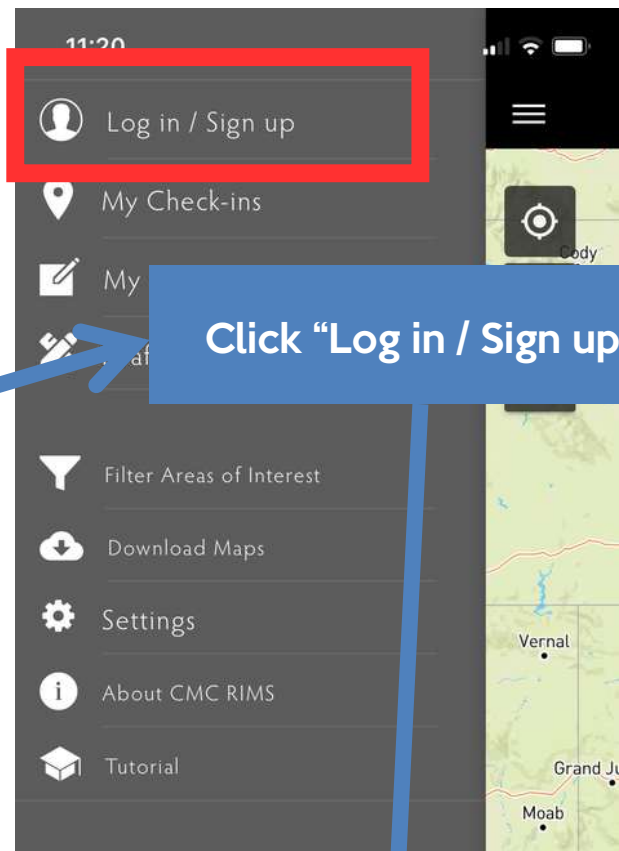
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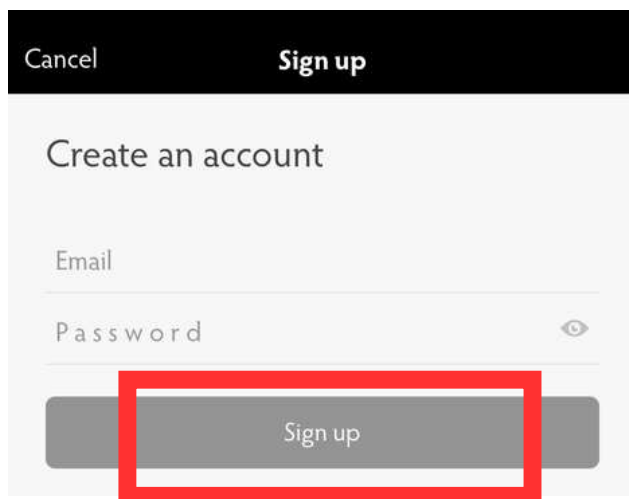
1. **Create your login.** Please use the same email that ESWA has on file so you have immediate access to volunteer permissions. If you need to change your email address, send an email to howdy@wild4eswa.org.



Click the 3 bars on the top left corner of the screen



Click "Log in / Sign up"



Enter your email and create a password, then click "Sign up"

Create your user Profile

Close Profile Save



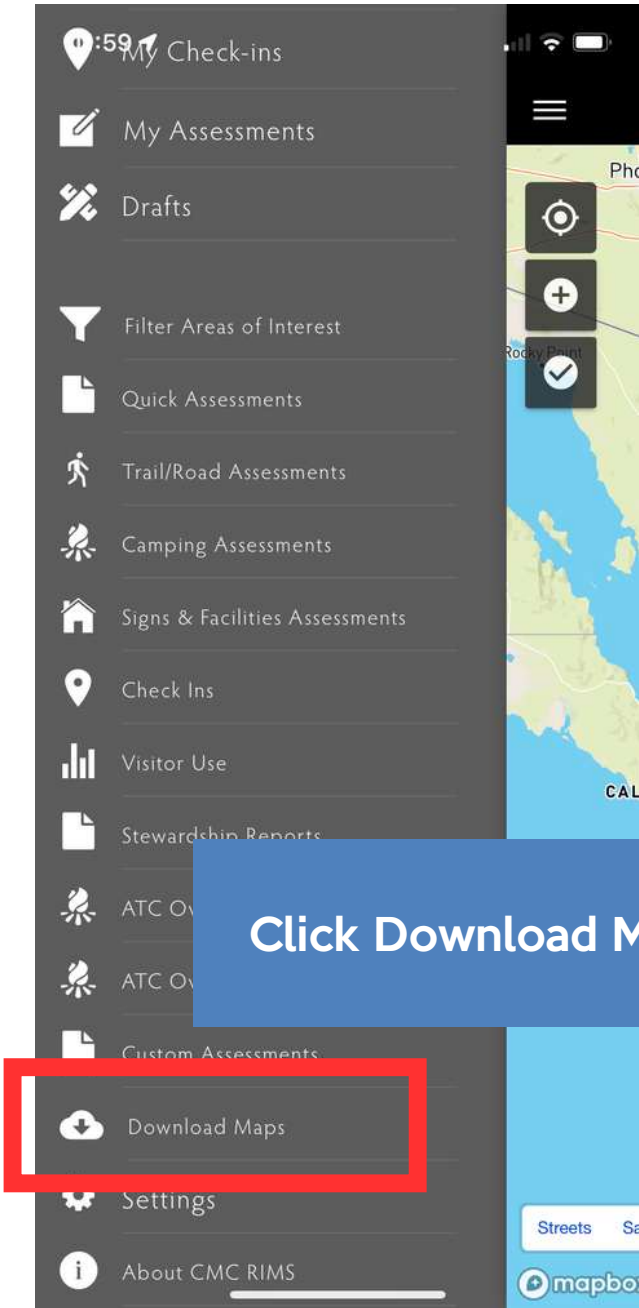
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Name	Maddie K
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Zip Code	
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National Forests	
BLM	
CO Parks and Wildlife	

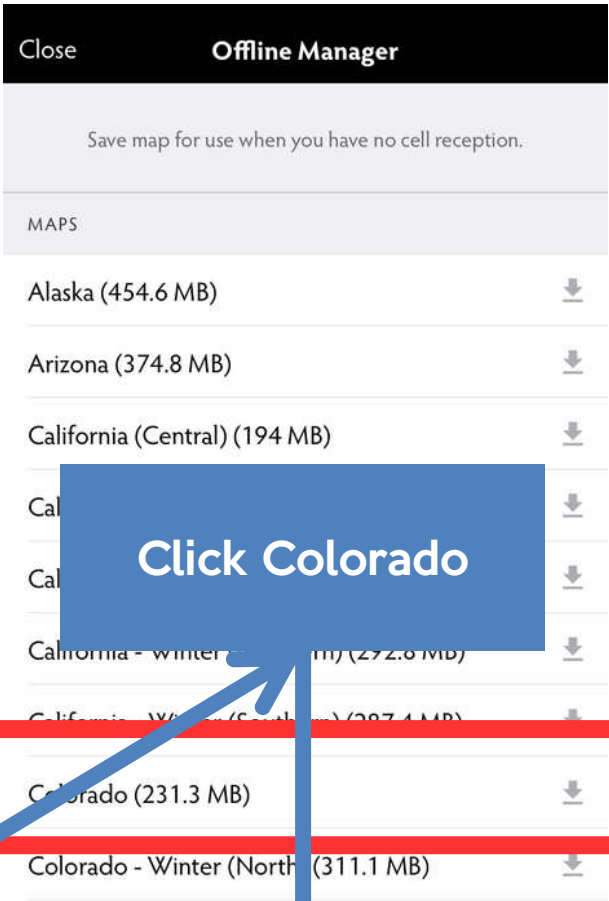
Enter the following:

- Name
- Organization/Affiliation : ESWA
- The rest of the information is optional

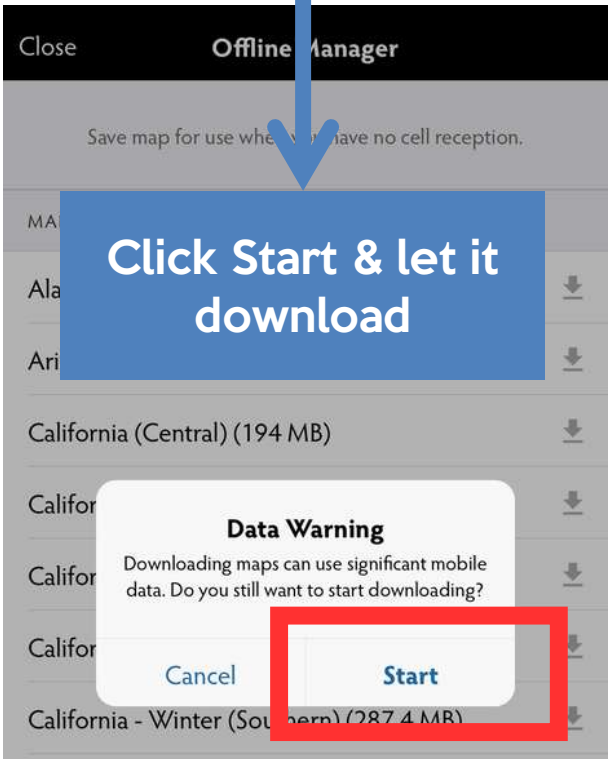
Download the offline map for Colorado



Click Download Map



Click Colorado



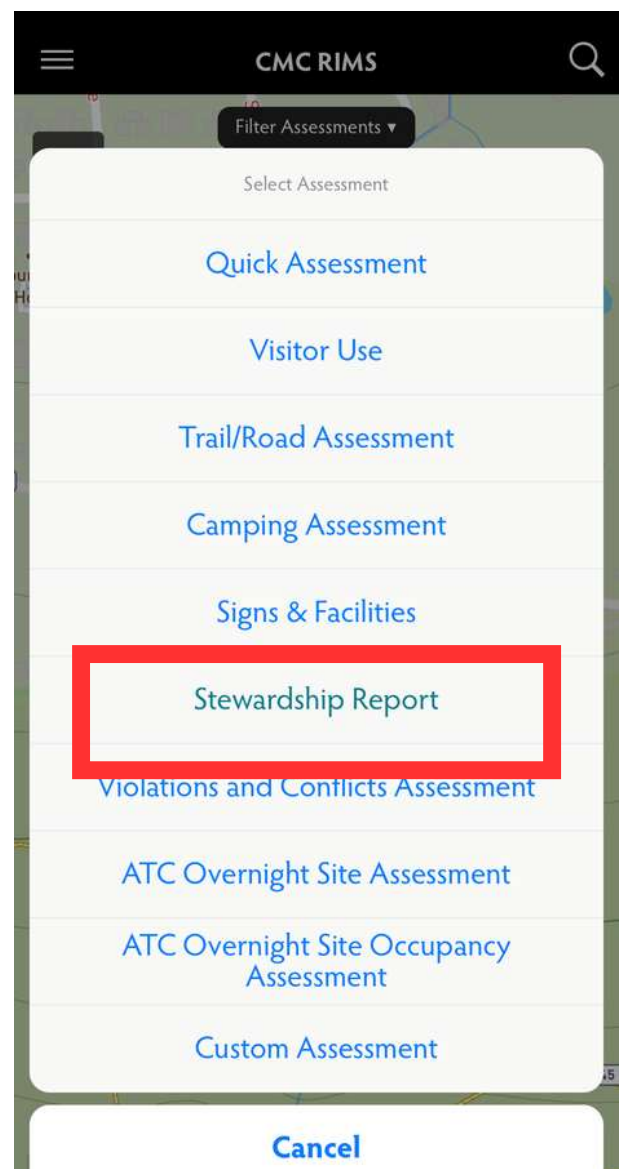
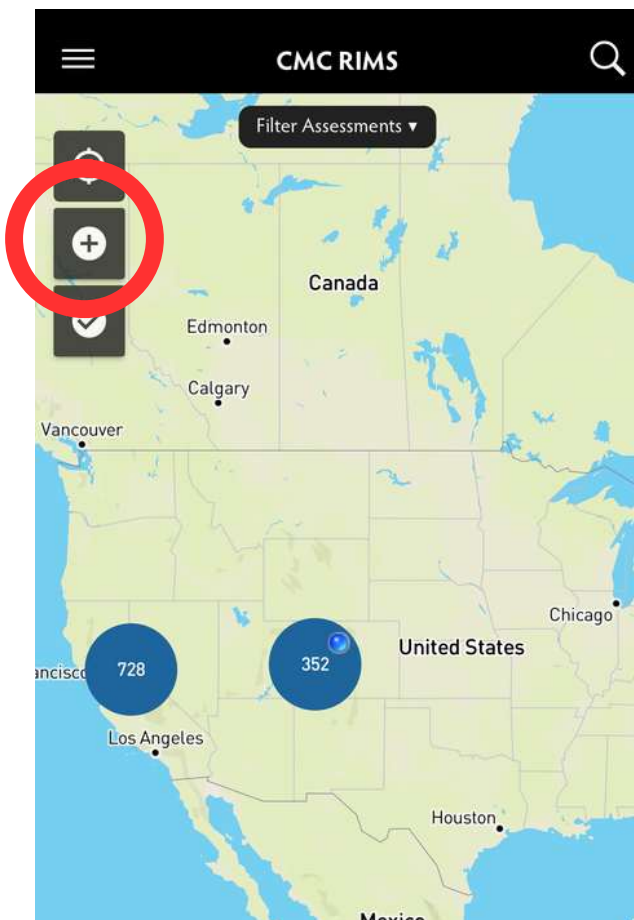
Click Start & let it download

Instructions for submitting the Stewardship Report at the end of your Ranger Patrol Hike

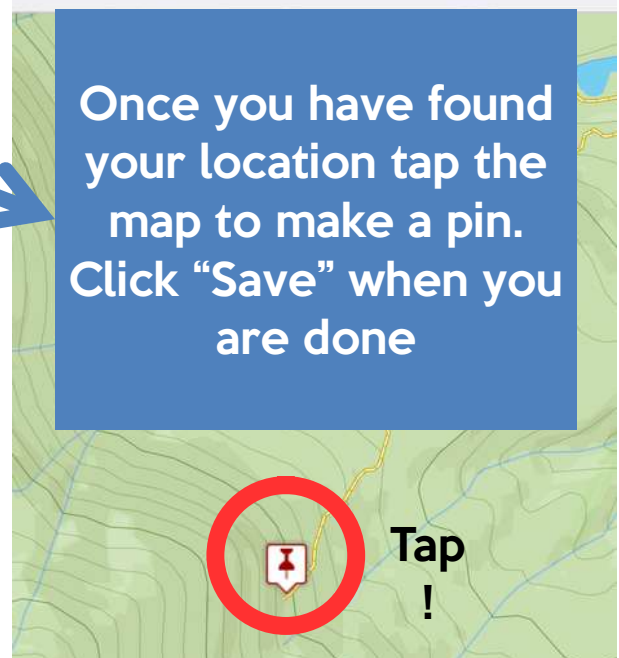
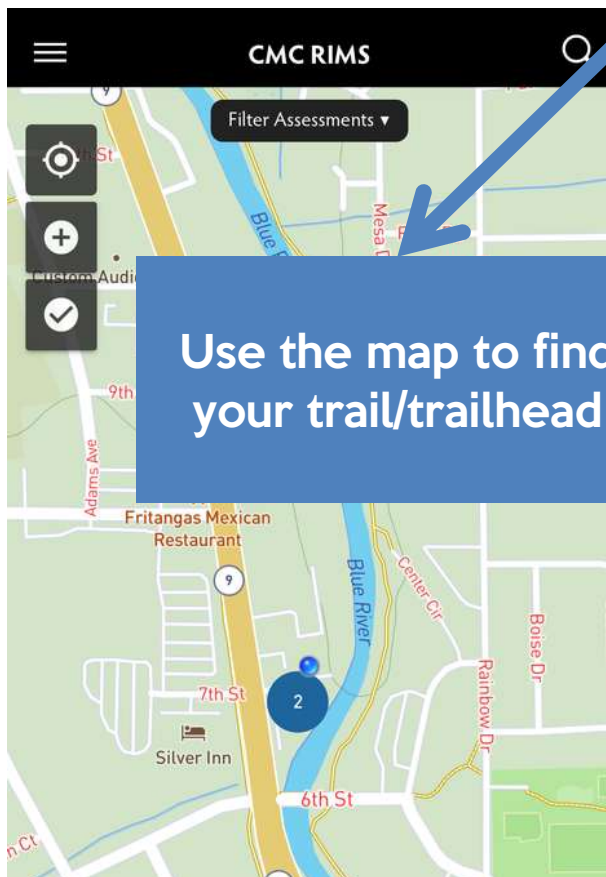
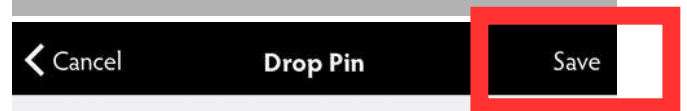
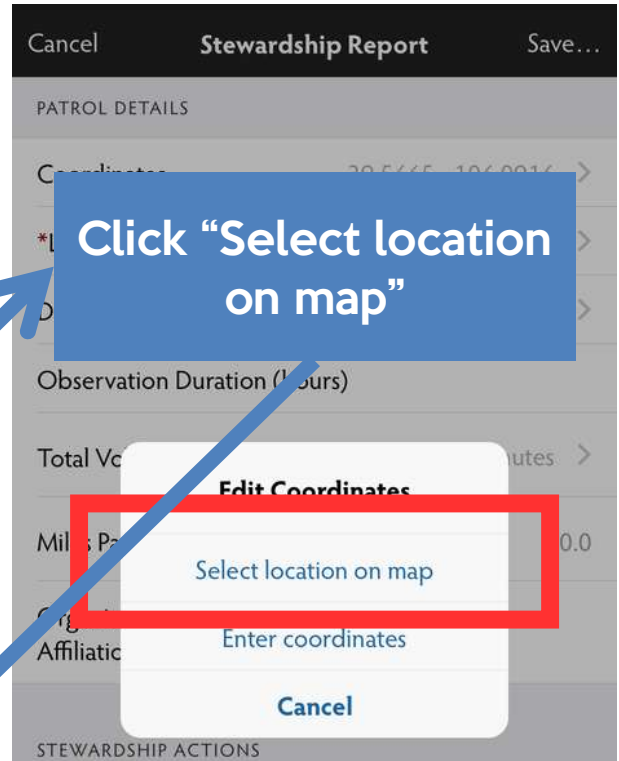
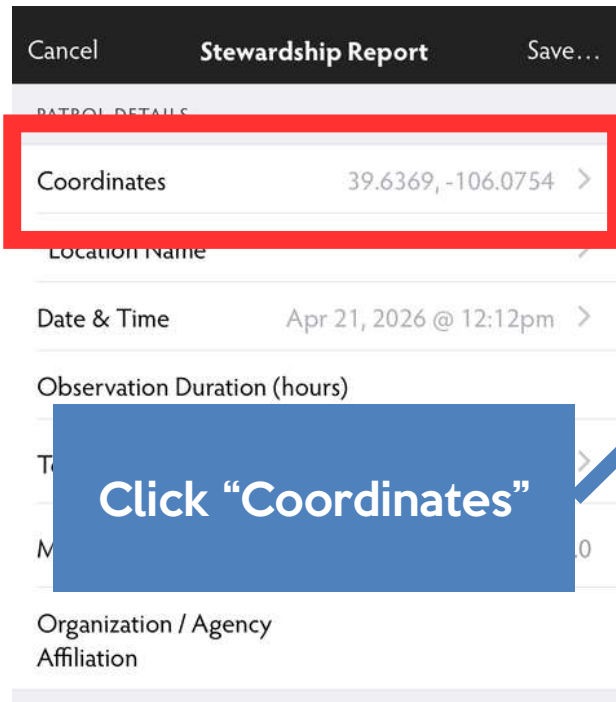
- This is how we will log your volunteer hours
- If you hike with another person we ask that you both submit a Stewardship Report so your hours are collected accurately.
- Only one of you needs to fill out the report in its entirety. The other only needs to fill out everything under the Patrol Details section.

Click the + button

Click Stewardship Report





- Starting the Stewardship Report is best done at the Trailhead. The coordinates will auto-populate for you. You can then “Save as Draft” and finish the report at the end of your hike or at home.
- If you are not at the trailhead/trail when you start your Stewardship Report, you will have to mark your coordinates manually. Follow these instructions to mark your location correctly:



Fill out the rest of the “Patrol Details” section.

- Make sure to type in the “Location Name” as the trailhead you patrolled from or trail.
- Total Volunteer Hours
- Miles Patrolled
- Enter “ESWA” for Organization/Agency Affiliation

****If you patrolled with another person this is the only section of the report that the secondary patroller needs to fill out.****

Cancel	Stewardship Report	Save...
PATROL DETAILS		
Coordinates	39.5455, -106.1076	>
*Location Name	South Rainbow	>
Date & Time	Apr 21, 2026 @ 12:20pm	>
Observation Duration (hours)		2
Total Volunteer Hours 	2 hours, 0 minutes	>
Miles Patrolled 		5
Organization / Agency Affiliation		ESWA

Example:

If you are not the primary patroller on your hike click “Save” in the top right corner now

Skip the Infrastructure Section and go to the Stewardship Observations section

Cancel **Stewardship Report** Save...

Total Area Naturalized (sq ft) 0

Invasive Species Removed 0 >

Infrastructure - only complete if you are trained and authorized by the land manager

Fencing Repaired (ft)

Fencing Installed (ft) ⓘ

Signs Repaired (#)

Signs Installed (#) ⓘ

Trail Structures Maintained/Repaired (#) ⓘ

Trail Structures Installed (#) ⓘ



STEWARDSHIP OBSERVATIONS

Vehicles at trailhead (arrival)	2
Vehicles at trailhead (departure)	2
Groups (Day Use)	0 >
People (Day Use)	0 >
Groups (Night Use)	0 >
People (Night Use)	0 >
Dogs	0 >
Downed Trees	
Unauthorized Camping Spots	
Infrastructure Needs	<input type="checkbox"/>

This is where you'll enter all of the trail/trailhead usage data you've collected on your Ranger Patrol hike.

These numbers are counting how many groups/people/dogs that you've seen on the hike. Not that you've talked to.

This is also where you can report the total amount of Downed Trees you found while hiking.

When you click Groups (Day/Night Use), People (Day/Night Use) it will take you to an activities page.

This is where you can enter how many different types of recreation you saw on your hike. Make sure to do this for each section.

When you have finished inputting your numbers make sure to click Done.



The “Dogs” section is where you can put your count of dogs on/off leash for Wilderness areas

Groups	Done
SUMMER ACTIVITIES	
On-Foot	
Hiking	3
Backpacking	
Long-Distance Backpacking	
Trail Running	
Off-Trail	
Cycling	
Mountain Biking	1
Road/Gravel Biking	
E-Biking	
Motorized	
Motorcycle Riding	
ATV/OHV Riding	
Other Activities	
Horseback Riding	
Whitewater Paddling	

Dogs	Done
Dogs On Leash	2
Dogs Off Leash	1

This is where you'll document how many people you talked to and the number of Fire Safety Conversations you had.

You can also add any comments or observations you had on your hike here.

Cancel Stewardship Report Save...

Infrastructure Needs

STEWARDSHIP ENGAGEMENT

Public Seen 10

Contacts Engaged (more than hello) 8

Fire Safety Conversations 2

Information Provided

Feedback Received

Engagement Comments

ADDED DETAILS

CMC Activity?

LNT Talk?

RIMS Reporting?

If you talked to someone about Leave No Trace (LNT) click the toggle. Do not worry about marking "CMC Activity" or "RIMS Reporting"

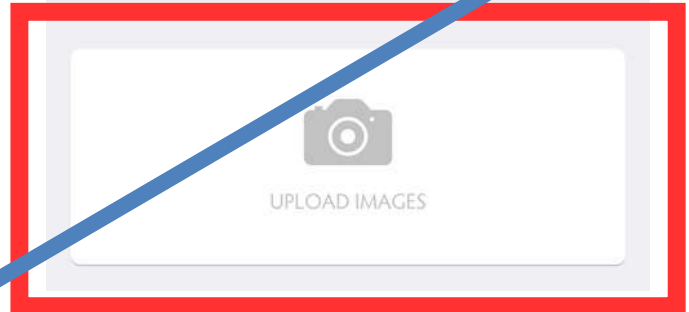
Submit your pictures of Downed Trees that you found along with a short description of where they can be found and the diameter of them.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Notes or Other Comments

2 trees down South Rainb
diameter

Click "Upload Images"



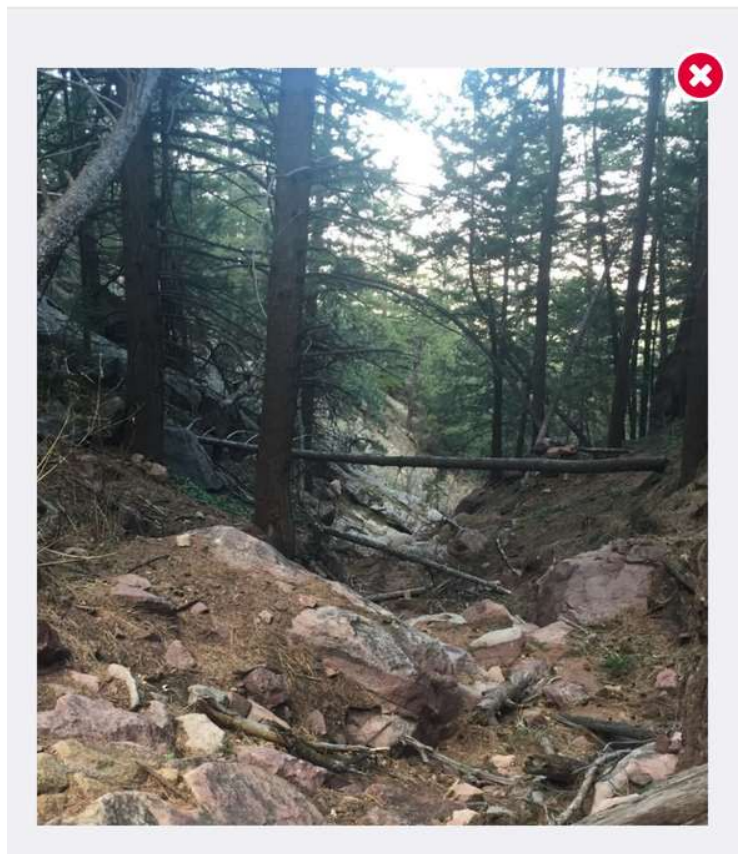
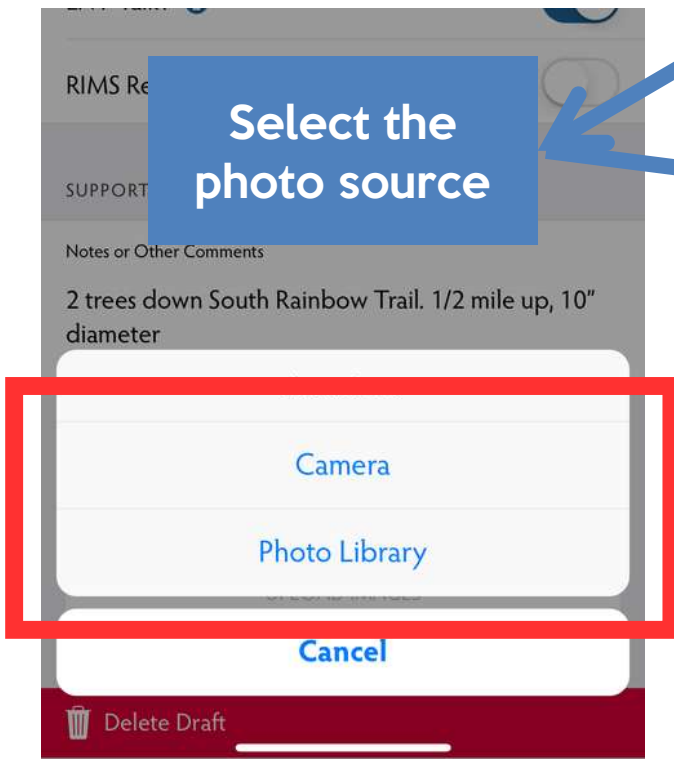
Select the photo source

Example

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Notes or Other Comments

2 trees down South Rainbow trail. 1/2 mile up, 10"
diameter



Almost done! Don't forget to Save!

Click Save in the upper right corner

ort Save...

PATROL DETAILS

Coordinates 39.5455, -106.1076 >

*Location Name South Rainbow >

Date & Time Apr 21, 2026 @ 12:20pm >

Observation Duration (hours) 2

Total Volunteer Hours ⓘ 2 hours, 0 minutes >

Miles Pa Save options 5

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Tread Maintenance / Loose Rock

Removal (miles) ⓘ

Trash Removed ⓘ ▾

Campfire Rings Dispersed (#) ⓘ

Campsites Naturalized (#) ⓘ

Click Save under "Save Options"

YOU ARE DONE!