

Ann Baker Easley, Executive Director, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado

Ann Baker Easley is a Colorado native who grew up in Boulder. There, she first discovered the joys of the outdoors through family camping trips, backpacking and hiking. Today she helps thousands who share her love for the outdoors get involved in outdoor stewardship volunteer efforts across Colorado through Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC).

Over the past 25 years, Baker Easley has led numerous environmental, volunteer, and youth-development oriented nonprofit organizations, with a focus on strengthening their programs and helping them grow to new levels. During that time, she founded or helped start 7 different youth and civilian service corps programs, both in Colorado and nationally. Prior to VOC, she founded the Colorado Youth Corps Association where she served as its Executive Director for 11 years.

Baker Easley joined VOC as Executive Director in March 2007. At VOC, she is focused on recruiting a new generation of outdoor volunteers and leaders and expanding VOC's programs to pioneer a new era of outdoor stewardship. Under her leadership, VOC recently received the "Making a Difference Award" for exceptional contributions to conservation and management of public lands, the highest national award from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Baker Easley presently serves as the immediate past chair of the Board of Directors of Conservation Legacy and is a member of the Colorado Non-Profit Association's Leadership Advisory Committee. She graduated from Colorado State University with a dual major in Psychology and Social Work and earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan.