

Visibility news

IMPROVE display acknowledges partnerships

The Aspen Skiing Company and its employee non-profit, Environment Foundation, constructed and placed an exterior sign acknowledging the IMPROVE Program and the local and national partnerships which support it, on top of Aspen Mountain last September.



Site operation here is shared by the Aspen Ranger District, the Aspen Wilderness Workshop (an advocacy group working to protect wilderness within the White River National Forest) and the Aspen Skiing Company. Like the national program, this local partnership leverages funding and personnel to cooperatively operate the site; site operator costs here are about half of what most USDA Forest Service IMPROVE sites cost to maintain.

The display was developed by the Cooperative Institute for Research in the Atmosphere's Dave Richie and Graphic Illustrator Jeff Lemke, and will be visible to nearly 400,000 visitors each year.

The IMPROVE sign atop Aspen Mountain explains air quality monitoring in the White River National Forest, in Colorado.



The IMPROVE sampler (site WHRI1) can be seen in the cylindrical structure to the right of and behind the sign, in the photograph above. A complete, four-module IMPROVE aerosol sampler was installed in the forest in September 1999.

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