

Part-time resident completes ascent of all 54 Fourteeners

Kevin Donovan's Final Notch Is In the Elk Mountains

Six years, nine months and 25 days after climbing his first Colorado Fourteener, Kevin Donovan of Ft. Worth, Texas, and a part time resident of Silver Cliff has successfully reached the summits of all of the 14,000 foot peaks in Colorado.

Colorado's Official boasts 54 summits over 14,000 feet including the fabled Pikes Peaks, which he scaled in the dead of winter in January 2003.

From the summit of his final conquest on July 2 - Capitol Peak in the Elk Mountains - he was able to call his long time mountaineering partner Dan Pate of Fort Worth after reaching the summit at 9:21 a.m.

"When Dan and I summited Blanca Peak together over six years ago I would have never imagined that I would climb all of the Fourteeners," said Donovan.

"He said to me 'one down, 53 to go.'"

As of September 2006 the Colorado Mountain Club has recorded approximately 1,200 individuals who have scaled all 54 summits, though not all climbers who reach this goal choose to register.

Notably this number is significantly lower than the more than 3,000 who have reached the summit of Mount Everest.

"Even having attempted Everest in 2004, this takes tenacity and a long term commit-



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ment to reach the summit of all of the Fourteeners," said Donovan. "It does not always go as planned; I have been forced off of mountains because of avalanches, storms and poor conditions."

Donovan plans to continue climbing in Colorado and elsewhere in the continental U.S. "My friends have been asking me 'What's next?' and my answer has been 'Oh so many mountains, oh so little time.'"

He says he especially enjoys the peaks in the Sangre de Cristos, "and I enjoy the more remote and obscure peaks often times more than a crowded Fourteener."

For more details on the endeavor and to obtain the latest updates, visit Endeavor54.com.