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As a frequent contributor to outdoor and adventure publications, JASON KERKMANS has covered everything from golfing in Scotland to Fly-Fishing in New Zealand. However, it is the time he spent working as a wrangler on a Colorado ranch and as a sailor along the Eastern Seaboard that he cherishes more than any assignment he's taken. As *Denver Life's* Trail Mix contributor, Jason describes how to best tackle summiting a Colorado 14'er in this issue's "Join the 14'er Club."

Freelance writer EMILY HOIS grew up in Pittsburgh and obtained a bachelor's degree in Journalism from Bowling Green State University. Following college, she wrote restaurant reviews and reported for a daily newspaper in Ohio before venturing out West. Upon relocating to Colorado, Emily worked as a city and education reporter in Golden before moving on to marketing for the Colorado State Parks. In her free time, she enjoys live music, skiing, hiking, taking photographs and colorful Capitol Hill. With a penchant for penning meaningful personality profiles, Emily wrote the Heart of Denver profile for this issue of *Denver Life*.



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