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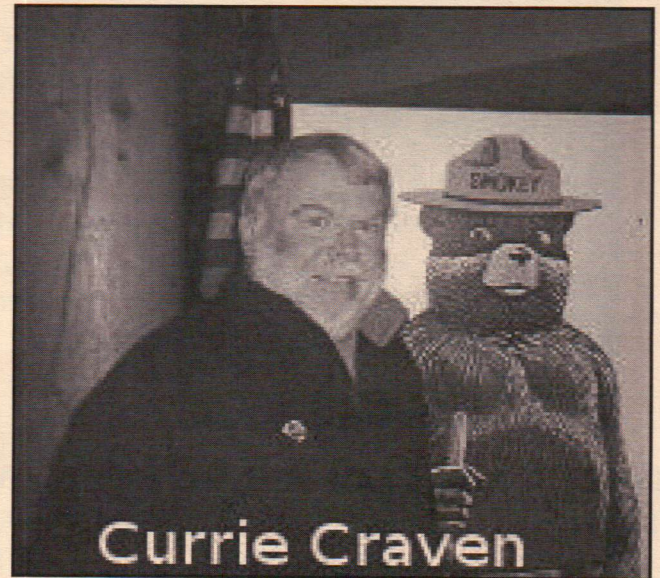
Early winter greetings to Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness! I trust you are ready for snow and seasonal festivities, boards or board tuned and snowshoes dusted off, etc. Early snow shows promise for a good season, transitioning from a magnificent fall. I look forward to exchanging stories of summer and fall exploring when our paths cross.

FENW had a very successful summer field season, from getting important trail work accomplished to the most impressive turnout of Wilderness Volunteers yet! Dave and Marilyn Raymond, Warren Hancock and Ken Harper report the most volunteers and patrols ever. All who contributed their valuable time to produce such invaluable results are gratefully acknowledged and thanked.

FENW was involved in the recent "Hidden Gems" campaign to promote additional designated Wilderness on the White Rive National Forest. The campaign was led primarily by the Colorado Environmental Coalition (CEC) and the Wilderness Workshop out of Carbondale. Although imperfect, I feel the campaign was potentially a model for future wilderness proposals. The proponents reached out to many interest groups, modified proposal boundaries, and supported compromise designations known as "Companion Areas". These propose to restrict motorized use while allowing human powered recreation such as mountain biking and active timber management for fire mitigation.

These concepts are not ideologically pure, but given the current political climate, perceived fire danger, and shrinking inventory of available Wilderness quality lands, accomplishing a measure of preservation for wild-life movement and habitat, opportunities for solitude and hiking is better than continuing to see these lands threatened and degraded by unrestrained motorized abuse.

Balancing compromise which attains limited protection are proposals for additional designated Wilderness. Congressman Jared Polis has introduced legislation that does endorse valuable Wilderness quality lands. It is



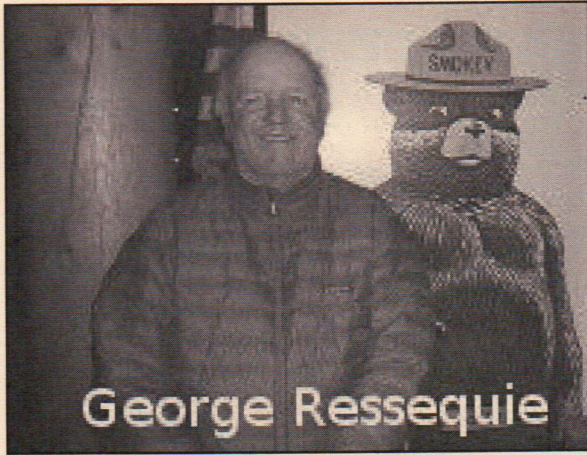
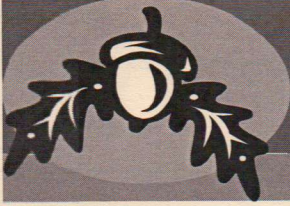
frustrating that some worthy areas such as an addition to the Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness Area near the I-70 "land bridge" and Elliott Ridge extension of the Eagles Nest Wilderness were not included. The future of this legislation is unclear. If Representative Polis can bring his proposal forward during the upcoming "Lame Duck" session of Congress, FENW members are encouraged to actively support its passage.

I could continue in more detail regarding this process and the current status of future Wilderness but am constrained by space in this column. Please continue to monitor developments and stay involved and support efforts to establish land management practices and designations that emphasize conservation. Demands on the land are growing and we must continue to be a voice for wild areas.

I wish you and yours peace and well being in the New Year. We can continue to make a difference!

Currie





George Resseguie

### **From the desk of George Resseguie, FENW Treasurer**

#### **TRAFx Trail Monitoring System**

With grant funding from The Summit Foundation, FENW has purchased a trail monitoring system from TRAFx Research Ltd, Canmore, Alberta. TRAFx also provided discounts from listed purchase prices. The system includes 4 trail monitoring units that use infra-red technology to count general traffic on trails and paths; the data will be provided to the USFS to evaluate trail usage patterns. The units have been installed and tested at Meadow Creek, Ryan Gulch/Lily Pad Lake, North Tenmile, and Buffalo Cabin trailheads.

#### **FENW Tool Maintenance Program for 2010**

FENW and FDRD maintain a tool shed and an inventory of tools and equipment for use by all non-profits in Summit County. The tool shed was donated by the USFS and FENW purchased the tools and equipment using grant funding from Colorado State Parks State Trails Program. For 2010, the tools were used primarily by FDRD volunteers (4,370 hours) and FENW volunteers (about 500 hours) for trail maintenance projects. The value of the volunteers' hours in 2010 is about \$100,000 should each volunteer use a tool!

#### **Financial Report**

The FENW financial position is excellent. In 2010, we have received about \$21,000 from grants, dues, and donations, and have maintained a strong cash position for

the year. Based on our November forecast, we expect to end 2010 with a bank balance of about \$16,700. We are extremely grateful for the financial support from our outstanding members, the National Forest Foundation/Ski Area Contribution Program, The Summit Foundation, the A-Basin Employee Environmental Fund, Colorado State Parks, Pulling for Colorado, and the Towns of Breckenridge, Frisco, and Silverthorne.



Helen and Cyndi enjoying the delicious food served at the 2010 annual meeting.

#### **Annual Meeting Summary**

The FENW Annual Meeting was held on November 17 in conjunction with our volunteers and members appreciation night. Program results were presented for our Wilderness Volunteer Ranger Program (Cyndi Koop/Dave Raymond), Noxious Weed Mitigation efforts (John Taylor), and Trail Maintenance projects (Bill Reed). Also, Ken Waugh of the USFS reported on upcoming plans and programs in the Dillon Ranger District, and Sam Massman and Ken Harper commented on volunteer efforts in the Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District. Finally, Currie Craven provided an update and status on the Hidden Gems campaign. Everyone applauded the addition of Frank Gutmann as a Board member, and the Board's slate of officers and the ongoing efforts were approved





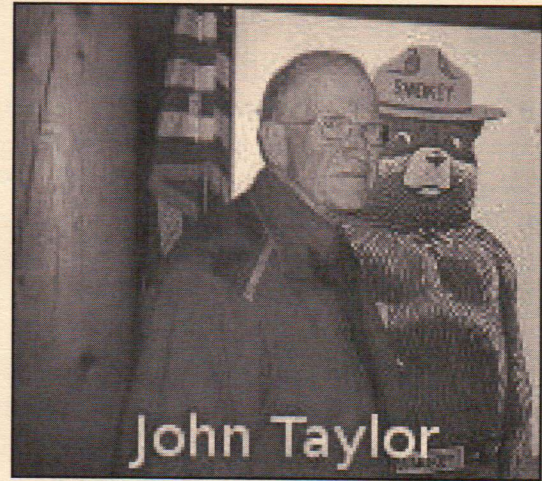
through a motion, by the attendees. Outstanding food was arranged for by Cyndi Koop and provided by Harvest Catering in Breckenridge at a very generous discount. "Thanks", Harvest Catering.



Ken Waugh, USFW addressing the 2010 annual meeting attendees.

## Signage

With grant funding from The Summit Foundation and the towns of Breckenridge, Frisco, and Silverthorne, FENW has purchased 8 trailhead signs, 2 Eagles Nest Wilderness entrance signs, and 3 No Campfire signs. Using some of the same funding, we also purchased 25 signs to designate areas where snowmobiling is not allowed. The signs were purchased from Wood Product Signs (Parlin, CO) and the Utah Correctional Industries Sign Shop in Draper, UT. All of the signs will be installed in the spring 2011.



**FENW Weed Specialist, John Taylor**

They are Noxious!

FENW was a lead in taking on Noxious Weeds from the trail head to the Wilderness for 2010. Our major nemeses are Canada, Musk, Plumeless and Bull Thistles, all highlighted by their distinctive reddish heads. Not to be outdone, Chamomile, the urban weed, is ever prevalent, along with Oxeye Daisy and Yellow Toadflax.

"Pulling for Colorado" saw 141 volunteer turn out on July 10, to take on the Chamomile and the Musk Thistle. What a turnout, 390 volunteer hours!!! Jot it down- P4C for 2011, is Saturday, July 9. (Three years with 100, 120, and 141 volunteers. Join the wave!

The National Forest Foundation honored us with another \$10,000 grant for our John Pickering and Weed Busters to take on those nasty thistles, daisies and toadflax in roadless and wilderness areas. Five years into this program we are realizing success and moving more from Summit locations to the Eagle side of the Wilderness.

Forest Service Weed Crew. The second year of having a full time crew at DRD is great. Jessie and Clayton are doing great job and, hopefully, they will be with us in 2011. Volunteer Spray Crew and Spotters- Early detection and follow up elimination is key to getting rid of a financial monster.

Our backpack spray crew volunteered 103 hours and 134 gallons of spot spray cocktails and scored with high marks. After receiving a hiker tip, the crew nuked Yellow Toadflax at 11,000' above Officers Gulch.

Want to join the Weed fun, let us know! We have a pack that can be fitted for you!





## A great Wilderness Volunteer Ranger story

Jason Boes, volunteer ranger who helped with the rescue of hiker on Gore Creek in the Vail area Eagles Nest Wilderness.

A brief summary of the day: Jason was hiking Gore Creek trail and had gone about a mile up from the trailhead when he met a couple trying to hike to the lake. He stopped to clear a small tree from the trail and they kept going. Shortly after the wife returned and said that her husband was in need of assistance and couldn't continue due to total fatigue. The man's wife, a nurse, stayed with her husband while Jason ran down the trail until he could call 911. He waited until Search & Rescue arrived and went with them back up the trail until they found the couple. The gentleman was given oxygen and an IV and littered out. Jason stayed until the rescue was complete. He was on the trail from 8am until 8:30pm.

This is a great example of one of many services the Wilderness Volunteer Rangers provide while hiking the Eagles Nest Wilderness.



Cyndi Koop

## Thank you to our dedicated volunteers Cyndi Koop, FENW Volunteer Coordinator

### 2010 Summary

"The Wilderness Ranger Program in Eagle and Summit Counties generated 862 volunteer hours for the summer of 2010. The Rangers contacted over 6308 visitors and locals talking about Wilderness ethics, regulations and offering directions, tips and other information.

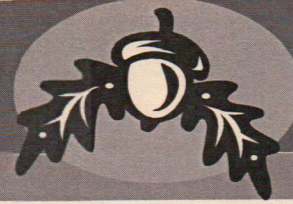
### Summit County Volunteer Rangers:

Special "Thank You" to Ken Harper, Bill Reed, Cyndi Koop and Warren Hancock for all their extra help this year.

Helen Barker Deborah Casaletta Pat Dobey Susy Gillilan Bill Gillilan Frank Gutmann, Warren Hancock Becky Hopkins Joan Hutchinson Glen Johnson Cyndi Koop Ed Lane Mike Mayrer, Dave Raymond, Marilyn Raymond, Bill Reed, Jim Shaw, Mike Siesing, Sharon Siler, Don Tebbs, Rick Warren, Anita Welles, Peter Welles,

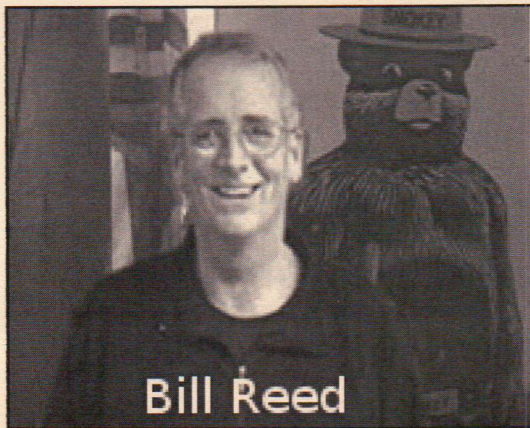
Mike Mayrer gets the "Most Walked" prize...12 hikes completed during the summer season. Thanks, Mike, for going "above and beyond". You show us the way.





## Eagle County Volunteer Rangers

Jason Boes Bill Carlson Jim Cahill Linda Cahill Anne Esson Elaine Gelvin Bob Gollick Sara Hall Ken Harper Cynthia Holappa Pam Kennedy Julie McCahan Mike Morales Lee Moosburger Michael Rodenak Hemmie Westbye



## Summit County Trail Volunteers

Holly Atkinson Joel Bitler Mern Bitler Judy Campbell Stu Caren Sue Carlson Roy Carlson Currie Craven Frank Gutmann Becky Hopkins Jerry Kelly Hank Kreis Ed Lane Dave Raymond Marilyn Raymond Bill Reed Amy Simper Kurt Steuer Barbara Swider Agnes Swisshelm John Taylor Melissa Travis Paul Stefanacci Rick Warren

2010 Trail Volunteers worked on a variety of projects this season during 5 weekends. Work included basic trail maintenance and correcting drainage problems. Campsite rehab at several sites was also done. This is hard work clearing sites that are too close to trails or water; digging out burnt soil; depositing it in the forest floor and replacing it with fresh mineral soils. Another very difficult project was reconstructing a bridge over a bog area on the Meadow Creek trail. The bridge was deteriorating causing traffic damage to the area. Old parts were removed and new lumber was felled, skinned and cut to form the new bridge. Hard work but accomplished by

dedicated FENW volunteers. Hikers who use the Eagles Nest trails are encouraged to “give something back” to the wilderness they love. Volunteer with the FENW in the 2011 summer season. Check FENW.org for the schedule in Spring 2011.f

## Weed Mitigation Volunteers

Mike Acres Helen Barker Currie Craven Anne Esson Ken Harper Sam Kirk George Resseguie and John Taylor

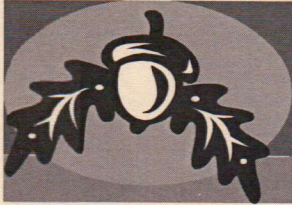
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George Resseguie, Len Shipman, and Sarah Slaton and her FDRD Volunteers

TRAFx Trail Monitoring System Volunteers  
George Resseguie, John Taylor, and Sam Massman  
(Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District)







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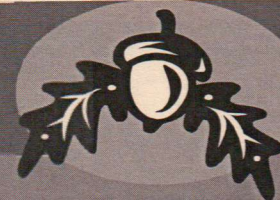
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