



Introduction to Friends:

The Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness is an apolitical nonprofit corporation (501(c)3) formed in May 1994 to raise in-cash, in-kind, and in-service goods to help the Dillon Ranger District of the Arapaho National Forest maintain the Summit County portions of the Eagles Nest and Ptarmigan Wilderness areas. The Eagles Nest Wilderness consists of 82,324 acres of Summit County while the Ptarmigan Wilderness has 13,175 acres. Two Wilderness Rangers cover this area in the summer (47,750 acres each). We presently raise money through membership dues, T-shirt sales, donations, and grants.

Annual General Membership Meeting

Mark Your Calendars for March 1st!

Our annual meeting will be held on March 1, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. at Ten Mile Island Condominiums Clubhouse in Frisco. We'll review the fantastic year we just had, **solicit your ideas** for 1997, have super munchies (FOOD!), and some special happening.

To find your way, get on Main St. in Frisco. Head towards the west Frisco exit of I-70. Look for the Frisco Professional Center (weird looking building) at the corner of Main and Creekside. If you're coming from town, turn right. Go over the Ten Mile Creek bridge and take the first right through the snowbanks. The clubhouse is straight ahead. Park around to the right of the clubhouse or be creative. If these instructions don't make sense, please call Joan Theroux at 668-3304. See you there!



be greatly missed. Mark DeBonville plans to resign at the Annual Meeting. We'll miss Mark's ideas and money counting abilities.

Bottom line: We need two people willing and able to be on the Board of Directors. Benefits: meeting other super people, helping Friends protect and preserve our Wilderness resource, and learning the ins and outs of a nonprofit corporation. Anyone interested in being on the ballot, please contact Maryann Gaug at 468-6219. You can also volunteer (or be volunteered) at the Annual Meeting.

Requirements: a willingness to work on a committee or two and bring ideas to the Board meetings, which are currently held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in Frisco.

A Few Fine Folks Needed

We had a great turnout of volunteers for summer trail projects. We have a lot of other projects that need doing to keep the group running, like writing newsletters, helping with the Interpretive Display design for the Dillon Ranger District office, doing a Membership Drive to get more people interested in our Wilderness backyard and the benefits it provides to them, and on and on.

New Board Members Wanted

John Fayhee has decided not to run for reelection to the Board this year. John's enthusiasm and input will

-- Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness Membership Form --

Yes! I want to join Friends and help preserve Summit County Wilderness. Sign me up at the:

- Trailhead Level (Individual, lower-income, \$10 per year)
- Buffalo Mountain Level (Individual, \$20 per year)
- Cataract Lake Level (Family, \$30 per year)
- Red Buffalo Pass Level (Small business and civic organizations, \$50 per year)
- Eagles Nest Level (Corporations and governmental entities, \$100 per year)
- Mount Powell Level (Truly generous folks and entities, \$500 per year)

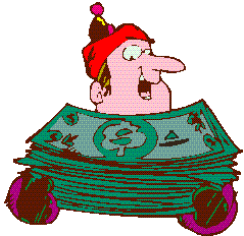
Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Are you willing to work on volunteer projects? _____

Please mail your membership form to: Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness, P.O. Box 4504, Frisco, CO 80443. Or call (970) 468-6219 or (970) 262-0918 for more information.

Update on Fundraising

FENW has been doing really well on the Grant front. We have received \$500 from the Town of Silverthorne, \$1,000 in-kind services from Summit County Road & Bridge Department, and \$3,038 from The Summit Foundation. Those funds (\$4,538) will be used for new portal and bulletin board signs and new posters to go on the bulletin boards.



We have also submitted a Grant Proposal for \$7,500 (total project cost \$10,000) to fix the bog on the Gore Range Trail at Middle Willow Creek, buy tools to start a tool cache, reconstruct the three bridges at North Tenmile Creek, Meadow Creek, and North

Rock Creek, plus buy and install five portal signs. The other \$2,500 will come from FENW, the Forest Service, The Summit Foundation, Nature's Resource Volunteers, and Silverthorne. A youth group, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, from Steamboat Springs, will help with the bog project. This proposal went to State Trails/GOCO. So far the proposal has been well received. Currie and Maryann went to Denver to make a presentation to the State Trails people. It went very well. Thanks to Jim Anthony and John Taylor for their help with the presentation preparations. Keep your fingers crossed!

Many thanks to the many people and organizations who provided support letters for the proposal. State Trails is very impressed that the Summit Fat Tire Society supports FENW's Wilderness projects! We received support from various businesses, outfitters, towns, the county, Colorado Mountain Club, Homeowners Associations, and numerous other organizations around the county.

New Members

Greetings to new members go to Ev Elmendorf, Joan Hutchinson & Stan Wagon, John McKeague, Robert Porter, and Timber Ridge Homeowners Assoc.

Please remember to pass the word along to your friends about the great work we're doing! Membership

dues enable us to donate money to the Forest Service for volunteers and soon for Wilderness Rangers!

Claimjumper

Only 6 people responded to the Claimjumper meal coupon idea for fundraising, so the Board decided not to pursue it.

White River Forest Plan Revision in Process

The White River National Forest Plan is undergoing a revision. The Forest Service is looking for a lot of input from us citizens. An Open House was held on February 12 to familiarize us with the areas covered by the plan (biodiversity, travel management, recreation, timber, urbanization, roadless areas, special areas, rivers).

The Board would like your input at the Annual Meeting and at any time during the process as to how you would like FENW to represent its membership. For example, would you like to see group size in Eagles Nest remain at 25 "heartbeats" or be lowered? Would you like to see more Wilderness Rangers in the field? Would you like to see roadless areas adjoining the Wilderness be part of Wilderness?

As 80% of Summit County is National Forest, the Board encourages all of you to get involved in the revision process to make sure the Forest Service makes wise decisions as to use of our national forest backyard.

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