

Words about Currie for 25th FENW anniversary WilderFest, Aug. 18, 2019

by Maryann Gaug (I don't remember exactly what I said, but below is the gist of it.)

First and foremost, Currie Craven has a passion for Wilderness and a boundless energy for working for and preserving Wilderness. He's an eloquent speaker and writer, and attended a gazillion Wilderness and Forest Plan Revision meetings (to support Wilderness). He also understands the need for compromise and working with a wide variety of outdoor interests to make sure everyone has a say and that any management plans and travel management plans meet people's needs as well as the needs of Wilderness and all that live within it. Under his leadership, FENW participated in Summit Fat Tire Society work days and vice versa.

After the creation of FENW in 1994, Currie became chairman of the board while Ed Adams was president. After a couple of years, Ed moved to Ouray and Currie took over the duties of president. Currie was FENW president and/or chairman of the board from 1994 to 2017.

For FENW's 10th anniversary, I interviewed John Fayhee, whose article in the Summit Daily News kicked off the creation of the group.

From FENW's May 2004 newsletter:

“Currie's erally responsible for FENW,” John Fayhee said. Without Currie's energy, John figures they might have just sat around talking about the idea.

John commented that it amazes him that a group that started so informally has taken off and is doing so well. He noted the \$18,900 grant FENW just received [from State Trails/GOCO for the Buffalo Mountain Trail project].

Currie continues as both FENW president and board chair. He has a ton of energy when it comes to Wilderness and attends umpteen meetings to assure Wilderness continues to be a special place in the US and Colorado. No doubt that he's truly a Wild Wilderness Wonder!