



**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.

## **Summer Trail Projects are Underway!**

### **Trail Project Update**

#### **Meadow Creek Project Wrapup---**

Trails don't happen. Boulders need to be moved, bridges built, rolling dips made, water bars constructed and blow down cleared. It takes time and hard work in a time of a scarce resource. That's you, the volunteer who made this a successful day. Including Forest Service personnel, there were 35 persons. Two trail direction signs are in place, a new portal sign erected, trail erosion mitigation performed and above all, a new bridge is in place replacing the broken span. Thanks to Ed Adams, Shirley Beaty, Kevin Borah, Currie Craven, Larry Farnum, John Fayhee, Joann Hutchinson, Ron James, Marge Josephson, Jonathan Kriegel, Judith McGreevy, Jim Miller, Leland Miller, Lance Meyer, Fran Penner Ray, Cullen Penner Ray, Robert Ray, Marilyn Repsher, Bob Schleif, Rob Scheifele, Pat Spitzmiller, Mary Taylor, Josh Terrell and Ernie Werren. Attendees were from Denver and as far away as Grand Junction. In addition, our thanks to Steve Bull who headed up the Forest Service gang, with help from Minturn, as well as the Dillon Ranger District.

#### **Portal Signs---**

We wish to thank the Summit Foundation & the State Trails Foundation for the 8 Wilderness Signs and Breckenridge Building Center for the posts and hardware to mount these beautiful signs. In addition to the 5 signs installed last year we have installed 7 so far this year. Our thanks to Jim Miller, Don Keehn, Ron James, Larry Farnum, and Vic Vensas who assisted John Taylor in this endeavor. New signs are at Cataract Lake, Wheeler Lake, Lilly Pad and Buffalo Cabin from Ryan Gulch, Lilly Pad from Meadow Creek and also Royal Buffalo. We hope to conclude this program next year.

### **Upcoming Trail Projects**

Here are more opportunities to enjoy the Wilderness and contribute to its preservation. Mark your calendars!

#### **North Tenmile Trail – Saturday, July 26th**

We will be hiking in approximately 2.6 miles to the wilderness boundary on North 10 Mile and make trail erosion improvements on to the stream crossing at the 3.5 mile mark where the Gore Trail intersects. Here we anticipate constructing a shallow rock ford across the stream. Work in the water is anticipated, so bring extra boots or tennis shoes to wade in the water. The water is not more than two feet deep. There will be plenty of dry land work with the approaches as well as trail improvements from the boundary to the crossing. It is a beautiful area and we can use a good turnout. Meet at the North 10 Mile trail head, (1-70 exit 201) at 8:00 am. Questions should be directed to Shirley Beaty on 453-2158 or John Taylor on 262-5940.

#### **North Rock Creek – Saturday, August 23rd**

We will meet at the Dillon Ranger Station parking lot in Sliverthorne at 8:00am and proceed to the North Rock Creek Trailhead (north from the DRS on route 9 approx. 7 miles and turn left on the Rock Creek Road and follow road and sign to the Trailhead). The hike into the North Rock Creek Bridge Site from the trailhead is approximately .6 of a mile. The current 30 foot dangerous span will be removed and we plan to build a shallow stream rock ford for a crossing. There will be additional trail improvements leading up to the bridge and on to the South Rock Creek Crossing to eliminate bog areas, implement erosion control and trail re-establishment. We have an aggressive program and again need a good turn out.

#### **NRV Project – Saturday & Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>** **Lower Cataract Lake**

Nature's Resource Volunteers, in conjunction with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado will be taking on a major trail restoration project at Lower Cataract Lake. The Friends support this project and if you are interested in joining up or desire more information call Currie Craven on 453-9056. There will be approximately 150 volunteers many of whom will be camping the weekend at Cataract for this two day project.

#### **Rocky Mountain Youth Corp**

This Youth Group will be making a major contribution on a section of the Gore Range Trail between North and





Please mail your membership form to: Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness, P.O. Box 4504, Frisco, CO 80443. Or call Currie at (970) 453-9056 or John at (970) 262-5940 for more information.

### White River Forest Plan Revision Update

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- 1) Would you like to see the current group size limit of 25 heartbeats reduced to 12, (i.e. 7 people, 3 hores and 2 dogs)?
- 2) Should the Forest Service beef up enforcement of leash laws for dog owners and pursue fines?
- 3) Should horsed and pack animals be excluded from sensitive above treeline areas?
- 4) Should the Forest Service exclude dogs from the wilderness area in five years if compliance with leash laws does not reach 80%?
- 5) Should campfires be prohibited in wilderness areas?
- 6) Would you support a trailhead fee system?
- 7) Do you support more trailhead facilit development, i.e. increased sanitation, parking facilities?
- 8) Should the forest service make local air pollution control/enforcement an internal goal to improve wilderness quality?

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