

FRIENDS OF EAGLES NEST WILDERNESS
An all-volunteer wilderness stewardship organization
SPRING 2009 UPDATE

FENW Trail Projects for Summer 2009

- June 6** Acorn Creek trail maintenance with FDRD on National Trails Day
June 28 (Sunday) -- Gateways: (1) Lily Pad Lake Trail maintenance, (2) Ptarmigan Trail maintenance, (3) Apply sealant to kiosks, and (4) Eaglesmere Trail -- remove old ranch fence and post near the trailhead.
July 25 South Willow Creek Trail install signs, trail maintenance, and campsite rehab.
August 22 Campfire ring and site rehab at several lakes and Eaglesmere Trail reconstruction.

Please mark these dates on your refrigerator calendar and join us on these workdays when we help to improve the wilderness experience in Summit County. Meet at the Dillon Ranger District office across from Target at 8AM for a light breakfast and briefing. A tailgate party is held at the end of the day.

Assault on Noxious Weeds for 2009..John Taylor

FENW has again been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the National Forest Foundation/Ski Conservation Fund. These 2009 Grant monies come from Vail Resorts and Copper Mountain Ski Areas. A \$2500 grant from the Summit Foundation was also awarded. We will again be using the services of Weed Busters with John Pickering and his trusty mules to spot treat weeds in the National Forest areas leading up to and in the Eagles Nest Wilderness in both Summit and Eagle Counties.

"Pulling for Colorado" 2009...Saturday, July 11

Mark your calendars for a fun day on Saturday, July 11. We are looking for clubs, groups, and many volunteers to step up to pull those nasty noxious weeds in our urban settings from where our problems higher up in our precious forests come. Such invasive species as chamomile, mullein, biennial thistles like musk and plumeless, can effectively be pulled. Meet at the Community and Senior Center at the County Commons, enjoy a lite breakfast, a short education session and go to a pre-screened area for the pull. FENW has received a State grant for materials for this years activity. There are sites county wide to be treated. Come join us and there will be a tailgate afterwards!

Wilderness Volunteer Program>>Summit County..Cyndi Koop

At the last board meeting we decided to delete the campsite field monitoring program. The Forest Service will hire an employee to locate all the campsites in the Eagles Nest wilderness. The board also decided that if and when the FS needs help in campsite rehabilitation we would add this to our trail project program.

The Wilderness Volunteer program is still in need of volunteers that would like to monitor noxious weeds in the wilderness. If you are interested in this part of the program please contact John Taylor [john.taylor1712@comcast.net.]

Another change in the program was to limit the number of Wilderness Rangers to 30. I am pleased to announce that 23 Wilderness rangers returned this year. We have 7 open Volunteer Ranger positions. If you know of anyone interested, tell them to visit our website, FENW.org, where there is a link to Volunteer Opportunities in Summit County. The deadline to apply is April 29th. The mandatory training is May 2nd. You must be available that day to be considered.

Wilderness Volunteer Program>>Eagle County

Ken Harper has volunteered to coordinate the wilderness program in Eagle County. There is still a need for a few additional volunteers. As in Summit County, if you know of anyone interested, tell them to visit the website at FENW.org. Start at the Volunteer Opportunities link and look for the Eagle County application. You can also call Ken at 970 390-1341 and he will assist you. The deadline for applications in Eagle Co. will be May 1. Training will take place on May 16. Ken will get in touch with everyone with place and times for training.

Grants and donations received since the fall 2008 campaign:

Grants:

National Forest Foundation/Ski Conservation Fund \$10,000 for weed abatement
The Summit Foundation \$2,500 for weed abatement
Towns of Breckenridge \$250; Frisco \$250, Silverthorne \$500 for wilderness volunteer programs in Summit County
Pulling for Colorado weed program \$500

Donations:

A-Basin Employee Environmental Fund \$1,109

Membership:

FENW has a total of 158 members who have contributed \$5923.00 since our fall 2008 membership drive.

This is a strong commitment from people and organizations who believe in the work of FENW and who have contributed with their time, talent, labor and resources. We are grateful for your support. A dues reminder is included with this newsletter for those who wish to contribute.

FENW 2009 ANNUAL DUES CAMPAIGN

Membership Levels

_____ BUFFALO \$20.00

_____ PINEY LAKE \$40.00

_____ CATARACT LAKE \$60.00

_____ GORE TRAIL \$80.00

_____ EAGLES NEST \$100.00

_____ BOOTH CREEK \$250.00

_____ MT. POWELL \$500.00

_____ OTHER

NAME _____

MAIL ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

LOCAL ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

TELEPHONE: _____

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SEND TO: FENW P.O. BOX 4504 FRISCO, CO 80443

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

I would like to volunteer to help with:

_____ Newsletter

_____ Trailwork

_____ Weed Control

_____ Ranger Patrol

_____ Other