

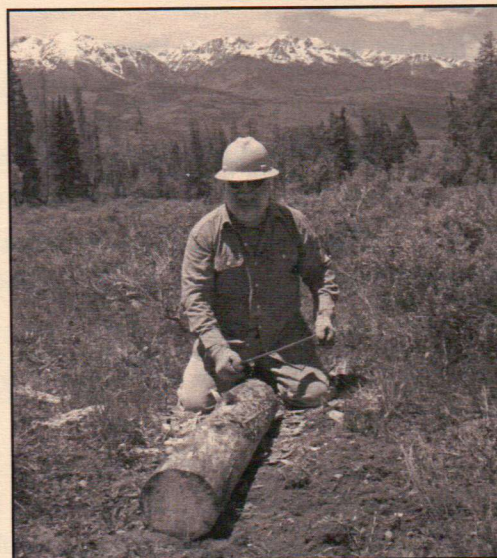


From President Currie Craven

Happy Holidays to you wonderful folks, FENW! Thanks for making 2009 a very successful year for public lands stewardship and partnerships that FENW has enjoyed over the last twelve months. I'd like to take a brief part of this newsletter to update you on some of the issues your FENW Board of Directors has been involved in this year.

- **Travel Management:** As part of the White River National Forest (WRNF) land and Resource Management Plan revision, the Travel Management process is well underway. The USFS has announced a preferred alternative, referred to as "Alternative G". After much analysis and sorting through public comments, the USFS selected this alternative and describes their selection this way, "This alternative strives to balance the public transportation needs, including recreation uses, with natural resource protection and enhancement. The alternative was designed to best meet the public desire to access and recreate on the national forest in a natural setting". The WRNF is preparing the Final Environmental Impact Statement for release in January or February. Another opportunity for public comment or legal challenge will then be opened. Wilderness will be impacted primarily through decisions made regarding social (non-system) access to Wilderness. FENW will keep you updated. For more information, see http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/whiteriver/projects/travel_management/index.shtml

- **Hidden Gems Wilderness Campaign:** Many of you have heard of this citizen led initiative to add designated Wilderness acreage to the WRNF. Currently, approximately 6% of Colorado is in this highest level of land protection and this proposal would add only .5% more. The



- proposal would add only .5% more. The campaign has been very diligent in seeking input from all stakeholders regarding identifiable boundaries and relevant issues for consideration. Locally, the Gems proponents are still involved with the County, Towns, and other user groups to determine (hopefully) broad consensus to move the proposal forward. FENW has expressed support for the process, and is in touch with proponents and stakeholders to find if consensus may exist. For more information, please see www.whiteriverwild.org.

These two important issues are all I have space to discuss in this newsletter. Please contact your Board if you have questions or wish to offer your valued input.

Thank you very much for your support and caring about the future and wellbeing of our beloved Wilderness Areas and public lands. Happy Holidays to all of you and your families! I hope to see you on the trails enjoying the magic of winter.

Currie



Thanks to our contributors

Your monetary assistance is the foundation for the rest of our funding efforts such as grant applications and in-kind contributions to the work of FENW. We are very appreciative of your generosity and caring for our wilderness lands.

FENW wishes to recognize the following people who have renewed their FENW membership during 2009 or have become new FENW members (*).
THANK YOU!!

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Duane Stewart
Rebecca Falch
Jennifer & Jeff Miles
James & Laurie Alexander(*)
Dave Raymond

March

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April

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Kathy Castrigno
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Allyn & Joyce Mosher
Roger & Sue Paluska
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Anita & Peter Welles
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Barbara & Irv Strauss
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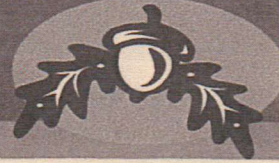
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Rob & Deb Nelson
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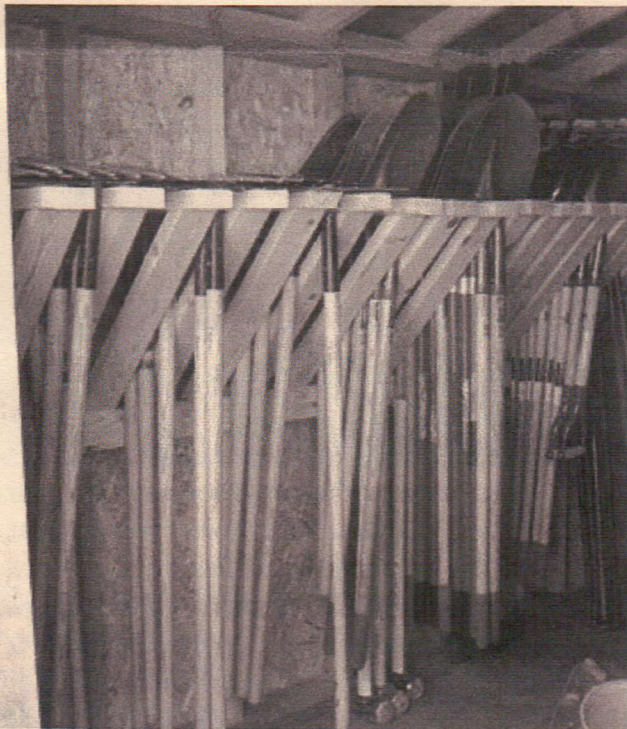
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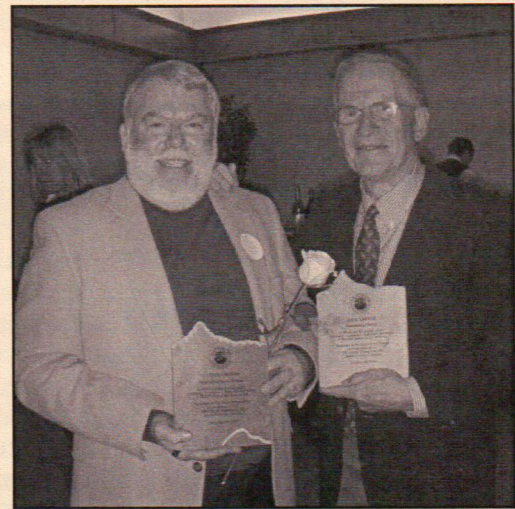
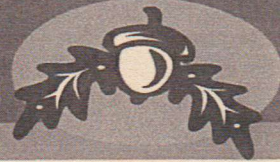
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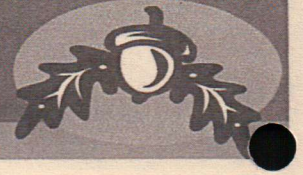
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John Taylor was recognized as Outstanding Citizen for his volunteer work with the American Red Cross; Wildfire Mitigation and Emergency Planning, Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness noxious weed program, State Weed Advisory Board, wilderness protection and the Summit County Senior Center.

These men have given countless hours in their pursuit of volunteerism. They exemplify the highest standards of community service. Thanks, Currie and John, for your dedication and generous giving of time, talent and resources.



If you enjoy hiking the Eagles Nest and other trails, think about giving back...paying it forward...so that others can enjoy what you have. Much of the maintenance of our trails is left to volunteers to accomplish. Please join us in 2010. The time you will give is voluntary and on your schedule. It's fun and you'll feel good for your effort. Check the website at FENW.org for the summer schedule which will be posted in the spring of 2010.



Thank you to our dedicated volunteers

2009 Summary

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Summit County Volunteer Rangers:

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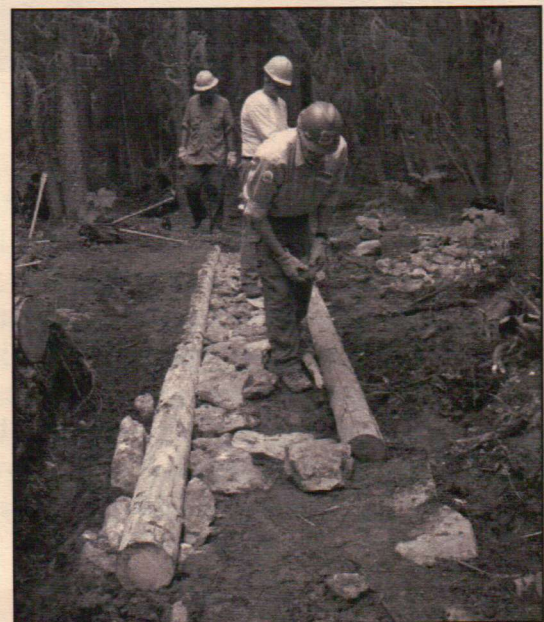
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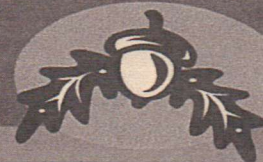
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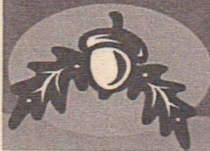
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Membership Levels

_____ 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

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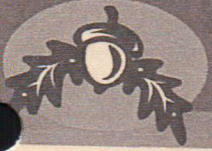
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Membership

FENW has 140 paid members. Our mailing list contains over 280 names including businesses, governments, donors, and other interested parties.

We are continually grateful for the generous support you give FENW.

New members are needed both as volunteers and contributors to insure that the work of FENW continues. Please recommend FENW to your contacts.

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