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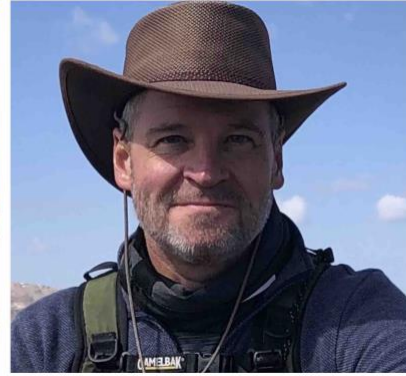
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**WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS!**

We are delighted to welcome Karn Stiegelmeier as ESWA's 2023 Chair. And we are equally pleased to welcome three new members to the ESWA Board: Krista Hughes, Colleen Gauron, and Zach Kauk. Look for spotlights on our new board members in future newsletters.



Colleen Gauron



Zach Kauk



Krista Hughes

Currie Craven and Ken Harper have stepped off the Board. We are deeply grateful for their many years of dedicated service to ESWA!

**Here's more from our new Chair:** Welcome ALL to 2023! A new year is always an exciting start to commit to what you believe is important in your life. We are very grateful for your commitment to preserving our amazing Wilderness lands that we are fortunate to have so close to our homes! I am very thankful for all your work in the summer months, as I look across at the Eagles Nest Wilderness from my warm home this below 0-degree morning. Along with our remarkable winter views and opportunities to dress warmly and enjoy the backcountry, we have time to plan for the warmer months. I am honored to be Chair of ESWA this 2023, and thankful for our Board members, hard working committees, and all the boots on the ground.

I want to give special thanks to Steve Elder, now Past Chair. Steve has been a remarkable leader with great determination to carry us forward in so many ways. I am relying on Steve for so many of his talents. He has a special skill for organizational best practices and ways to focus on the top interests of a nonprofit. We are in a much better financial state now thanks to Steve!

Our remarkably capable Treasurer, Tom Copper, has stayed on top of every transaction in our bank account, including some generous donations in 2022. New opportunities can arise with changing tax law, and Tom keeps us abreast. All of your donations help us function – from acquiring new tools and maintaining inventory, to leasing llamas to support Wilderness cleanup trips, to assisting the USFS keep seasonal rangers working into the important hunting season.

***I hope that our first Wild and Scenic Film Festival is on your calendar: 7:00 pm, February 11 at the Riverwalk Center in Breckenridge!*** Some of you have already volunteered to view the incredible list of films to choose from, and to help on the evening of the Festival, getting us set up, selling refreshments, and taking tickets at the door. If you haven't volunteered yet, but would like to help out starting at 5:00 pm on Feb. 11, please [contact me](#).

Sincerely,  
Karn



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**SAVE THE DATE FOR FEBRUARY 11, BRECKENRIDGE RIVERWALK!**

Doors open at 6

### **THERE'S STILL TIME TO RENEW YOUR ESWA MEMBERSHIP**

THANKS to everyone who's already renewed ESWA memberships for 2023 – you've saved our hardworking Membership Committee from having to send those pesky reminders!

But if you are one of those who hasn't quite gotten around to renewing, never fear. It's super easy — just visit our [Join/Donate page](#) or mail your check to ESWA at P.O. Box 4504, Frisco, CO 80443-4504. Dues start at only \$25/year. Please be as generous as you can so ESWA can be as effective as we can.

Memberships are on a calendar-year basis, and any renewals/donations received on or after 10/1/2022 are counted towards your 2023 membership. If you're unsure whether you've renewed for 2023, email [info@eaglesummitwilderness.org](mailto:info@eaglesummitwilderness.org).

And remember to designate ESWA as your preferred charity on the websites of King Soopers, City Market, and Amazon. This costs you nothing, but these companies contribute to ESWA based on the amount you spend. It's free and easy. Just go to the Join/Donate page of the ESWA website to learn how. ESWA received over \$1,000 from these companies in 2022. With your help, we can do even better in 2023.

### **GET WILD LATELY?**

Thanks to the Summit Daily for publishing our Get Wild column every Friday, with riveting articles on our local Wilderness Areas and their wild inhabitants. Check out all of ESWA's articles for the Vail and Summit Daily [here](#).



Like to write about Wilderness and nature? Contribute an article – only about 600 words are needed. Are you a nature photographer? We are always looking for photographs to submit with articles. Interested? Contact [Karn](#).

Whether you read Get Wild in the Summit Daily or in our weekly emails, be sure to click on the article links – the more clicks we get, the more likely Summit Daily is to continue providing this great opportunity to communicate about Wilderness and wildlife! [Check out the latest article](#) by Charles Pitman, Mission Coordinator for the Summit County Rescue Group.

**CALL FOR WEEDSPOTTER PARTICIPATION**



Longtime ESWA weed expert John Taylor, the Friends of Dillon Ranger District, the Summit County Weed program and the ESWA WeedSpotters are planning a county-wide Weed Pulling event for Summit County in July. If you'd like to help organize and run this event [let us know](#) - we'll begin planning in February! This event will also jumpstart ESWA's WeedSpotter season.

### **COME SHOP AT THE ESWA STORE**

There's still time to acquire those gorgeous boxed sets of notecards, featuring the winning photos from this year's contest – they're perfect for gift-giving or those thank-you notes you still owe. While you're at it, you can also pick up ESWA t-shirts and hats. Just email [store@eaglesummitwilderness.org](mailto:store@eaglesummitwilderness.org).

And coming soon...ESWA reusable shopping bags!

### **TWO FREE WAYS TO PROVIDE ESWA MUCH-NEEDED FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

- **Sign up for City Market & King Soopers Community Rewards – it's so easy!** If you don't yet have the card, please [sign up for one here](#). Then go to

your [Community Rewards](#), choose your local store as your preferred store, and set ESWA as the charity to which you want to donate (search for Eagle Summit Wilderness Alliance or use ESWA's code VX077).

- **Sign up for Amazon Smile.** Amazon Smile offers the same products and same prices as the Amazon site. Amazon will donate to ESWA 0.5% of every purchase you make – and it costs you nothing. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up. All you do is log in to Amazon using [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) instead of amazon.com. Sign in through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) each time you shop, so you might want to bookmark that page.

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