

# FENW Newsletter

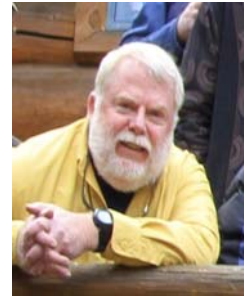
## June 2014 Anniversary Issue

Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness [www.fenw.org](http://www.fenw.org)

### Greetings from the President of the Board

We have many exciting events planned for this anniversary year. Check out the information in other parts of the newsletter.

We in the FENW family are entering this summer field season still feeling the loss of our dear friend, volunteer webmaster and Board member Rick Warren. Rick passed away due to cancer earlier this year. I encourage all FENW members, friends and supporters to keep Rick's memory and spirit alive as we prepare to observe the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act and the 20th Anniversary of our own Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness (FENW). Please keep Rick's life partner, Helen, and family in your thoughts and prayers. Rick and Helen have been long time supporters of FENW. Indeed, our entire community is much better for their unselfish devotion to Summit County and U S Forest Service (USFS) active volunteer stewardship through FENW.



"Currie"

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FENW and the USFS are actively planning a very significant year celebrating the 1964 signing of the landmark Wilderness Act, making this 50th Anniversary of designated, large "W" Wilderness, and the MAY 1994 founding of FENW. This marks the 20th Anniversary of your very own FENW. We have adopted the shorthand "50/20" to describe these momentous occasions.

The Dillon Ranger District's Cindy Ebbert is the chair of local planning efforts, coordinating many local public land non-profits, USFS and businesses such as breweries! A special brew, Bonfire Brewing's BeWildeRed Ale, has been released to celebrate these "august" occasions.

Over in Eagle County, FENW's stewardship efforts are ably facilitated by FENW Board member Ken Harper and the Holy Cross/Eagle Ranger District's Sam Massman and Carol Rodriguez. They have done nothing short of miraculous and heroic work organizing celebrations including the just released, absolutely wonderful BeWildeRed Ale. Andy Jessen of Bonfire Brewing is a true, brew hero and generously committed Bonfire Brewing to produce BeWildeRed.

Bonfire Brewing's BeWildeRed Ale is now available in 6-packs of cans at liquor stores around Colorado. Bonfire Brewing is producing this beer to commemorate the Wilderness 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act and to help raise money for FENW. Bonfire Brewing is generously donating 5% of the proceeds from sales of BeWildeRed to FENW to assist with our stewardship of the Eagles Nest and Holy Cross Wilderness areas. Please buy some, or buy a lot! Every beer gives back to FENW, making BeWildeRed the beer that gives.

A benefit was recently held at Bonfire Brewing's Tap Room in Eagle. Money raised will be used to directly benefit the Holy Cross Wilderness area by supporting a "trash stash" removal from Cross Creek. More information will be forthcoming about this volunteer opportunity as the snow melts at the high elevation where the trash stash is located.

This is but one example of the exciting summer ahead. Please share the great news of 50/20 with your friends and come out for our volunteer projects to receive 50/20 swag and participate in celebrating America's great legacy of Wilderness preservation and stewardship.

Please mark your calendars for 09 AUG 2014 and 26 AUG 2014. 09 AUG is a special trail day and Dillon Ranger District wide celebration of Wilderness and FENW. 26 AUG is a very special presentation by John Fielder at the Silverthorne Pavilion.

Thanks for supporting FENW. I'll look forward to seeing you on the trails and at our celebrations!

*John Currie Craven*

## Trailmaster's Column

FENW's 2014 trail maintenance program will be a bit different this year. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, FENW will partner with Friends of Dillon Ranger District (FDRD) to sponsor a community-wide Wilderness Volunteer Day in August. The ever popular weekend pack-in project will occur in July and our traditional Gateways Waterworks Project will round out the program in June.

**Saturday 21 JUN:** Gateway Waterworks Drainage control and early season repairs on various trails TBD based on early season condition reports. Meet at DRD Station at 0800 h.

**Friday 11 JUL - Sunday 13 JUL:** Pack in for trail improvement and campsite control at Lost Lake/Wheeler Lakes Trail. For the pack-in project this year, *we plan to lighten volunteer loads* by having the horses carry in heavier personal gear such as tents and cooking gear as well as the usual tools and libations. *Please keep in mind reservations are required.*

**Saturday 09 AUG:** Wilderness Volunteer Day, based at North Pond Park in Silverthorne. Partnering with FDRD, we will lead a community-wide wilderness volunteer day honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. Activities will include trail maintenance projects at multiple wilderness locations and staffing information stations at trailheads. *Party to follow.* Please plan on joining us if you can. The work is rewarding and the companionship is great.

While we always need and appreciate your help on all of our projects, the Wilderness Volunteer Day on 09 AUG is a particularly important event for FENW this year. We hope that the visibility of a larger scale trail maintenance event will introduce more people to the fun and satisfaction of wilderness volunteer activities and expand the pool of folks willing to join in. Your support of this effort will be essential to its success. There will be plenty of opportunities to lend a hand other than swinging a pick...but grizzled veteran pick-swingers will be very helpful too to show newcomers how it's done.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the program, please contact Bill Reed at 970-513-9741 or [bill.reed@fenw.org](mailto:bill.reed@fenw.org).

*Bill Reed*



Bill Reed on the trail

## Bulls Eye-Noxious Weeds



Noxious weed warrior John Taylor

Since DRD lost our full time weed technician at the end of 2012, the volunteer commitment both in finding and treating has become ever more important. In 2013 backpack spray volunteers treated 35 sites and accumulated >355 hours in arresting those weeds at trailheads as well as other I.D. locations in our Forests and Wilderness Areas.

**Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRD)** is the name of the game. Our Volunteer Rangers who cover so many of our Summit County trails and lands are the first line of defense. Early identification and timely response can mitigate a significant infestation, one that could become far too costly to treat.

FENW has provided through our National Forest Foundation Grant monies to again provide our handy, (hang on your pack or belt) laminated targeted noxious weed pictures. Use them! Major thistles, daisies and yellow toadflax are included.

**Save SAT 12 JUL 2014 for P4C**, the annual Summit County-Wide noxious Weed Pulling for Colorado. Meet at the Community and Senior Center at 0830 h for a light breakfast and educational session and off for the pull with fellow County friends and a mentor to take on those nasty weeds. Return by noon for a short wrap up and LUNCH. Great and rewarding day for you but bad for the noxious devils! For more information, contact Lisa Taylor at 970.668.4218.

**HELP NEEDED!** John Taylor, Frank Gutmann and Jerry Peterson could use additional help in efforts to spray those noxious species that cannot be effectively eliminated by pulling or other mechanical means.

*We need and desire feedback.* For feedback, questions and support contact either:

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*John Taylor*

## Volunteer Wilderness Ranger Coordinators' Column



Marilyn Raymond and Cyndi Koop

It's time for another exciting summer Volunteer Ranger season. With this being the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wilderness Act and the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of FENW, we will have lots of fun and interesting events for the Rangers to work on. Be sure and read your emails as we get the information about these events to you. We also will be continuing our Hike with a Forest Service Ranger program. Dates of these hikes will be determined soon.

The first item on the summer list is, as always, training. The *New* Ranger training was held on May 31 at the Holy Cross Ranger District Station. This was the only *New* Ranger training. *Returning* Ranger training was a one hour meeting to get supplies and sign the JHA. Separate meetings were held for *returning* Eagle and Summit County rangers.

If anyone has a friend who might be interested in rangering this year or next year, please let us know. We especially need new rangers in Eagle County. Thanks to Sharon Bell for recruiting the Torvestads from Arkansas. They will be here all summer and are really psyched about our ranger program. Contact Ken Harper (970.390.1341) or Jason Boes (970.390.3443).

A giant thanks to Jason Boes for all the hard work helping organize the Bonfire Brewing Introfest for their new BeWildeRed Ale celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. Part of the proceeds go to FENW so get out there and try it. You can buy it at most liquor stores including West Vail Liquor Mart owned by one of our volunteer rangers Tom Mullen. The Bonfire Brewing Introfest was a huge success. *See you on the trails!*

*Cyndi Koop & Ken Harper*

## FENW Support Programs

### Bonfire Brewing

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### City Market

In 2014, City Market will donate \$400,000 to area non-profit organizations. The program allocates funds (rebates) to the organizations based on purchases made using the City Market Value Card. Organization members must go online at [www.citymarket.com](http://www.citymarket.com) to register their Value Card and link your card to FENW's organization name and/or registration number – **46910**. Individual purchases will begin counting towards FENW's rewards allocation without compromising your earned fuel points. Allocations are determined each quarter based on total purchases among all participating and eligible organizations. *Each card holder may only sign up for one tax exempt organization.* **We encourage each of our members to participate in this program by selecting FENW.**

### A-Basin

This is the 14<sup>th</sup> year that FENW has received donations from Alan Henceroth and the 40+ contributors to the A-Basin Employee Environmental Fund. Their generous contributions (over \$14,200 to date) have been instrumental in supporting our projects and efforts to help maintain and preserve Eagles Nest and Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness areas in Summit and Eagle Counties. We could not accomplish our objectives without their unbelievable support. **THANKS!!**

*George Resseguie*

## Trail Monitoring and Maintenance

### Tool Maintenance Program

Our Tool Maintenance Program, a collaborative effort with FDRD continues to be extremely successful. The annual value of the volunteers' work using the tools exceeds \$125,000! Our tools are housed in two tool sheds, one of which was constructed using funding provided by The Summit Foundation.

### TRAFx Trail Monitoring System

Trail usage on 7 popular Wilderness trails continues to be monitored throughout the year with TRAFx infrared counters. The statistics are provided to the USFS to help manage their trail maintenance projects. Complete trail usage statistics may be found at FENW.org. The counters were purchased through grant funding provided by The Summit Foundation, donations from A-Basin, and members' dues.

Last year, two new counters were installed – one near Surprise Lake and one in the Meadow Creek trail area – bringing our total inventory of trail counters to 7. Placement of the counters is determined in collaboration with the USFS.

### Signage

In 2013, Wilderness Portal signs, directional signs and trailhead signs were installed. In 2014, we will complete the purchase and installation of signage funded in DEC 2012 from grants totaling \$4,000 from The Summit Foundation and the Towns of Dillon, Frisco, and Silverthorne. FENW members contributed another \$1,200 to the project. The 2014 actions will include installation of 10-12 directional signs and 6 “no campfire” signs. Also, we will purchase sign posts.

*George Resseguie*

## In Memory of Rick Warren



Rick Warren was born 13 JUL 1944 in Portland, OR, moving to and growing up in Centralia, WA . After initial employment with Washington State, he moved his family (Ilene, and sons Bret and Craig) to the Los Angeles area and worked for numerous employers (Xerox, Quatron, and Cisco). Rick moved to Colorado in 1991 where he met Helen Barker, hiked many trails, and built a home in Summit County in 2001. He was a volunteer for many non-profits (FENW, High Country Conservation Center, Friends of the Lower Blue), Sierra Club and Blue River Chair . He spent countless hours working on the ranger report sheets, calendars and trail improvements. He looked forward to evenings volunteering with the Blue River Music Series at the River Walk in Breckenridge, as he loved

all genres of music. Clean Up Day, Make a Difference Day, Trail Maintenance Days, Forest Health and I-70 coalition meetings – Rick was there to help and share his love of nature.

Hiking and camping with his sons as part of the Indian Guides marked the beginning of Rick's enjoyment and love for outdoor adventures. Rick's love for the mountains also was manifested in enjoying hikes around the world: the mountains and valleys/canyons of California, Tennessee, Vermont, New Hampshire, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, the eastern and western Dolomites and Cinque Terre in Italy, the Galapagos-Ecuador, Norway, England, Ireland, Lauterbunnen, Zermatt and Allpenzell Switzerland, Austria, Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, Secret Patagonia and Patagonia Torres del Paine Chile, Fitz Roy Argentina, the French and Spanish Mid Pyrenees, Japan, Thailand, Cambodia, lastly the Blue Mountains in Australia and Wine Glass Bay in Tasmania (scuba diving in 52 °F water). In October 2013, shortly after returning from the worry-free trip to Australia and Tasmania, Rick developed skeletal pain. On 23 DEC 2013, he was diagnosed with a rare and untreatable form of bone cancer. After a difficult and painful month, he died 30 JAN 2014.

As webmaster and member of the FENW Board, one of the initiatives Rick worked on was an outdoor kiosk, where people could get Recreation Opportunity Guides when the DRD station was closed in Silverthorne. Please share this vision by donating in Rick's name at <http://fenw.org/wordpress/donate>. Or mail to FENW, POB 4504, Frisco, CO. 80443.

*Helen Barker*

### **Rick Warren Memorial Donors**

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*Total donations \$1,400*

## FENW 2014 ANNUAL DUES CAMPAIGN Membership Levels

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***THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT !***

## ***Thank you for your continuing support***

We are continually grateful for the generous support you give FENW. Your contributions are used for the purchase of tools, supplies and other items used in the work of maintaining Wilderness trails. Money received is also used for matching grants which FENW uses for weed mitigation, trail signage and other trail maintenance projects.

100% of your contribution goes for the improvements of the wilderness. There are no salaries or administrative fees. All work is accomplished by volunteers.

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

*Thank you!*

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## Financial Report



George Resseguie  
Secretary/Treasurer

The FENW financial position continues to be excellent. At the end of **2013** we had \$28,735 in the bank. For the year, we received grant funding of \$14,000: National Forest Foundation (\$10,000), The Summit Foundation (\$3,000), and the Towns of Dillon (\$200), Frisco (\$400), and Silverthorne (\$400). We also received dues of \$4,900 and donations from the A-Basin Environmental Fund (\$2,600) and Infinite Scope General Contractors (\$150). In **2014**, we also have received an NFF Grant (\$10,000) for weed mitigation, a donation from A-Basin Environmental Fund (\$1,070), dues (\$1,400) and contributions to the Rick Warren Memorial Fund (\$1,400 to date) to be used to erect a kiosk for Recreation Opportunity Guides outside of the DRD Station and, if there are sufficient funds available, also one in Eagle County.

The funding was used in **2013** or will be used this year for several key programs: Weed mitigation (\$10,000 each year), Signage (\$5,700), various trail maintenance projects and support (\$8,000), the Rick Warren/Jakob Oster Memorial kiosk and our recognition programs for our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. We had a very successful year in **2013** supporting the efforts of the US Forest Service in maintaining and preserving Eagles Nest, Holy Cross and Ptarmigan Wilderness areas. We look forward to similar successes in **2014**.

*George Resseguie*

## Newsletter Editors' Column

The following recent articles appearing in the Summit Daily News regarding Wilderness may be of special interest:

08 MAR '14 \_ 'Rick Warren Obituary'

15 MAY '14 \_ 'What the President can do right now for conservation,' by Bruce Babbitt, former Interior Secretary appointed by Bill Clinton

16 MAY '14 \_ 'Where man himself is a visitor, Summit County remembers its primitive places as the historic Wilderness Act turns 50 years old' by Alli Langley, SDN reporter.

Rick Knight gave a superb talk at the Silverthorne Library on 20 MAY '14 commemorating Aldo Leopold and the 1964 Wilderness Act.

The Forest Health Task Force will be doing some interesting work this summer; check its website at [foresthealthtaskforce.org](http://foresthealthtaskforce.org). If not already in place, expect new flora signage and a picnic table on the Angler Mountain Trail.

Cindy Ebbert of the USFS is inaugurating a new Guided Trail Program this summer at Lower Cataract Lake.

Warren Hancock is the new FENW Webmaster.

*Frank and Mary Gutmann*

Special Upcoming Events in 2014  
(see enclosed columns for details)  
21 JUN – Gateway Waterworks  
11-13 JUL – Pack-in Trail Maintenance  
09 AUG – Wilderness Volunteer Day  
26 AUG – John Fidler Presentation

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