



Introduction to Friends:

The Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness is an apolitical nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation formed in May 1994 to raise in-cash, in-kind, and in-service goods to help the Dillon Ranger District of the White River National Forest maintain the Summit County portions of the Eagles Nest and Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness areas. The Eagles Nest Wilderness consists of 82,903 acres of Summit County while the Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness has 13,175 acres (totaling about 25% of Summit County). We presently raise money through membership dues, donations, and grants.

Summer Happenings

Annual Meeting/Party on June 15

COME ONE, COME ALL! The usual place!

Date: Wednesday, June 15

Where: Frisco Recreation Building at 110 S. Third, Frisco

When: 6:00 p.m. Social gathering, munchies, and drinks.

6:30 p.m. Membership meeting

- elections and yearly reports
- details on summer trail projects
- Volunteer Wilderness Steward program
- Travel Management Plan discussion by the Forest Service.

June 4th Gateways Trail Project

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 4, for our annual Gateways Trail Project. Help open hiking trails from wilderness trailheads to the snow-line. Some people may check and maintain trailhead signs. We also have some new trail signs to install. Full-day and half-day projects available.

Meet at 8:30 am for breakfast and team assignments at Dillon Ranger District office, Hwy 9 just north of 6th St., Silverthorne. Bring boots, long pants, gloves, raingear (snow gear?), lunch, water, sunscreen, a hat, and lots of enthusiasm. Of course we'll finish the day with a tailgate party!

For more information or to sign up, call 262-2399 or 389-4436, or email rsvp@fenw.org. Signing up will help us to better plan trail projects and teams.



Cutting avalanche debris during a Gateways project
photo by Maryann Gaug

bilization at Boulder Lake. Please sign up because it helps us to better plan trail projects.

We'll meet at the Dillon Ranger District office on Highway 9 near 6th St. in Silverthorne at 8:00 am for a tailgate breakfast. We'll hike about 2 miles into the worksite. Bring boots, long pants, gloves, raingear, lunch, water, sunscreen, a hat, and lots of enthusiasm. Of course we'll finish the day with a tailgate party!

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Volunteer Wilderness Steward Program

We're finally doing it! With help from The Summit Foundation, Frisco, Arapahoe Basin Employee Environmental Fund/ Arapahoe Basin Ski Area, and the National Forest Foundation, FENW is starting a Volunteer Wilderness Steward program this summer in cooperation with the Forest Service.

Opportunities are available for people to volunteer for visitor education (talking with and helping visitors in the Summit County part of the Eagles Nest Wilderness and the Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness), and doing noxious weed inventory and campsite inventory and restoration.

July 23rd Trail Project Boulder Creek Bridge

FENW's July trail project will be to build a new and safer bridge where the Gore Range Trail crosses Boulder Creek. The current log bridge broke last summer or the one before. It's not very safe right now. The Forest Service trail crew will prep the work and FENW volunteers will help put the bridge in place and finish it.

If we have time or enough people, we'll work on bank sta-



Restoring a huge fire pit near Harrigan Creek

If you enjoy talking with people, sign up for day or overnight patrols. If you're tired of talking with visitors, but enjoying hiking around either on or off-trail, Field Monitor - inventorying noxious weeds or inventorying campsites and campsite restoration - will be right up your trail.

We do need applications so we can plan for training and uniforms for the Backcountry Stewards (visitor education folks).

Volunteers will commit to at least 4 days of stewardship from June 20 through September 30 plus at least 1 training day.

Applications are due May 21. Training is scheduled for June 18.

You can read more information about the program at www.fenw.org/VMSinfo.htm and download an application, too. If websites aren't your game you can email steward@fenw.org or call Maryann at 970-468-6219 for more information and an application. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

Maryann Gaug - Wild Wilderness Wonder of 2005

At this year's Earth Day Action Fair on April 23, FENW's Maryann Gaug received the Wild Wilderness Wonder Award. Her nomination spoke of her years as an FENW Board member and grant proposal writer. She was also nominated for her freelance writing about Wilderness, wildlife, and Leave No Trace.

Last year, the award was added to the Green Scene Awards in honor of the 40th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. FENW President, Currie Craven, was the first ever Wild Wilderness Wonder award



Maryann with her award

photo by Kim Fenske

recipient in Summit County.

Summit Recycling Project and the Blue River Group of the Sierra Club created the Earth Day Action Fair and the Green Scene Awards.

Contact Us with Trail Problems

If you're out hiking already and come across trail problems, please let us know what the problem is, the trail, and where **before June 1**. We can add the solution to our list of "To Dos" for our Gateways project.

Trail problems include downed trees, erosion problems, broken bridges.

Please call Jonathan Kriegel at 262-2399 or email trails@fenw.org.

Thanks for your eyes!

Welcome, George!

Give a hearty hello to George Resseguie who recently joined the FENW Board of Directors. George is indeed a brave soul and volunteered not only to be on the Board, but also to be secretary. Many thanks to Vice-President, Jonathan Kriegel, for taking minutes for several months.

George brings experience in project coordination and we're very thankful for his enthusiasm and talents.

Summit County 2005 Volunteer Calendar

FENW will host three trail projects this summer: June 4, July 23, and a TBD in August.

If you can't make those days or would like to offer your hand at other trail projects or attend interesting forums and nature hikes, Friends of Dillon Ranger District has compiled a calendar from 17 organizations. The calendar was too lengthy to include in this newsletter, but please check it out at www.fenw.org/SC05volcalendar.htm (or if you don't want to type that much, click on volunteer opportunities on www.fenw.org).

Wilderness Rangers - Summer 2005

Cindy Ebbert returns as Lead Wilderness Ranger for the Ptarmign Peak, Eagles Nest, and Holy Cross Wilderness areas. After having only one other Wilderness ranger, Matt Smith, to work with her in all three areas last summer, this year five additional Wilderness rangers will be on staff. Two of them will help Cindy in Summit County in the Eagles Nest and Ptarmigan Peak Wildernesses. Matt and two new Wilderness rangers will help in Eagle County in the Eagles Nest and Holy Cross Wilderness areas.

Hiring the other four rangers is still in process.

Cindy emphasized that the Volunteer Wilderness Stewards are still very much needed. The Wilderness areas are large - and besides, the USFS Wilderness rangers need some sleep and rest after hiking all those miles each week!

FENW Receives National Forest Foundation Matching Grant

By Maryann Gaug

FENW received a \$10,675 matching grant from the National Forest Foundation (NFF)! Most of the money and matching funds will be spent on treating noxious weeds around Cataract Lake and in the Pebble Creek and Slate Creek drainages. Treatment in Wilderness is a challenge because no motorized or mechanized tools or vehicles can be used. FENW will hire a certified noxious weed contractor(s) who has the ability to treat weeds using horses or mules to carry the water and the herbicides.

Some of the NFF funds have enabled FENW to expand the Volunteer Wilderness Steward program to include noxious weed inventory and campsite inventory and restoration.

FENW has named the entire project including Volunteer Wilderness Steward program and noxious weed treatment - "Wilderness Ecosystem Improvement Project."

FENW still needs to raise about \$2,425 in order to receive the entire \$10,675 grant from NFF.

The National Forest Foundation, chartered by Congress, engages America in community-based and national programs that



promote the health and public enjoyment of the 192 million acre National Forest System, and accepts and administers private gifts of funds and land for the benefit of the National Forests. Check out their website at www.natlforests.org.

Grassroots Membership Participation Needed for Noxious Weed Treatments

By Kim Fenske

FENW will receive up to \$10,675 in matching grant money from the National Forest Foundation to battle invasive weeds on the forest. Weed treatments will continue for at least three seasons. In order to fully fund the FENW weed inventory and control project, FENW needs participation from all of its members.

If you are interested in defending the diversity of wildflowers and the diversity of wildlife reliant on native plants in our wilderness areas, then please send a check to FENW earmarked for WEIP.

Please ask local businesses for their support as well. Your dollars will go to match the federal grant.

How to Contribute

By Maryann Gaug

To receive the NFF matching funds, FENW has to send all money we've raised to the NFF along with receipts. The donations we send to them must indicate that the money is intended for the Wilderness Ecosystem Improvement Project (WEIP) - WSC-2-5-05. Now we really don't expect you to remember all of that, so please note WEIP on your check and send it and the form below to us.

If everyone can contribute a little and convince a friend or business to match or better your contribution, we'll have \$2,425 in no time and maybe some extra money to start a kitty for noxious weed treatment in 2006!

Thanks to Neils Lunceford, Inc. and Steve and Pat Larson for their generous donations!

Thanks in advance to all of you who contribute and find a match for your funds!

Yes, I want to help Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness combat noxious weeds in or threatening our Summit County Wilderness areas!

Please use my attached donation of _____ to match the National Forest Foundation's \$10,675 matching grant for the Wilderness Ecosystem Improvement Project - WSC-2-5-05.

Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. FENW is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please mail your donation and this form to:

Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness, Noxious Weed Program, P.O. Box 4504, Frisco, CO 80443-4504

Thanks for your support!

Summit County Cost Share

FENW has applied for \$500 cost share funds from the Summit County Weed Program. Lisa Taylor, the county noxious weed guerness, has been a great help as we get started on this new program.

2005 Silverthorne Ladies Cast and Blast

Hey, Ladies! Have you wanted to try your hand at fly fishing or hunting? Here's just the ticket! Two one-day fly fishing/shotgun courses will be held on Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26 from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm at the Silverthorne Pavilion and Silverthorne North Pond. Events will be 1) Introduction to fly fishing equipment and techniques and 2) Introduction to shotgun shooting. All equipment will be provided. Sponsored by the Colorado Division of Wildlife and the Town of Silverthorne.

Cost is \$15.00 (including lunch and drinks)

Each course has room for 16 participants on a first come basis. Please sign up for one course date. Call Kris Holinka, Hot Sulphur Springs CDOW at 970-725-6200.

Travel Management Plan Update

With the number of delays in producing the White River National Forest Travel Management Plan, FENW may have missed an opportunity for another "Guess the Release Date" contest. We had a successful fundraising event guessing the date of the Revision of the White River National Forest Plan a couple of years ago.

The Travel Management plan accompanies the Forest Plan and specifies details of what type of travel is allowed on what trails, any trail closures, or even possibilities for new trail construction. Type of travel in an area is governed by the prescription for that hunk of land in the Forest Plan.

Wendy Haskins, USFS Travel Management lead, says that the plan is in the print shop and should be released by mid- June. Often maps accompany the plans sent to interested parties, but this time, in order to have enough detail, the trails are shown on USGS topo maps. Due to the size and number of maps (over 1,000 maps) needed to cover the whole White River National Forest and all alternatives, the maps will be in electronic format on CDs. CDs will be available at the Dillon Ranger District office. The maps and text will also be on the White River website, www.fs.fed.us/r2/whiteriver.

Beth Boyst, USFS Wilderness manager, will discuss with us the newly released Travel Management plan at FENW's annual meeting on June 15.

FENW Email List

If you did not receive the FENW information email sent out around April 17 and you would like to receive occasional email notices from FENW, please email your email address to info@fenw.org. We promise not to overload your inbox!

Dues are Due!

For many of you, your annual dues are due or are coming up shortly. Your address label has your renewal date on it. If the renewal date is sometime through August, it has been highlighted.

For those of you long overdue, we've included a We Miss You! reminder.

Your dues and donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. FENW is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

Dues and donations help us with our various projects and we really appreciate your financial support!

Please use the membership form on the back page to renew your membership. Please help us gain new members by passing this form along to friends and family.

Please remember to send any email or address changes to FENW!

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New and Renewing Members

We're a year behind in our thanks. Apologies if we missed someone. So here goes....

Welcome to all our new members! Sylvia Conway, Doug Lane, Phillip & Virginia Riedesel, M.J. & Hans Wurster, Joann C. Dufty, Lynzie Flynn, Dortha & Donn German, Sandy Mortensen, Peter Packard, Jan Podolan, HOMES & LAND LLC., Rick & Shawna Emarine, William Kossian, Steve & Pat Larson, William Reed, George & Kathryn Resseguie, Lauri Medina & Matt Kampe, Jerry & Terri Thompson, John Miller, Dr. John Craven, Herbert & Renate Helm, Ellyn & Michael Johnson.

Thank you, members who have renewed since May 2004: John & Connie McKeague, Allyn & Joyce Mosher, Rob & Debbie Nelson, Marshall Rutz, Bob & Martha Sani, Bill & Dee Simon, Kurt & Penny Steuer, Kim Fenske, John Miller, Marjorie Kroeger, Todd and Susan Robertson, Vera Gesse, Larry & Mary Ellen Gilliland, C. Thomas & Mary Kisker, Dave & Jan Lace, Charles & Debbie Pitman, Steve & Laura Rossetter, Maxine and Martin Solomon, Pat Spitzmiller, Tom Aguirre, Jim & Sue Anthony, Ellen Sappington & Rosemarie Archangel, Shirley Beaty, Joel & Mern Bitler, A. Keith Brown, Kathleen Castrigno, Patrick Dobey, Maryann Gaug, Ron James, Judith McGreevy, Leland Miller, Kurt Morscher, Carol Padlick, William Pifer, Jim & Mil Plant, Rich Rowley, Barbara Stiltner, Ernie & Barbara Werren, Currie Craven, Bob & Fran Jones, Jennifer & Jeff Miles, Marilyn Repsher, Karn Stiegelmeier, Copy Copy, William R. Greene, Bill & Marylee Adamson, Beth Boyst & Phil Bowden, Myra & Frank Isenhardt, Joe Kramarsic, Jonathan H. Kriegel, Michael Miller, David Owens, Roger & Sue Paluska, Anne Robinson, Irv & Barbara Strauss, Robert C. & Judith C. Anderson, Linda Bush, James & Patricia Gilman, Linda Hrycaj, Mary Kay Rachwalski, Dave Raymond, Stu & Marty Richardson, John & Pat Taylor, Joan Hutchinson & Stan Wagon.

Your support helps us with trail projects, matching funds for grant proposals, newsletters, and lots of other projects!

Thank you for your support of FENW and the Wilderness areas we help maintain and preserve.



South Willow Creek Falls in June

Photo by Maryann Gaug

Leave No Trace

As we start hiking season again, let's help out our Wilderness areas by practicing Leave No Trace techniques.

Here are the seven LNT principles:

- * Plan Ahead and Prepare
- * Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- * Dispose of Waste Properly
- * Leave What You Find
- * Minimize Campfire Impacts
- * Respect Wildlife
- * Be Considerate of Other Visitors

For more details and information, check out www.LNT.org.

If each of us does our little part, remembering our two feet are part of thousands of feet hiking our Wilderness trails, we can make a difference and help keep the Eagles Nest and Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness areas wild!

It's Mud Season - Get Muddy!

Just a reminder. Spring, if that's what we're experiencing, is a time of melting snow and muddy trails. If you're out hiking, please remember to Get Muddy! Walk through the mud puddles or on snow. Walking on the vegetation next to a mud hole kills the plants after many feet have tromped on it. Then next year the mud puddle gets bigger or braided trails develop. If the trail is really really muddy, think about turning around and returning later when the trail is drier.

Eagles Nest and Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness Use Regulations

* Maximum legal group size is 15 people per group with a maximum combination of 25 people and pack or saddle animals in any one group.

* Campsites shall be at least 100 feet away from all lakes, streams, trails, unless prohibited by signs.

* If a campfire is built, it shall be (1) farther than 100 feet from all streams and trails (2) at least 1/4 mile below treeline (fires are prohibited above treeline) and at least 1/4 mile away from all lakes.

* Equipment, personal property, and supplies shall be stored or left for no longer than 72 hours.

* Pack or saddle animals shall be hitched or tethered at least 100 feet from all lakes, streams, and trails.

* All dogs, except working stock dogs or dogs used for legal hunting purposes, shall be on a hand-held leash not to exceed 6 feet in length.

* Only livestock feed, such as pelletized feed and rolled grains, that has been processed through chemical or mechanical means in a manner that will destroy viable seeds is allowed.

* Hikers/equestrians shall walk/ride on switchbacks because shortcutting causes erosion and environmental damage.

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Membership Expiration

Please note your membership expiration date located on your address label. Please use the membership form below to renew your membership. Please help us gain new members by passing this form along to friends and family.

Remember to send any email or address changes to FENW!

FENW Board of Directors

Currie Craven, Chairman/President, 453-9056
Jonathan Kriegel, VP, Travel Management Task Force, Trail chairperson, 262-2399
George Resseguie, Secretary, 513-6547
John Taylor, Treasurer, 262-5940
Maryann Gaug, lots of stuff, 468-6219
Kim Fenske, Trails, 389-4436
Kem Swarts, At-Large, 453-9383
Tom Jones, Sr., At-Large, 468-5463

Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness Membership Form

Yes! I want to join Friends and help preserve Summit County Wilderness. Sign me up at the:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trailhead level (\$10 per year) | <input type="checkbox"/> Red-Buffalo Pass level (\$50 per year) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buffalo Mountain level (\$20 per year) | <input type="checkbox"/> Eagles Nest level (\$100 per year) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cataract Lake level (\$30 per year) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mount Powell level (\$500 per year) |

Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Are you willing to work on volunteer projects? _____

Email Address: _____ I can best work weekdays weekends

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