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Dear Michael,

This week, the Pikes Peak District of the Pike-San Isabel National Forest will be holding **two public meetings on recreation opportunities**. You are invited and encouraged to attend, see below for details.

And don't miss out on the benefit concert this Saturday, **featuring Chuck Pyle!**

Public Voices Needed Pikes Peak Recreation Planning

The Pikes Peak Ranger District of Pike National Forest is **seeking public comments on motorized and non-motorized recreation** in the southern part of the Rampart Range. The purpose of the public process is to provide the Forest Service with critical information to improve its motorized and non-motorized road and trail system.



The Plan proposal will cover the portion of the Rampart Range within Pikes Peak Ranger District, including the entire area north of US Route 24 and east of Colorado Route 67, and north into Douglas County.

Comments are being sought to help identify issues and concerns related to the proposed project; identify travel management and recreation opportunity and constraints areas; refine the project proposal; and develop project alternatives.

We **need members** of the community to attend the public meetings to speak out in favor of sustainable "quiet" use plan alternatives and keeping motorized travel on appropriate trails.

Public meetings will be held by the Forest Service.

Wednesday, June 24, 4-8 p.m.

Coronado High School Commons
1590 W. Fillmore St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Thursday, June 25, 4-8 p.m.

Woodland Park High School Commons
Woodland Park High School Drive
Woodland Park, CO 80863

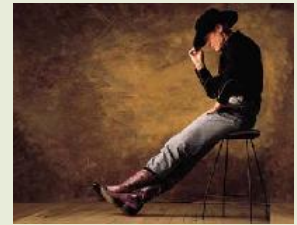
In addition to giving input at the meetings, stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments **no later than July 6**.

Please watch our website at www.wildconnections.org for updates, information and talking points on this important public process.

Upcoming Hikes & Events Come Join Us!

Concert for the Wild Chuck Pyle benefit performance Saturday June 27 at 7:00 pm

Nationally-known singer, songwriter, and recording artist in benefit concert for Wild Connections & Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition.



Chuck Pyle, will present a concert to benefit the public lands protection work of Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition and Wild Connections. Nicknamed the Zen Cowboy, Chuck lives in Colorado and performs nationwide, especially in the West. His songs have been recorded by Willie Nelson, John Denver, Jerry Jeff Walker and many others. See chuckpyle.com for details about his work. His latest CD, *Higher Ground: Songs of Colorado*, will be available at the concert. Local storyteller and balladeer John Stansfield will open the concert. For more information, contact John Stansfield at 303-660-5849; jorcstan@juno.com.

THIS Saturday June 27 at 7:00 pm

All Souls Unitarian Church
730 N. Tejon St., Colorado Springs

\$15 in advance and for sponsor group members, \$18 at the door. Tickets available at Poor Richards Bookstore, 320 N. Tejon, Colorado Springs.

Saturday, June 27 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Scraggy Peaks proposed Wilderness

Hiking in Scraggy Peaks. Photo courtesy of the Mountain Park Environmental Center.



Scraggy Peaks is an important low elevation roadless area in the Wet Mountains west of Beulah. The hike along the South Creek trail will start in the higher mixed conifer forest and end at Pueblo Mountain Park - begin at 9200', climb to 9600' over a mile and then down to 7000' - about 5.5 miles. This back Country journey is cosponsored by Pueblo Mountain Park Environmental Center, Sangre de Cristo Sierra Club and Wild Connections.

More hikes are scheduled! Go to www.wildconnections.org

In Closing:

Thank you for your passion for Colorado's public lands! If you have comments or questions about our new *E-News* or the topics above, please email Michael Rogers

at Michael@WildConnections.org.

Sincerely,

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