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Dear Wild Connections Supporter,

We **need a few more volunteers** for our volunteer "Reclaiming Wildways" project this Saturday, May 16th to ensure a successful kick-off - Can you help?

"Reclaiming Wildways" A New Wild Connections Opportunity
Volunteer now to restore critical habitat

Wild Connections exciting new program, Reclaiming Wildways, is ready to **kick-off this Saturday, May 16th** with two more project days on May 30th and the 6th of June.

Our crew leaders are trained and ready to go! The straw, fertilizer, and erosion matting is being staged by the Forest Service mule team along the 1 ½ miles of closed ATV trail that we will be revegetating for the benefit of this beautiful riparian area and two threatened species.



Volunteers spreading straw mulch. Photo by Michael Rogers.

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Volunteer crews will hike up to 2 miles with fairly steep slopes in some areas to the project site where teams will broadcast native grass seed and fertilizer, rake lightly and then spread straw mulch and install erosion control matting as needed. The actual restoration work is easy; the hike is the most challenging part of the day. The hike will be more difficult on the May 16th work date, and will get easier for May 30th and June 6th.

Bagels, coffee and lunch will all be provided. Tools are also provided. Just bring some work gloves, good boots, water, a sunhat, and a willingness to make a difference and have some fun.

[Click here for more details](#) or [Click here to volunteer!](#)

Don't miss out on this fun and rewarding volunteer experience. Registration is required, so [click or call TODAY!](#)

Sponsored by Wild Connections, Wildlands Restoration Volunteers, Rocky Mountain Field Institute, Coalition for the Upper South Platte, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and the US Forest Service South Platte Ranger District - Pike-San Isabel National Forest.

Wild Connections Needs Your Support Help "Reclaiming Wildways" Succeed

We need to raise **an additional \$10,000** to cover other equipment and supplies and underwrite Wild Connections staff costs.

Your tax deductible donation will be well utilized:

\$20 buys a pound of native grass seed

\$50 will supply a critical hand tool

\$75 will feed a whole crew of volunteers for a day

\$335 will buy enough seed, straw mulch and fertilizer to revegetate a half acre of habitat

[Click here to donate or volunteer.](#)

Upcoming Hikes & Events Come Join Us!

Saturday, June 20 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Green Mountain Wilderness Quality Survey Hike

The second in a series of exploratory hikes to wilderness candidates beyond the Wild Ten Green Mountain roadless area is a wild and rugged companion to the nearby Lost Creek Wilderness. Come help determine if the areas wild values are worth preserving on this strenuous 7-mile, mostly off-trail hike with 1400-foot elevation gain, sponsored by Pikes Peak Sierra Club Group, Wild Connections, and Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

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

Scraggy Peaks proposed Wilderness

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.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)



Snag in Green Mountain. Photo by Eric Dec.

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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Wild Connections

Wild Connections is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Our mission is to identify, protect and restore lands of the Upper Arkansas and South Platte watersheds to ensure the survival of native species and ecological richness.