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Dear Wild Connections Supporter,

This Saturday, June 6th is National Trails Day! Get outside with Wild Connections!

We **need a few more volunteers** for our volunteer "Reclaiming Wildways" project this **Saturday, June 6th** to help complete the restoration of this wonderful section of trail and habitat - Can you help?

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

Building on our first two fun and successful volunteer work days, Wild Connections needs YOU to help us this Saturday, June 6th.

We will be revegetating for the benefit of this beautiful riparian area and two threatened species.

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Volunteers disbursed native grass seed, straw mulch and slash on the first two project dates. Photo by Michael Rogers.

Volunteer crews will hike up to 1 hour into the work site (2 miles) with fairly steep slopes in some areas where teams will broadcast native grass seed, rake lightly and then spread slash to prevent trespass. The actual restoration work is easy; the hike is the most challenging part of the day.

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.

Go to www.wildconnections.org to register!

Don't miss out on this fun and rewarding volunteer experience. Registration is **required**, so go to www.wildconnections.org now!

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.

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.

Wild Connections Needs Your Support Help "Reclaiming Wildways" Succeed

We need to raise **an additional \$10,000** to cover other equipment and supplies and 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

Go to www.wildconnections.org 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.



Snag in Green Mountain. Photo by Eric Dec.

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.

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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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.