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Dear Ellen,

Now is an opportunity to determine the recreational trails for over 120,000 acres of front range forest lands between Colorado Springs and Denver. The alert below has details.

South Rampart Range Travel Planning
US Forest Service seeks public input

The Pikes Peak Ranger District has announced the second round of public meetings regarding the **South Rampart Range Travel Management Plan**. Once again, we need members of the public to come out and speak in favor of sustainable "quiet use" alternatives.

This planning process will determine the recreational trails for over 120,000 acres from the front range west to Hwy 67, and from Hwy 24 north to the Pikes Peak district boundary.

The Forest Service is now inviting people to comment in detail. The goals of the meetings are to:

- Provide information about the project and study area
- Communicate outcomes of the first round of public input meetings
- Discuss preliminary project objectives that will be used to develop solutions for the project purpose and need
- Review and discuss preliminary concepts that provide a solution for the project objectives
- Work in small groups to identify potential road and trail networks
- Record public opinion about the information and ideas discussed

Public Workshop Locations and Times:

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Woodland Park

Workshop from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Woodland Park Middle School, Commons Room

600 E Kelly Road

Thursday, October 15, 2009



Colorado Springs

Workshop from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
 Leon Young Service Center (Colorado Springs Utilities)
 Pikes Peak Room (2nd floor)
 1521 Hancock Expressway

* Both workshops have the same agenda:

[Please click here for additional details.](#)

Upcoming Hikes & Events Come Join Us!

Farnum Peak Proposed Wilderness Dayhike

Sunday, October 18 **New date**
 8:00 am to 5:30 pm



In a positive action, the Pike NF recently expanded their official roadless acreage within our existing Farnum Peak wilderness proposal. Come help field check the roadless additions on this moderately strenuous 7-mile, mostly off-trail hike with 1200-foot elevation gain. Also learn about nearby Wild Ten and other proposed wildernesses. Well-behaved, leashed dogs allowed.

For more information and to register, contact trip leader John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail jorcstan@juno.com by 6 PM, October 16.



Beaver Creek Proposed Wilderness Service Project

Saturday, October 24

Colorado Mountain Club trip, non-members invited.
 Coordinated by the Bureau of Land Management.
 For more information or to sign up, contact Mary Mourar,
 303-838-0556 or 719-229-9743; email

ppg_conservation@yahoo.com

Badger Creek Proposed Wilderness Dayhike

Sunday, November 8
 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

Prompted by reports of illegal motor vehicle trespass in the proposed wilderness, we will revisit the expansive lower Badger Creek valley for the first time in several years. Hikers will assess the extent of motorized impact on this moderate 6-mile, mostly stream side trek with 600-foot elevation gain and some shallow stream crossings. We will also learn about nearby Wild Ten and other proposed wildernesses. Well-behaved, leashed dogs allowed.



For more information and to register, contact trip leader John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail jorcstan@juno.com by 6 PM, November 7.

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,

Michael Rogers

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