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## ***E-News April 2010***

Dear Jean,

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The gravel pit is eroding into Trout Creek

**Gravel Pit and Willows**  
**Trout Creek Volunteer Workday**  
**Sunday April 11 9AM to 3 PM**  
**Bring the family (10 and older)**

- Help rake, seed, and place erosion matting
- Plant willows along the stream.

This first workday of the season is another step in the recovery of Trout and Eagle Creeks. The one-acre gravel pit is a huge source of erosion that is harming water quality in Trout Creek and damaging Preble's meadow jumping mouse habitat. By the end of the day the site will be seeded and protected and the riparian zone will be restored with willow:

Bagels and hot drinks will be served while everyone is gathering for orientation. Work teams with an experience leader will work on their assigned task. Lunch is provided for everyone, and then the work will continue. We will have you back at your cars in the parking area about 3 PM.

There is no hiking for this work day and children ten and older are welcome. Those under 16 should be under the supervision of their adult.

***Pre-registration is required.*** Our partners at Rocky Mount Field Institute are coordinating this work day. Please call the RMFI office at (719) 471-7736 for more information or to register. Once you have registered, detailed instructions and directions to the staging area will be sent to you. [Read more](#)



Early last year before the weeds came up



Canada thistle in May; by July this will be knee-high

## Hike in Beaver Creek



Beaver Creek is included in Rep. DeGette's Colorado Wilderness Act.

## Restoration and Youth

Youth 16-24 have the highest unemployment rate. So we are pleased to be working with young men and women from the Southwest Conservation Corps for more than a week in the Trout Creek project this May.

They are a self sufficient unit that will hike in to the really tough part of Eagle Creek and set up camp for the work week. With the energy of young folks, they will get a lot of work done and learn some practical restoration and organization skills for their future jobs. You can learn more about the Southwest Conservation Corps on their [web site](#).

## National Forest Planning Regulations Roundtable Meeting Lakewood, Colorado on April 12

The Forest Service invites citizens to participate in a roundtable meeting for the development of a new National Forest planning rule, which guides Forest Plans and Grassland Plans. The Forest Service is committed to developing this rule through a collaborative process and is initiating the process with over twenty national, regional, and tribal meetings during the next two months.

Two meetings will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and again from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (a shorter version of the afternoon meeting). There will be an open house before the first meeting from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. and before the second meeting from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. These meetings will be hosted at the Sheraton Denver West Hotel. Please pre-register for either meeting at the [RockyMountain registration site](#). [Read more](#) about this process.

## Beaver Creek Love Your Mother Earth Hike Saturday, May 8 8:00 am--5:30 pm

With or without your mother along, spring is a great time to visit the many beautiful valleys of the Beaver Creek Proposed Wilderness. Come explore the little-visited East Fork of Eightmile Creek on a moderate six mile hike with elevation gain of 600 feet, sponsored by Pikes Peak Sierra Club Group, Wild Connections, and Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition. We will learn about the wilderness future of this and other nearby wild areas. For more information and to register, contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail [jorcstan@juno.com](mailto:jorcstan@juno.com) by 6 PM May 7.

Check our [web site](#) regularly for more up-to-date news or to sign up for the Landscapes newsletter.

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Regards

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