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# Wild Connections' E-News

February, 2008

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Dear Jean,

Welcome to Wild Connections' inaugural monthly newsletter! Our goal is to send succinct, factual and relevant information spotlighting issues affecting our local public lands - the Pike-San Isabel National Forest and Bureau of Land Management Royal Gorge area. This new tool is part of our growth from the Upper Arkansas South Platte Project into Wild Connections. We value your interest, we do not share our email lists, and we will not send fundraising appeals - only monthly news features and occasional, time-sensitive alerts.

Please take a moment to add us to your address book or safe list to ensure you continue to receive critical news about our local public lands.

### Colorado's Roadless Areas are at risk - again! Your comments needed by February 25<sup>th</sup>



On December 26, directed by the Bush administration, the U.S. Forest Service announced the start of a Colorado-specific rulemaking process. Colorado will become one of only two states in the nation that will have weaker protections for these precious backcountry lands! Speak out now to protect Colorado's 4.4 million acres of undeveloped Forest Service lands.

The U.S. Forest Service is accepting comments on this unwanted proposal **until February 25, 2008**. For more information and a [sample comment letter - Click here...](#)

### Cooperative Law Enforcement Bill Adding boots to the ground

Did you know?

- Colorado has 14 million acres of national forests and 8 million acres run by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.
- Colorado has only 18 forest rangers and 8 BLM officers dedicated to law enforcement.
- That is approximately 1 officer for every 850,000 acres!

But change is on the way! [Click here for more...](#)

## Upcoming Hikes & Events!

### Saturday, February 9

Ski and Snowshoe! Thirty-nine Mile Mountain Proposed Wilderness

Thirty-nine Mile Mountain forms the high southern rim of South Park overlooking Elevenmile Reservoir and the Arkansas Valley. [Click here for hike details...](#)

### Saturday, March 15

Table Mountain Proposed Wilderness Day hike

Second in a series of outings to the Wild Ten areas in the Colorado Wilderness Act of 2007. Visit all of the local areas in the legislation during winter and spring 2008. [Click here for hike details...](#)

### Coming in April, 2008 - Colorado Wilderness Bi-Annual Conference

The next statewide wilderness conference is intended to engage and educate both novice and experienced wilderness activists. [Click here for event details...](#)

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, *Executive Director* at: [Michael@WildConnections.org](mailto:Michael@WildConnections.org).

Coming in the March *e-news*, the Pike-San Isabel is implementing the Travel Management Rule by publishing motor vehicle use maps. Learn about the process, and what it means to you as a public lands user...

**Sincerely,**

*Michael*

Michael Rogers  
*Executive Director*  
Wild Connections

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