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## The Arapaho and Roosevelt NF's and Pawnee National Grassland

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## A message from the Forest Supervisor

The summer field season is in full swing. We hope you have had the chance to visit the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland and enjoy all it has to offer. Fire season is here so be extra careful out there. You can find out more about how the fire danger is increasing on page 6.

In April the ARP was subject to an Integrated Resource Review conducted by our Regional Office. I am very proud all the ARP employees and how they have contributed and continue to work hard to make the ARP a better place. More on the Integrated

Resource Review is located on page 5.

Two of our employees received prestigious awards, John Openlander received the Regional Lands Award and Kevin Cannon received the Chief's Bob Marshall Award for Champion of Wilderness Stewardship. Their stories are found on page 4 and 5.

The Front Range Fuels Treatment Partnership (FRFTP) continues to move ahead. See page 2 for how you can receive a copy of the FRFTP annual report .

We also have a new Forest and Grassland Visitors Guide available to assist you in planning

your next visit to the ARP, see page 6 for details.

We continue to celebrate the Centennial of the Forest Service on the ARP and our Leadership Team had the privilege of setting a Centennial Marker on Mount Goliath as part of the celebration.

I hope you all have had the opportunity to celebrate the first hundred years of the Forest Service and we look forward to serving you into the next 100 years.

*Jim Bedwell, Forest Supervisor*

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## Hot Topics

# Front Range Fuels Treatment Partnership

The last few months have been eventful for the FRFTP. Along with tremendous efforts in treating hazardous fuels, the Partnership has increased its efforts to provide information to numerous groups interested in the Partnership and also expanding the role and activity of the Roundtable.

The first annual report for the FRFTP became available in early June. Included with background information on the FRFTP was information on collaborative work; science generated for and through the partnership; information on stakeholders, including the Roundtable; community wildfire protection plans and project accomplishments. To obtain a copy of the annual report contact Katherine Timm at [kmtimm@lamar.colostate.edu](mailto:kmtimm@lamar.colostate.edu) or (970)



Above: Dick Edwards, Canyon Lakes Ranger District Planning Team Leader, introduces legislative staffers, media representatives and cooperators to hazardous fuels treatment in Estes Valley.

217-2874.

FRFTP leadership, including leaders from the Roundtable group, made informational visits to USDA Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth and staff, Department of Agriculture Under Secretary Mark Rey and the Colorado congressional delegation. During the visits information was provided about FRFTP success stories, especially accomplishments and collaboration, and information on the future of the FRFTP. According to Partnership presenters the visits generated lots of interest as well as favorable impressions of the FRFTP.

Two congressional staff field trips were held in the spring and early summer. The first tour, held on May 4, introduced congressional staff to the activities and people associated with the northern part of the FRFTP. The second tour, held on June 21, introduced congressional staff to activities and people associated with the south side of the FRFTP. Each day included field trips to areas where projects were being done or had been completed on public and private land, presentations by people working with or as part of the partnership and time for answering questions from the staff. Both trips had great participation from the staff and exhibited the positive relationship the Partnership has with elected officials.

One of the biggest efforts currently in progress with the FRFTP is the community engagement tours being spon-

*The primary goal of the Front Range Fuels Treatment Partnership (FRFTP) is to enhance community sustainability and restore fire-adapted ecosystems through identification, prioritization and rapid implementation of hazardous fuels treatment along the Front*

sored by the Partnership Roundtable. A series of six meetings will be held throughout the Front Range to introduce meeting invitees to the Roundtable and provide an update on the Roundtable's efforts to develop a vision for Front Range ecology, economics and politics. The vision will help the Roundtable and the FRFTP work with communities along the Front Range on issues of fuels and healthy forests as well as intensify the grass-roots efforts that are the essence of FRFTP. The meetings, scheduled for mid-August, will be held for invitees from; Larimer and Boulder Counties, Jefferson County, Gilpin and Clear Creek Counties, El Paso and Douglas Counties, Park and Teller Counties, and Grand County. The first half of the meeting will be spent sharing information from the Roundtable to participants. The second half of the meeting will be spent gathering comments, gathering information and answering questions from the participants. Make sure you contact your Roundtable representative for more information.

## Vision of Forests to Grassland Newsletter

*"Our vision is to utilize this newsletter to create a channel for improving an ongoing dialog between the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forest and Pawnee National Grassland and stakeholders.*

*We hope that it will provide new opportunities for the public to participate with processes, projects and partnerships throughout the Forests and Grassland."*



### Article Contributions

We would like article contributions for the various sections of this tri-annual newsletter. The next deadline is **October 3, 2005**. When submitting articles or photos, please provide your name, affiliation (if any), phone number and/or e-mail. Send the article, topic or photo via e-mail or hard copy. Articles should be no longer than 500 words and should identify the topic area the article is geared toward. Please note that there are additional guidelines for the Points Of View Section. You can find those on page 10.

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## Looking towards the future at Berthoud Pass

SolVista Ski Corporation is in the process of completing the terms and conditions of their ski area permit by removing all the facilities associated with the former Berthoud Pass ski area, including the lodge, from National Forest lands. Alpine Demolition, working for SolVista Ski Corporation, began removing facilities on June 6. The removal of these facilities is the last step remaining in SolVista's request to terminate their Special Use Permit to operate the ski area. The original deadline for removal of the facilities was September 20, 2004. However, Forest Supervisor Jim Bedwell extended that deadline at the request of SolVista. The removal of facilities and the rehabilitation of the site must meet

USDA Forest Service requirements.

Berthoud Pass has long been identified as a major trailhead location for the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST) stretching from Mexico to Canada. With its proximity to the Denver metro area, Berthoud Pass will serve as the highest use segment of the CDNST and is being developed as a showcase. The new developments will include a trailhead, with improved parking, rest-rooms and a warming hut to allow people to get out of the weather in the summer and winter. The site will also have four accessible scenic overlooks that have spectacular views of Clear Creek and Grand Counties and interpretive signs that will highlight the history and

natural features of the pass and the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail.

In the winter, the site will continue to serve backcountry skiers and snowboarders as it has in the past. Funding for the project includes a Great Outdoors Colorado grant, awarded in December 2004, to Colorado State Parks in partnership with the Continental Divide Trail Alliance and the Forest Service.

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Pawnee National Grassland  
Fire Information Line  
970-498-1030 & 1031**

## A Centennial Marker is placed at Mount Goliath

The Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland's (ARP) Leadership Team along with twelve members of the Americorp crew installed a Centennial Commemorative survey monument disk southwest of the Mount Goliath Visitor Center.

The survey monument was placed on a 750 pound buff flagstone base, secured in 800 pounds of concrete to withstand the test of time. Every forest in the five state Rocky Mountain Region placed a centennial survey monument and between June 1 and 3 conducted three separate independent four and one-half hour Global Positioning System

(GPS) sessions to determine the exact location of each survey monument. This highly precise survey monument will be part of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS) and serve the public for generations to come.

The Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland Foundation purchased the buff flagstone and descriptive plaque to make the project possible. Thank you Foundation and ARP Forest Surveyor, David Tomaschow for helping us commemorate 100 years of the Forest Service.



*Above: The ARP Leadership Team and Americorp crew carry the 750 pound buff flagstone from the Mount Goliath Visitor Center Parking lot to the monument site.*



*Above: Deputy Forest Supervisor Jackie Parks, Forest Supervisor Jim Bedwell, and Clear Creek District Ranger Daniel Lovato set the Centennial Marker in stone at Mount Goliath.*



*Above: ARP Survey Technician Zach Deitrick establishes that the monument is located at precisely 11,503.94 feet, Latitude: 39° 28' 32.825", Longitude 105° 35' 33.491"*



## Changing Places... Changing Faces

### New Faces on the ARP

We've had new additions to our staff in the supervisor's office and ranger districts. Tim Sutton will report later this month as the new lands, engineering and minerals group Leader in the Supervisors office. Tim is currently serving as the lands program staff in the Eastern Region (R-9) of the Forest Service located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Throughout his career Tim has worked in several regions, including a Ranger District of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests in Colorado. Tim has an extensive background in lands and lands issues, and has experience in the minerals program as well as roads, facilities and trails.

Geoff Bell reported for duty as the Forest Fire Management officer. Geoff

has a vast amount of fire experience, as an engine and hot shot superintendent. His most recent assignment was the District Fire Management Officer on the Hell Canyon District of the Black Hills National Forest in South Dakota. Jeff is also very involved in Incident Management Teams and serves as an Operations Chief and Division Supervisor for the Rocky Mountain Region's Type II Team Bravo.

Lori Bell accepted the Realty Specialist Position on the Boulder Ranger District. Lori was a Lands Forester on Hell Canyon District of the Blackhills National Forest and has experience in every facet of the lands program. Lori has actually worked on the ARP as a volunteer backcountry ranger on the Sulphur

Ranger District at Grand Lake when she first started her career.

Tracy Swenson reported in June to Canyon Lakes Ranger District as the District Fire Management Officer. Tracy has been working in fire since 1990. Most recently, Tracy was the Assistant District Fire Management Office on the Cedar City Ranger District of the Dixie National Forest in Utah.

Margo Burtner joined the Visitor Information staff of the Canyon Lakes Ranger District. Margo previously worked for the National Park Service at the Grand Canyon, Harry S. Truman Historic Site, Windcave, Mesa Verde and Carlsbad. She also volunteered for the Boulder Ranger District for 10 years the 80s.

### Moving on...

Debbie Karst, our Supervisors office Budget and Accounting Specialist, accepted a promotion to the Albuquerque Service Center, Incident Business Branch on May 29th. She will start in Albuquerque in January 2005, and is currently on a detail to the Ogden Incident Payment Center.

Prior to working in our Supervisors Office, Debbie was the Supervisory Support Staff on the Boulder Ranger District for five years where she created the districts first financial tracking system. Debbie has been with the Forest Service for 21 years.

Debbie said she enjoyed the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland because of the great people and leadership that helps an employee excel and grow like nowhere else. We will miss Debbie's great smile and hard work.

## John Oppenlander Receives Regional Lands Award

John Oppenlander, Lands Forester on the Pawnee National Grassland (PNG), received the Regional Lands Award for 2004. The award is given annually to the individual or group that has made significant contributions to the Region's program in the area of program implementation, benefits to resource management, complexity of accomplishments and customer service..

John was nominated for his contributions to the Cheyenne Plains Gas pipeline project. The project implemented construction of a large, natural gas pipeline, which impacted 77 acres of the PNG. The 13 miles of this project which crosses the Pawnee NG is part of a 380-mile new line that runs from north central Colorado to Greensburg, Kansas.

John's work with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as the

lead agency on this project, as well as numerous other agencies, demonstrated outstanding skills in communication, coordination, and cooperation.

The result was the construction of a new and significant energy delivery system that was done in a manner that protected important grassland resources. John also used this as an opportunity to rectify a previous project's use of non-native species. John successfully coordinated with other agencies, including FERC, which can be a significant undertaking.

John was recognized for his skill and effort in greatly contributing to one of the Strategic Goals of the Forest Service

with respect to energy development as an integral part of the Region's Lands Program. Congratulations John!



Above: John Oppenlander accepts the Regional Lands award from Rocky Mountain Regional Forester Rick Cables!

## Kevin Cannon Receives Chiefs Award

Kevin Cannon, Recreation Forester on the Canyon Lakes Ranger District, received the Bob Marshall Award for Champion of Wilderness Stewardship from Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth on June 22. Kevin was recognized for twenty years of outstanding wilderness leadership and stewardship in both the Rocky Mountain and the Pacific Northwest Regions of the Forest Service. Kevin received the award

at a breakfast ceremony in Washington D.C.

Kevin is very involved in wilderness and protecting and helping others enjoy the values and wonderful experiences wilderness has to offer. Kevin assists leadership in maintaining their wilderness skills by hosting Wilderness Awareness Workshops. Kevin is also well versed in minimum impact management actions and is skilled in apply-

ing those concepts on wildfires.

*Right:  
Kevin  
Cannon*



## Forest Service Highlights

### Integrated Resource Review

In April Directors from all the staff units of the Rocky Mountain Regional Office as well as Deputy Regional Foresters Greg Griffith and Richard Stem conducted an Integrated Resource Review (IRR) of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland (ARP). An IRR is conducted on each Forest approximately every seven years. The last one on the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland was conducted in 1998. The IRR was designed to give the regional directors the opportunity to visit with ARP employees, stakeholders and cooperators about morale, budget and productivity. The team was looking for areas that could use improvement and areas that were an example for other forests and grasslands, as well as items that needed regional action to resolve.

During the weeklong event the regional directors were

divided into two teams to visit the ARP's Supervisor's Office and five ranger districts. The group learned a lot about the challenges faced by the Forest and Grassland as well as the wonderful people who work and are involved in the ARP. The last day of the review the team gave the ARP an initial report of their findings. Overall the IRR team was very pleased with the work of the ARP and provided general advice for improvement. They were impressed by the involvement the ARP has with stakeholders and found the morale of employees to be among the highest in the region.

The ARP greatly appreciates all the hard work our employees put into making the week a success as well as all the stakeholders who took the time to contribute to the various discussions along the way.



*Above: The IRR team visits String town Fuel reduction project on the Canyon Lakes Ranger District and discusses thinning across boundaries.*



*Above: Boulder District Ranger Christine Walsh and the IRR Team view the meadow restoration project in Lefthand Canyon.*



## White Pine Beetle Rust Research

White pine blister rust is an exotic, invasive fungal disease of 5-needle pines. Host species present on both the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests (ARNF) include limber pine and Rocky Mountain (RM) bristlecone pine. The fungus causes cankers which usually kill the stem above the canker, often leading to mortality. White pine blister rust requires an alternate host (currants and gooseberries) to complete its life cycle these species are also common on the ARNF. Pines are infected by spores produced on the alternate host.

White pine blister rust was discovered in northern Colorado in 1998 on the Roosevelt National Forest near Red Feather Lakes, Colorado. These infections are the result of southward spread from Wyoming. Isolated infestations were discovered in the Sangre de Cristo and Wet Mountains of southern Colorado in 2003. Infected trees have not

been observed on the Arapaho National Forest to date although the threat is great since both pine hosts; currants and gooseberries, are well distributed. Of particular concern is the threat to Rocky Mountain bristlecone pine which was found infected for the first time in its native range in Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve in 2003.

The Central Rockies White Pine Health Working Group meets yearly to exchange information and to develop, strategize, and coordinate monitoring, research, and public outreach. The 2005 meeting was held at the new Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland (ARP) Supervisor's Office at the Natural Resources Research Center in Fort Collins. Working group members are involved in numerous projects that will greatly enhance our ability to manage impacted stands. The group is working

to mitigate impacts to the ecosystem and slow the mortality process through the development of silvicultural treatments and the regeneration of rust resistant stands. For more information about white pine rust visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/fhm/>.



Above: White Pine Blister Rust on a Limber Pine.

## Fire Danger Moves to High

Fire danger on the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland (ARP) has moved to high. Fire season had a slower start, where grass grew green and tall. Luckily, to date all the ARP fires have stayed small. However, recent and expected high temperatures are beginning to change that look and those green grasses are drying out. So far this

year there have been twenty-five fires on the Forest and Grassland, not including those that occur in other jurisdictions. Ten of these have been human-caused. We expect to get more lightning fires, and hotter and dryer conditions. Our visitors can help by being extra careful with all fire while enjoying the national forest.

The Fort Collins Interagency Dis-

patch Center has been busy, dispatching resources to both fires locally and nationally. In addition to the Roosevelt, and Alpine hotshots, the Northern Colorado Crew and approximately 20 overhead (leadership and support positions) personnel have been dispatched out of the area to support the national need.

## New Forest and Grassland Visitors Guide

The Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland (ARP) has a new Visitors' guide available at no cost to our visitors. The user's guide provides a brief overview of the Forest and Grassland, as well as information about all the recreational opportunities available. Topics the guide covers are:

- Rules, regulations and visitor ethics
- Safety
- Wilderness areas

- Camping and campgrounds
- Permits and passes
- Volunteering
- The ARP foundation
- Map order form

This handy guide was made possible thanks to the efforts of our own Mary Bollinger and Reghan McDaniel. Copies of the guide can be obtained by contacting any ARP District Office.

### Camping Fees change

Most Individual Family site reservations have increased \$1.00. Depending on location and facilities the site has, fees range from \$10.00 to \$17.00 per night.

All Group site fees have increased at varying levels. So check first before you go.

Campsite reservations can be made by calling Reserve USA at 1-877-444-6777 or [http:// www.reseserveusa.com](http://www.reseserveusa.com)

## Progress on Crystal Lakes I Project

The Canyon Lakes Ranger District's Crystal Lakes I Project was implemented this spring. A contracted crew of 18 from Oregon completed thinning and piling on 1018 acres in early July around the Crystal Lakes Subdivision. Thinning may start on the 460 acre Crystal Lakes II project this fall.



Above: Crystal Lakes I Project before thinning( left) and after thinning (right)

## Volunteer Highlights

### Poudre Wilderness Volunteers Celebrate 10 years of service

The Poudre Wilderness Volunteers (PWV), the largest single volunteer organization on the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland, is celebrating its tenth anniversary of serving the Canyon Lakes Ranger District through wilderness and backcountry trail patrol.

PWV started in 1995 with approximately 40 volunteers. That number has grown to 200 volunteers in its anniversary year. These volunteers dedicate nearly 10,000 hours to the district each year. They have contacted more than 60,000 wilderness and backcountry users and have put in a total of 7,000 staff days of service. This service is something the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) could not provide if it were not for PWV.

PWV's purpose is to protect the region's pristine wilderness and backcountry areas through public education. PWV's motto is to "Conserve and Educate," and volunteers primary task on the trails is to contact forest visitors, help them understand how to use the forest in a "leave-no-trace" manner and assure that they are properly prepared to have a safe, satisfying forest experience. They also report the number of visitors on the trails and problems encountered while protecting the forest from misuse by the public. They often help hikers that are in trouble on the trails and the PWV trail crew clears trails each spring from trees that have fallen over the winter months. This presence on the trails, trail work, and educational efforts are enormous benefits to both the USFS and the forest users.

PWV includes members of all ages from 18 to over 80. These members have a common love of forests and a desire to give something back to the community in exchange for the enjoyment they get by hiking and riding forest trails. They wear uniform shirts and carry USFS radios for safety on the trails. They also are required to patrol at least six days each season and are involved in a well-coordinated training plan. This means PWVers are dedicated volunteers who take their service to the USFS and users very seriously.

Members do not only hike on the trails, but approximately 50 of these volunteers also ride their own horses and make a special effort to inform other equestrians in the backcountry about the many techniques that can minimize the impact of horses on the forest environment.

The last ten years PWV has proven invaluable to the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland and a large portion of its 6.2 million annual visitors. The idea for PWV started with Chuck Bell and Art Bunn. They both had concerns that major cuts in federal funding had left the local ranger district with minimum staff to patrol and manage wilderness and trails. They believed that volunteers could help do that job and the USFS welcomed the idea. That idea has continued to grow and develop over the last ten years and it is continuing to move forward and provide more and more benefits.



## Annual Lefthand event

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Lefthand Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Cleanup sponsored by Trailridge Runners Four-wheel Drive Club was originally scheduled for Saturday, May 1, but was held on May 7, 2005. This was the first time the event was ever postponed due to weather because of a foot of snow in the area. Despite the rescheduling approximately 60 volunteers participated; raking, bagging, dragging and hauling tones of trash riddled with bullet holes along with spent shells and casings left behind by careless visitors.

Cleanup activities were focused in the lower portion of the Off-highway vehicle area and another drainage further up Lefthand Canyon Drive. Both areas are popular for target shooting. The area was closed to shooting during the clean-up and several target shooters who originally came to shoot that morning decided to stay and help out. Their spontaneous participation was noteworthy and appreciated.

### Lefthand Planning Process

**The Draft Environmental Assessment will be out for public review at the end of July. We appreciate everyone who has been participating along the way.**

**If you have questions about the process please contact:**

Cat Luna at 303 – 567-2508  
or e-mail [cluna@fs.fed.us](mailto:cluna@fs.fed.us)



*Above: (left and right) Volunteers and Forest Service employees, participate in the annual Lefthand Canyon clean up event sponsored by Trailridge Runners Four-wheel Drive club.*

## Stakeholder/partners Highlights

### ARP Foundation News

The Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland (ARP) Foundation has been in existence for a little over a year and a half. During this time the Foundation and the Forest have been actively exploring how they can develop effective partnerships to further community support for the forests and grassland. To this end, several recent accomplishments have taken place.

The Foundation funded Jill Haney, a Colorado State University student intern, to complete a mailing list data base for the entire Forest. Jill has completed this data base which will be the basis for contacting individuals who

may want to become Friends of the Forest through the Foundation. A special thanks to Jill for a job well done and to John Bustos, Public Affairs Officer, for making Jill available.

Another initiative, consistent with District Rangers' stated needs, is to identify and train volunteer managers. The Foundation has provided matching funds to Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WRV) for volunteer manager training. WRV has a grant from the Colorado State Parks trails program for this training. WRV is working with the Colorado Outdoor Training Initiative on this effort. Key to this volunteer manager training is that there is space

available for citizen individuals from each of the Ranger Districts. Ed Self, WRV, is the contact for more information (303-543-1411 or [ed-self@ecomail.org](mailto:ed-self@ecomail.org)).

Be sure to check the Foundation's new web page at [www.arp-foundation.org](http://www.arp-foundation.org)) Thanks to Debbie Winston, Canyon Lakes Ranger District, the Foundation has a first class web page describing the Foundation and its activities.

A final note: partnerships are voluntary relationships for sharing resources to accomplish mutually beneficial projects and programs.



## The Spirit of the Foundation

Last issue we began featuring the members of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forest and Pawnee National Grassland (ARP) Foundation, to introduce you to the wonderful people and spirit behind this organization. This month we would like to



Above: Howard Alden, ARP Foundation President and founder.

introduce you to Howard Alden. Howard has been the President of the Arapaho-Roosevelt-Pawnee Foundation since September of 2003.

Howard has been interested and involved in natural resources for a long time. He earned a bachelor's degree in Biology, a master's degree in Forest Ecology, and went on to obtain his PhD for Forest Recreation.

Prior to his involvement with the Forest Service, Howard was a senior faculty member in Recreation Resource Management at Colorado State University from 1970-1993. He then moved on to work with the Forest Service as a Recreation Forester from 1993 to 2001.

Howard has helped with the development and management of projects related to recreation resource allocation and land use planning in the United States and internationally as well. He has done training and staff evaluations and seminars in Hungary, Peru, New Zealand, and South Africa.

Recently, Howard was recognized by the US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service with a Certificate of Merit for "recognizing creativity, professionalism and dedication in making the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forest and Pawnee National Grassland a quality environment for today and future generations."

If you are interested in joining the spirit of the Foundation, you can email [clbellbird@yahoo.com](mailto:clbellbird@yahoo.com) or send a note to ARP Foundation, PO Box 989, Fort Collins, CO 80522.

## Points of View

In our last issue we asked our stakeholders to share their hopes and dreams for the Forest and Grassland as we begin the next 100 year of the Forest Service. Our 100 year anniversary was July 1, 2005.

In response to our request we received the following letter from Wendell Funk:

"Let the emphasis be on the forest rather than on services. Let nature predominate. Cleaner air and water greater scenics and more opportunities for solitude. Expanded walkways for improved health and deeper respect for our natural environment.

Let us hear the sounds of nature, the wind, flowing streams, bird songs, elk bugling, and at times, silence. Let those natural sounds supersede those of man and his machines. Let the forest be managed to serve the citizens, future citizens even more than we of the present.

Let our Forests be a place to commune with nature rather than with commerce".

We appreciate Wendell's contribution. We hope to hear from some of our other stakeholders in the future so we can continue this dialog.

The submission deadline for the next issue is October 3, 2005. See the gray box to the right for details.

### Points of View Guidelines:

Submissions must be factual and geared towards starting a dialog rather than stating a position or criticizing another individual or organization. We would like to hear what you are interested in, your likes, dislikes, major concerns and hopes for the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland. Contributions will only be accepted if the contributors provide their name, affiliation (if any), phone number and/or e-mail address so the board may contact them about their submission.

Submissions must be no longer than 300 words and can only be submitted electronically or in hard copy form (no disks) to:

#### Points of View Board

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The non-U.S. Forest Service, POV board will ensure items submitted meet guidelines for the section, will edit for grammar and spelling, and work with the person(s) submitting articles if the articles need to be shortened.

## Spotlights

### Ranger District Spotlights

#### Boulder Ranger District

- Sierra Club and Boulder Off-road Alliance in partnership with the Forest Service will develop a trailhead, install kiosks and trail signs at the West Magnolia dispersed recreation area as a project to celebrate the Centennial of the Forest Service on Saturday, July 31.
- TEENS, Inc. of Nederland will be doing noxious weed surveys in the West Magnolia area through the summer.
- Two Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado projects will take place on the Boulder Ranger District this summer: Oxeye daisy pulling at East Portal of Moffat Train Tunnel, James Peak Wilderness Area: Saturday July 23 and Saturday August 13; Arapaho Pass Trail restoration in the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area August 20 - 21.
- Wildlands Restoration Volunteers will be doing four volunteer projects this summer: Lake Isabelle trail work and alpine restoration (Indian Peaks Wilderness) July 22 - 24, Sourdough Trail restoration August 6 - 7, Forest Lakes trail restoration in the James Peak Wilderness Area August 27 - 28 and Lefthand Canyon OHV area restoration September 10.

#### Canyon Lakes Ranger District:

- The Canyon Lakes Ranger District is taking on noxious weeds with all its got, including volunteers and seasonal crews. District staff held weed training sessions for their timber, silviculture, botany, wildlife crews and volunteers in June. The purpose of the training was to increase employees' and volunteers' awareness of noxious weeds to enable resource personnel to identify and record occurrences of noxious weeds. Campground hosts are also being trained on noxious weeds in an effort to educate as many eyes as possible on the threat of noxious weeds.
- Linda Bell, is organizing the Whacky Weeders to cut and chop musk thistle and woolly mullein in the Redfeather Lakes area on the Canyon Lakes Ranger District on August 14, 2005. The event is sponsored by the North Fork Weed Coop, The Nature Conservancy, the Colorado Division of Wildlife and the U.S. Forest Service. To volunteer call 416-8620 by August 5.
- Bugs have invaded Hewlett Gulch on the Canyon Lakes Ranger District, but in a good way. Approximately 885,000 leafy spurge flea beetles were released on June 17, 2005, on seven patches of leafy spurge in an effort to reduce the occurrences of this invasive weed.

#### Clear Creek Ranger District

- The Barbour Fork Trailhead area will be closed to target shooting beginning June 25, 2005 to promote public safety and reduce damage to natural resources. The Barbour Fork Trailhead is located in the Arapaho National Forest, 3.5 miles south of Idaho Springs, on Forest Service Road 194. The shooting closure includes a one-quarter mile radius from the Barbour Fork Trailhead.

#### Pawnee National Grassland

- The Pawnee National Grassland and the Greeley Convention & Visitors Bureau are teaming up to host the Second Annual stargazing party on October 1st, from 6-10pm. Dr. Richard Dietz, the Northern Colorado Astronomical Society, and the Longmont Astronomical Society will provide telescopes and will help people locate our galaxy's stars and planets. Look for more information to follow in the coming months and plan on visiting the Pawnee National Grassland to stargaze, eat smores and enjoy the warm glow of a campfire.
- The Pawnee National Grassland hosted a middle east tour, that had representatives from Jordan, Turkey and Israel. Stops on the tour included watershed management, rotational grazing, recreation and wildlife management. The tour offered the representatives a chance to learn about western natural resource management.

#### Sulphur Ranger District

- Pine Beach education day was held May 25, 2005. All Grand County second graders attended for a day of learning and fun. Forest Service employees were joined by the Colorado State Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado Division of Wildlife, and Grand County Search and Rescue to teach students about Mountain Pine Beetles, Leave No Trace, Outdoor Survival, Fire Ecology, Pond Life, Fishing, Canoeing and Wildlife.
- National Public Lands Day is Saturday, September 24, 2005. Volunteers will have the opportunity to work on the High Lonesome trail, the Fraser to Granby trail, the East Shore line trail, construct a buck and rail fence for a rock climbing area or construct a fish barrier on the South Fork of Ranch Creek. To volunteer contact : BJ Duffy at 970-887-4120. This annual event is sponsored by the Forest Service, Grand County, Rocky Mountain National Park, and the Bureau of Land Management.

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