

# Volunteer E-Newsletter from Eagle-Holy Cross VOC/USFS Office

## VOLUNTEERS FOR OUTDOOR COLORADO USFS Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District

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Give back to Colorado's outdoors today!

### Welcome!

This is the second issue of our new monthly e-newsletter from Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) and the Eagle / Holy Cross Ranger District. This monthly newsletter will be specifically targeted to the Eagle County area. We'll be using it to let you know about volunteer opportunities, highlight volunteer and partner accomplishments, to request feedback, and to keep you informed about "happenings" in the Forest Service office. Please feel free to forward this e-newsletter to your friends, family and co-workers.

### Collaborative Efforts Enhance Recreational Opportunities

Volunteers from the **Vail Valley Mountain Bike Association** and the **Singeltree HOA** worked on the Avon-Singletree Connector Trail throughout the summer. They began working on this trail last summer and thanks to all their volunteer hours, building new sections of trail, re-routing old sections of trail and mitigating erosion impacts, the trail is complete and has become a new favorite among the mountain biking community.

Ten interns from the **Student Conservation Association** helped enhance and restore ecosystems throughout the Eagle / Holy Cross Ranger District. The interns spent 13 weeks working on wilderness, trails, noxious weeds, recreation and fisheries projects.

Volunteers from the **Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness** logged over 380 hours this summer, patrolling wilderness areas

and clearing fallen trees from wilderness trails.

## Volunteer Crew Leaders Needed!

Are you interested in learning technical trail building skills? Would you like to enhance your leadership skills and learn how to work with groups of volunteers? Would you like to become one of the backbones of the Eagle / Holy Cross volunteer program? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may be interested in signing up for a crew leader training with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado.

The Eagle / Holy Cross Ranger District will be working with VOC to bring a crew leader training to the Vail area next summer. Please email Jill

Strange at [jill@voc.org](mailto:jill@voc.org) if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity.

## Monthly Shout-Out!



The Eagle / Holy Cross Ranger District would like to give a big thank you to **Lee Rimel** and **Ken Harper**. Lee and Ken are long standing volunteers who have been instrumental in leading volunteer projects on the Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District.

This summer and last summer, Lee Rimel worked on a number of volunteer projects, helping build and maintain sections of the Avon-Singletree Connector Trail.



Friends of the Eagle's Nest Wilderness clear trees from the Gore Creek Trail

## Youth Connect with Public Lands

As part of their Middle School Service Day, 6th and 7th graders from the Vail Mountain School helped with trail restoration

work on the Booth Creek Falls Trail. Students learned how to clean out water bars, structures that help water effectively run off the trail.



Ken Harper is the Eagle County Coordinator for the Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness group. He can frequently be found clearing fallen trees from our wilderness trails.

Eleventh graders from the Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy helped carry old bridge materials out of the wilderness. Two years ago, a bridge on the Cross Creek Trail washed out leaving piles of metal and concrete in the Holy Cross Wilderness.



## Vail Resorts Employees Help Protect Wildlife

The Vail Resorts Reservations and Travel Leadership Team worked with the Forest Service on October 3rd to remove an old rangeland fence from the forest land located north of the Singletree neighborhood. Old barbed wire fence that had fallen down was creating a potential hazard for wildlife. Thanks to the help of the Vail employees, we were able to recycle two pick-up trucks full of barbed wire.



**Thanks for all your help!!!**

## About This Partnership

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) and the U.S. Forest Service Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District have teamed up to expand opportunities to get involved in outdoor stewardship specifically in the Eagle County area. VOC is a statewide non-profit volunteer organization whose mission is to motivate and enable citizens to become active stewards of Colorado's natural resources. Learn more about VOC at [www.voc.org](http://www.voc.org). To learn more about this partnership or how to get involved, contact Volunteer and Partnership Coordinator, Jill Strange.

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