

## PWV Schedule of Events

### MAY

- 11 Kick-Off Night, (6:00pm) USFS Building, 2150 Centre Ave., Building E, Fort Collins  
20-22 Spring Training, Jack's Gulch

### JUNE

- 16 PWV Board Meeting\*

### JULY

- 21 PWV Board Meeting\*

### AUGUST

- 18 PWV Board Meeting\*

\*PWV Board Meetings are open to all members and are held at the USFS Office Building at 2150 Centre Ave., Building E, Fort Collins.



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## When Should You Check Out a Radio or GPS Unit?

PWV has a limited number of two tools that members may check out to help with their patrols: radios and GPS units. Because on any given day there may not be sufficient numbers of these units for everyone who is going on patrol, the Board decided we needed a policy to help prioritize their use. The policy adopted on February 17, 2005, is meant to be a guideline to help you decide when to take out one or both of these tools; it does not preclude their use at other times and places, if units are available.

RADIOS are safety tools for use when something happens on the trail, to you or someone you encounter, which necessitates a call for immediate assistance.

#### Consider checking out a radio in the following circumstances:

1. You are going on an overnight trip.
2. You're patrolling a trail where high public use increases the possibility of needing to call for help, such as Grey Rock or Lions Gulch.
3. You are patrolling on horseback.

4. You are patrolling a trail that is remote and gets relatively low public use, such as the trails off the Pingree Park and Crown Point roads, where getting help would be difficult without the radio.

(Trail crews should always carry a radio.)

GPS units are useful tools that allow you to pinpoint the location of something on the trail requiring maintenance, such as a downed tree or damaged bridge.

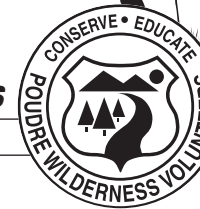
#### Consider checking out a GPS unit in the following circumstances:

1. It's early in the season and you're patrolling a trail where there have historically been numbers of downed trees.
2. You're patrolling a trail that has not yet had GPS mapping done by the Forest Service or where the Forest Service would like to update campsite locations.

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## CLRD Report

By Kevin Cannon

### Hewlett Gulch Trailhead

By the time the hiking season starts, the trailhead at Hewlett Gulch will be completed. A new bridge spanning the Poudre River and a paved parking lot complete with facilities are welcome additions to the District. This means hikers and mountain bikers will no longer need to park along Highway 14 and dodge traffic to get to the trail.

### Camp Lake Trail

The washed out section of Camp Lake Trail from the West Branch Lake to the lower lake has been rebuilt and open for use.

### New Trail Numbering

In an effort to unify the trail numbering system, several trails on the District will be changing. At present, most trails are 900 series, but several are 1000 and even 100 series. Beginning this year, all the 1000 trails will get 900 numbers. The PWV Field Guide will be changed once the trail signs are put up. The trail numbers:

Brackenbury	935
Emmaline Lake	945
Fish Creek	993
Little Beaver Creek	948
Little Beaver Creek/Fish Creek connector	948-1
Mount McConnell	992
Mount McConnell Summit	992-1
Brown Homestead	971
Crosier Mtn (Glen Haven)	931-2
Crosier Mtn Summit	931-1
Crosier Rainbow	981
Griffith Homestead	949-1
Hill Homestead	973
Irvin Homestead	976
Irvin Loop	976-2
Irvin Sawmill	976-1
Lower Dadd Gulch	988
Round Mountain (Summit Adventure Tr.)	969
Trap Park	995
Young Gulch	999

## Bravo!

by John Paul Lumpp

When I went for my PWV interview about four years ago, the first person to greet me was **Art Bunn**. He had very big, warm smile on his face, shook my hand vigorously and patted me on the back. I felt like an old friend he had long waited to see, though this was our first meeting. This is Art's nature. I doubt he ever met a stranger, just new friends.

To help Chuck Bell establish a new volunteer group took a great deal of handshaking and warm welcomes. It also took a great deal of enthusiasm to convince people what a great idea an army of trained citizen rangers would be. Give Art a few minutes and you would gladly sign up for whatever he was offering. It stands to reason why he was a successful sales executive. His enthusiasm just carries you away and before long you are nearly as passionate as he. And, when it comes to PWV and our natural lands, Art is the perfect spokesperson.

Art grew up in north east Iowa near Waterloo and served in the Marines from 1948 to 1952. In 1950, Art's division was involved in the fierce fighting of the Battle of Chosin Reservoir near the Yalu River, on the border of North Korea and China.

He is well versed in wilderness skills and a natural teacher. As a group leader at Spring Training he is very thorough and instructs in a manner that makes you want you to learn more. Fortunately for us all, he is very willing to share his seemingly limitless knowledge and never hesitates to give you his full attention.

There is simply no limit to his generous nature. Art worked with Chuck Bell to found **Trek for Light**, a volunteer group which guides sightless people on overnight llama treks into wilderness. Art is also a guide and a member of the board of directors for **Ski for Light**, a program of cross-country skiing benefiting blind, visually-impaired, and mobility-impaired individuals. Art is chair of the Colorado board of Ski for Light. A year ago, Art received a special honor from the organization by being selected to guide a blind skier on a trip to Norway.

Art has also served as board chair for the Salvation Army in northern Colorado. In that position, he helped design and get built a self-



Guide, Art Bunn, wearing his jester hat, trails behind blind skier, Charles Luther. (Photo courtesy Ski for Light)

contained trailer for use in supporting rescue and firefighting efforts. The trailer was first used in the search for three-year-old Jared Atadeo, who was lost on the Big South trail. The trailer was also used during the Bobcat Canyon and Big Elk fires of 2002 where Art lead the Army's support of the firefighters by providing food and water.

Not long after he retired in 1991, Art volunteered for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of the 8th Judicial Court. CASA works with abused, neglected and abandoned children. Art has been involved in so many great programs—there seems to be no end to his desire to help others. He says, very modestly, that *he* is the one that is richly rewarded through volunteering. He credits his wife Jacqueline's support that has made his efforts possible.

He has one word of advice to us all, "never be apprehensive to step forward and make a difference. It's like a ripple in a pond— good work just continues to spread." Art has definitely made a difference and we are inspired by his spirit.

Thanks, Art.



# Book Review

by John Paul Lump

This is not a book review in the truest sense, but a review of our success in publishing.

## PWV Member's Field Guide

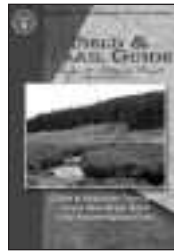
The tenth anniversary edition of our Field Guide is hot off the press. This edition has several significant updates and additions. New this year is the inclusion of GPS coordinates for a number of our trails, thanks to the great efforts of Bill Dold and contributions by Joe McCarthy and others. We could still use help on getting more data, so if you have a GPS or are checking out one of the PWV units, please contact me with your information. In particular, the District could use accurate data on established campsites especially those in Travel Zones.

Also new this year is a chapter on Trail Maintenance, which is designed to provide a guideline for those on regular PWV patrols, not Trail Crews. Hopefully, you will find the information useful should you come across some maintenance needs while on patrol.

Returning volunteers may pick up their *Field Guide* pages (not in binders) at **Kick Off Night on May 11** at the new Forest Service Building, (2150 Centre Ave., Building E, Fort Collins), at Spring Training, or at the PWV office at the Forest Service after Spring Training. We will be providing binders only for the new members. However, if you need to replace your binder because of excessive wear or a mountain lion got it, please call the PWV office at 970-295-6730.

## PWV Field & Trail Guide — Roosevelt National Forest, Second Edition

Last year PWV published its first book based on our own Member's Field Guide. It turned out to be a local best seller. More than 900 copies were sold and the orders continue to come in. REI alone has sold more than 120. PWV made more than \$3,000 in profit from book sales in 2004.



Our Second Edition is now at the printer and the release date is set for May 15. This printing is for 2,000 copies (double last year's) and we are hoping for broader distribution including on-line sales. You can expect to see the edition on the shelves of JAX, REI, EMS, Sportsmans Warehouse and other local retailers by late May. New in this edition are GPS coordinates for many of our trails. Profits from last year's sales paid for printing this year's edition.

It may be hard to top last year's success, but I remain optimistic that this is a great way to raise money for PWV.

# PWV Trail Crew Schedule

by Garin VanDeMark

This is just a heads up for what we have been thinking about for this summer's PWV Trail Crew efforts. The dates are not 100% locked in but won't be changed without a really good reason. So put them in your planners and save the dates to do some good work on the trail, have some fun, and get to know other PWV'ers by working side by side on the trail.

- 2005 Tentative dates for trail crew efforts:
- **Thursday, June 9 to Sunday, June 12** - Camp evenings at a campground in the upper Poudre Canyon (possibly Sleeping Elephant) and day hike near by trails to clear deadfall.
- **Thursday, June 23 to Sunday, June 26** - Camp at Jack's Gulch campground evenings and again day hike trails in the area to clear deadfall.
- **Thursday, July 7 to Sunday, July 10** - Backpack in on the West Branch trail, Rawah Wilderness, to clear trails of dead fall and to

take on a trail improvement project. Some possible projects—construct a stringer bridge across the West Branch near the junction of the West Branch and Blue Lake trail junction or possibly replace one or more of the turn-pikes that are in bad shape on the West Branch trail between the junction with the Rawah trail and the Blue Lake trail)

- **Friday, July 22 to Sunday, July 24** - Backpack in on the Rawah Trail, Rawah Wilderness, to clear trails of dead fall between the Rawah trail head and Rawah Lakes/Grassy Pass and the neighboring trails.

I will work at keeping you all informed as the 2005 season approaches.

Remember that we will be camping as noted above but anyone who is willing to drive up the canyon and make an early start (8AM) and spend a day helping is more than welcome.

# PWV on Public Radio in Northern Colorado

by Bill Dold

To explore the possibilities of raising the community profile of PWV in this our tenth season on trails, a committee of "elders" was formed by Chuck Bell in March. It consists of past and present chairpersons and is rounded out by the USFS's liaison to PWV Kevin Cannon and public affairs officer John Bustos.

Coincidentally, KUNC public radio for northern Colorado was preparing for their week-long annual on-air spring membership drive and was asking for groups to staff their phones. They were quite happy to have PWV step forward with an offer of coverage for an early Monday morning shift and a late Wednesday afternoon shift.

A minimal number of phone calls and emails turned out 20 enthusiastic volunteers from the ranks of past and present board members and from a list of folks who have indicated their desire to do more than hike and ride with a purpose. Understandably, the most willing enthusiasm came from Greeley PWV members who didn't have far to travel to the KUNC studios, especially those scheduled for the 6 a.m. shift on Monday. Thank you Nina Baumgartner, Janet

Cook, Ken Curtis, Bob Hansen, Kevin Hayes, Doug Jackman, Barbara and George Massa, Carmen Mendoza, Ginny Sawyer, Dan Speed, and Alice Yockey.

The Wednesday afternoon shift was no less dedicated and was a bit more awake but possibly more tired after already putting in a full day elsewhere. Thank you Chuck Bell, Bill and Jacque Bollinger, Allison and Liz Mock-Murphy, Jacques Rieux, Jill Sanford, Wayne Tobey, and Gayle Vancil.

Everyone had fun, ate well, had opportunity to tour the studios and meet on-air personalities. Partnering during an opportunity to help another not-for-profit organization was indeed rewarding. Our groups enjoyed helping KUNC toward their goals, and Poudre Wilderness Volunteers received several on-air mentions during the hours we were there. A bit more awareness of PWV was broadcast throughout northern Colorado, so don't be surprised if you meet someone on the trail this summer who says "Oh yes, I heard PWV mentioned on KUNC."

# Saw Training and Certification

by Jeremiah Kost (PWV, 2003)

Garin VanDeMark (PWV, 1996) and Jeremiah Kost earned their B level sawyer certification from the USFS on October 17, 2004 at the USFS Rocky Mountain Region Specialty Pack String headquarters at the AG Ranch in Shawnee, Colorado. The three-day Chainsaw/Crosscut Saw Training and Certification Workshop sponsored by USFS Region 2 and the Colorado Outdoor Training Initiative (COTI) was the first time a group of volunteers and non-USFS agency personnel were given the opportunity to train and certify with the USFS as sawyers. Students of the workshop – about 20 in all – represented a wide variety of organizations: PWV, CMC, Back Country Horsemen of Colorado, and city, county, and state employees who run volunteer programs involving saw work.

All participants were certified at the A or B level, and one USFS employee, Frank Lilley of the Boulder District, was certified at the C level. The ratings may be interpreted as follows: A is a beginner who requires supervision, B is an intermediate who may operate without supervision and may supervise A's, and C's are advanced sawyers who take on the difficult felling and bucking situations as well as instruct and certify the lower level sawyers.

Jeff Leisy of the Leadville District was the lead instructor for this workshop, and as the lead sawyer instructor for USFS Region 2 took this unprecedented step in volunteer education and certification in cooperation with Pam Packer, Executive Director of COTI. Participants learned

how to use both chainsaws and crosscut saws to fell and buck trees. The \$30 workshop involved two classroom sessions where principles, safety practices, and tool anatomy were covered as well as two field sessions where the newly acquired information was put into practice.

PWV's trail maintenance program is strengthened by Garin and Jeremiah's certification in two ways: the certification recognizes the skills they possess and bring to PWV, and it creates new opportunities for PWV and the Canyon Lakes District with regard to taking on advanced projects like the stringer bridge of this past summer which required the USFS to fell two trees.

## What is COTI?

From the COTI website:

The Colorado Outdoor Training Initiative (COTI) is a statewide program that is using existing training materials and training programs to provide learning opportunities for volunteers and land management staff.

Over 30 partner agencies and organizations support and accept standardized materials for crew leadership training. Representatives from many of the partner agencies and organizations are Instructors for COTI. In May and June of 2004, COTI Instructors taught 200 volunteers and staff, reaching the Phase I training goals.

# From the Chair

by Linda Knowlton

## Who is a Member?

This winter the Board made some minor changes to our Bylaws and one of the things we addressed is just who is a member of PWV. After the initial training, what do you need to do to keep your membership active? While many groups have dues as a condition of continued membership, we have no such requirement. Of course, we expect every member to complete at least six patrols each year; but we cannot make this a condition of membership because sometimes things happen that are beyond your control that may keep you from fulfilling that commitment. Instead, the single thing that we require is that you return the "Agreement for Individual Voluntary Services" (FS-1800-7) to the Forest Service each year. Without this form on file, you will not be able to use the online scheduling system, you will not be on our list of active members, and you are not authorized to wear the PWV shirt and represent the Forest Service on the trail. So keep your membership active; don't forget to send in that form each year.

*\*Editor's Note: The PWV Bylaws, Corporate documents and Board minutes are available for review by all PWV members at the PWV office at the USFS, 2150 Centre Ave., Building E, Fort Collins.*

# Gear Review

by Jeremiah Kost

**WIND SHIRTS** – the low end of the "Soft Shell Revolution." A wind shirt is an upper body garment that is highly wind-resistant, somewhat water-resistant, breathes well, provides a small amount of insulation, and feels great. It might be the most versatile garment in one's pack. They are lightweight and meant to be worn over a base layer or by themselves. They wick moisture away from the body, and therefore are great for aerobic activity (hiking). Cost is under \$100, and often deals can be found in the \$40 range.

When do you wear it? Put one on at the first sign of heat loss from wind or light precipitation. Often, it is the only additional layer required to continue with one's activities because it cuts the chilling effect of the wind while allowing perspiration to wick away and evaporate. I never go into the backcountry without mine: in the summer I wear one over a capaliene t-shirt, and in the winter I wear it as my base layer. There are many manufactures and models to choose from, so the next time you are at your favorite gear store, ask your salesperson about wind shirts and what they can do to make your next adventure that much more comfortable.