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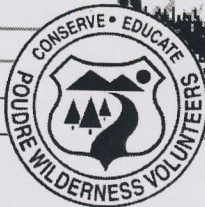
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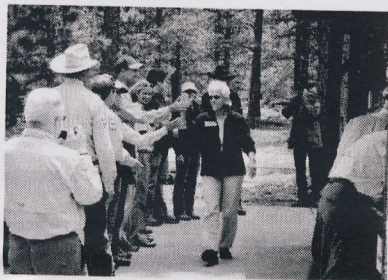
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SPECIAL INSERT - ST 2008 Pictures

Enclosed you will find a special insert with pictures from Spring Training and an article on this year's activities at Jack Gulch.



In Need of a Hiking/Riding Partner?

Remember to check the PWV Website for a current list of people willing to hike or ride on short notice. (www.poudrewildernessvolunteers.com)

Thought You Might Like to Meet: Bill Dold

By Sharon Ruch

How many careers can one man have? If you are Bill Dold, many. Very, very many. He can legitimately put MT, BS, DC and DABCO after his name, a veritable alphabet soup of letters.

Over the years he's worked in professions ranging from medical technologist to post-graduate lecturer in anatomy, physiology, orthopedics and diagnosis. His stops along the way include a blood bank manager, a chiropractor, an independent consultant for medical evaluations and expert witness testimony, a writer and editor for scientific publications, a psychometrist and ... well, you get the idea. While in high school, he took an aptitude test and found he was suited to be a forest ranger or a veterinarian. He's come this close to doing both. In fact, he worked for the Forest Service for awhile, and did work with veterinarians. He was taking classes at the CSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital and earned a reputation as a goat whisperer. Next time you see him, on the trails, at Spring Training or the year-end party, ask him about that.

Bill has done many jobs for PWV, too. He was Chairman in the fourth year of PWV's existence, when many of the current programs and policies were either adopted or conceived. Members were trained to become Leave No Trace teachers, the mentor program began and the current Spring training system was put into effect. Bill's intention as Chair was to make PWV more egalitarian, with the entire Board responsible for decisions, including as much input as possible from the members-at-large.

This stance of keeping a low profile probably explains why, when asked if he was willing to have this article written, he said, "Only the real old-timers will know who I am; the rest of the members will say, 'Bill who?'" Despite this statement, Bill has a reputation as the most effective recruiter for PWV. Jacque Bolinger, the PWV who keeps track of these things, says of Bill, "He is such a great guy, and has to be our #1 recruiter. His recruitment speech, along with his enthusiasm and commitment, reaches out to multitudes and has created many new volunteers. He's a smooth talker who makes a real difference to PWV."

Born in Pennsylvania, Bill played high school football against, and baseball with, Joe Namath. Bill's multiple careers are explained by his voracious appetite for

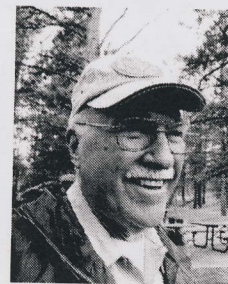
knowledge and his need for new and exciting frontiers to challenge him mentally. As he said, "Once I stop being stimulated by a project, the passion ebbs and I go on to something else." (How lucky we are he hasn't gotten bored with PWV yet.)

When asked what the future holds for PWV, Bill's response was what you would expect from a man who doesn't believe in getting stagnant. He's convinced PWV can absorb as many members as possible, that the dynamic has to keep changing, and the "cream will rise to the top," meaning the truly dedicated members will keep PWV moving in the right direction. PWV has so much to offer, as evidenced by other groups using our organization as a blueprint for their own volunteer groups. Bill himself has personally assisted local city and county agencies in re-organizing their efforts to better serve the needs of natural areas and the public who venture into those areas.

PWV was just getting started, and trying to get all the media publicity possible, when Bill learned about the group while listening to a local Sunday morning TV talk show. He discovered us just as he was ready to retire. In his words, "I was honored to be in 'Who's Who in Chiropractic' and 'International Who's Who in Education,' but perhaps the most rewarding endeavor of my life began in the spring of 1996 as a member of the first training class of Poudre Wilderness Volunteers. The pleasure continues to this day."

Editor's Note: If you are curious about Bill's alphabet soup, here are the details: MT (Associate in Medical

Technology); BS (Bachelor in Health Sciences); DC (Doctor of Chiropractic); and DABCO (Diplomat of the American Board of Chiropractic Orthopedists).



Bill Dold

Introducing Members in Reach

by Lori Wiles

Reaching out to the public has always been a fundamental PWV activity. Now, "reaching in" to its members through Members In-Reach will soon become another fundamental activity.

PWV has grown from a small group of 70 members focused on six patrols on USFS trails in 1996 to an organization with many different and valuable programs related to our basic mission in 2008. This year, we have 206 members. In the past year, we have added a Weed Crew, piloted a Kids-in-Nature program and premiered a back-country emergency-aid-training program to augment the existing programs.

Although PWV growth has been an accomplishment, it has also become a challenge. It is increasingly difficult for PWV to keep you, our members, informed and to make best use of your varied skills and interests and much appreciated energy and enthusiasm.

To address this challenge, Lori Wiles, Margaret Shakelee, Bob Hansen, and David Royer have formed the Members-In-Reach Committee (MIR). MIR has been established as a working committee to facilitate communications between the PWV organization and its members.

The MIR committee has proposed several goals to meet the committee's vision of "Keeping PWV Members Involved through Communication" including the following:

- Keep members informed of activities, events, processes, and opportunities in PWV
- Keep PWV leadership informed of needs, concerns and suggestions of members
- Recognize and facilitate use of the broad skill base and interest of PWV membership
- Spread the load and responsibility of running this organization
- Keep all those who want to participate involved
- Provide opportunities for further education, fellowship and social interaction among members

The MIR committee will also revive the "Education and Affiliation" program.

The first major project for MIR will be an online Satisfaction and Skills Survey of PWV members to be conducted in August. Your input and responses to the on-line survey is an important move to the future of effective communications for PWV. The committee thanks you for your time and effort.

Members In-Reach is for and by members. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact one of the committee co-chairs, Lori Wiles (tuckercounty@msn.com) or Margaret Shakelee (mjshakelee@hughes.net).

Winner of the Name This Location Contest

Congratulations to Robert Blakely who correctly identified the location of our picture as: Looking west over Cirque Lake near Emmaline Lake. Robert has received a \$15 gift card for Jax Outdoor Gear.

Nature's Corner

Mountain Pine Beetle

The mountain pine beetle is a species of bark beetle native to the forests of western North America, from Mexico to central British Columbia. Adults have a hard, black shell and are 18 to 1/3 inches long. Large-scale periodic epidemics of this insect occur naturally.

Trees Affected...

Mountain pine beetles live in pines, particularly lodgepole, Scotch, and limber pine. Bristlecone and pinon pines are less commonly attacked. During early stages of an outbreak, attacks are limited largely to trees under stress from injury, poor site conditions, fire damage, over-crowding, root disease or old age. However, as beetle populations increase, mountain pine beetle attacks may involve most large trees in the outbreak area. The mountain pine beetle prefers larger, mature trees. Mature stands of large diameter trees along the eastern slopes of the Rockies are most vulnerable to mountain pine beetle attack.

Life Cycle of the Mountain Pine Beetle...

The life span of an individual mountain pine beetle is about one year. About two weeks after the eggs are laid, pine beetles hatch as white larvae. They dig into tree bark where they spend the winter. The larvae feed throughout the following spring, growing to about 1/3 inch long, and then transforms into a pupae in June and July. The pupal stage ends in the late Spring or early Summer. From mid July to mid August, the stout, black adults bore exit holes through the bark and fly to attack new trees; where they bore thorough the bark of these trees and lay eggs to start the cycle over again. The female beetle releases an aggregating pheromone to initiate mass attack and a sex pheromone to attract males. Then the females begin to tunnel through the bark and make vertical egg galleries. In the galleries, females mate with males in mid summer and lay eggs individually (up to a total of approximately 75) along the sides of the gallery.

Attack and Epidemic

Trees respond to the attack by increasing their resin output to discourage or kill the beetles, but the beetle's blue-stain fungi can block the tree resin response. Over time (usually within 2 to 4 weeks), the trees are overwhelmed as they become damaged enough by the fungus to cut off the flow of water and nutrients. In the end, the trees starve to death. Entire stands of trees can be killed in one epidemic. As the trees dies, their needles turn red. The extent of the outbreak can be seen from a considerable distance. Usually older trees die faster.

After particularly long and hot summers, mountain pine beetles can get out of hand. Epidemics of this insect periodically destroy the pine trees in millions of acres of forest in western North America.

Effects of Cold Weather

In the winter, mountain pine beetles can be killed if temperatures colder than minus 30 degrees F are sustained for a period of at least five days. The eggs, pupae and young larvae are the most susceptible life stages. Milder temperatures induce little or no winter mortality. In the early Fall or late Spring, sustained temperatures of minus 15 degrees F can freeze mountain pine beetle populations to death. A sudden cold snap is more lethal in the Fall, before the mountain pine beetles are able to build up their natural glycerol levels to protect them from the cold.

Taken from the following sources

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Editor's Note: Thanks to Erica Marjoram for obtaining this information.

Name that Weed Contest

Thanks to Jim Shakelee for an informative weed workshop during Spring Training. To give you more practice, can you name the following weed?

Send your entries to:
newsletter@poudrewildernessvolunteers.com

We'll select a winner from all the correct entries and announce the winner in our next issue.

There is a prize!





Deer Group
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Coyote Group
Deer



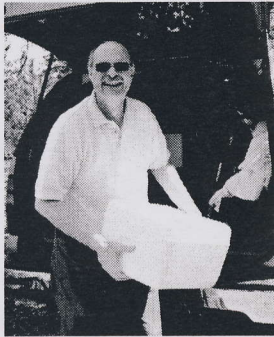
Elk Group
Fox

SPECIAL INSERT - Spring Training 2008

by Amanda Henderson

Over the May 16-18, 2008 weekend, I had the opportunity to participate in Spring Training 2008 for the Poudre Wilderness Volunteers. I have worked with this group for the past two years, making this the beginning of my third season, and I am very excited to say that the group of new recruits we had the pleasure of training that weekend will be a great addition to our organization.

I had been looking forward to this weekend for quite some time, mostly because it would be the first real excursion for my new [to me] truck and I might actually get to see what it was made of (Mustangs just don't go camping very well - I know, shocking), and secondly because I was planning to attend the Leave No Trace certification course that is taught each year as a backpacking excursion from the main camp where everyone else stays. My first year, obviously, I was a trainee; last year I was a group leader (they actually let me teach people, can you imagine?); so I decided this year I'd get some additional training myself. Sadly, the LNT course had to be cancelled due to lack of interest, which was really a bummer after I had spent a hefty chunk of change on a featherlight sleeping bag, an ultralite tent, a backpacking pack, and a few other odds and ends, so I'm begging you, sign up next year so all my purchases will get used!



Being that I knew [a little] ahead of time that LNT was not going to take place, I had put in an emergency email to the PWV Chair, Fred Allen to find out if there was anything else I could help out with over the weekend. I'd rather be there than not, any given opportunity to get out of the city limits -- count me in! I also like to be useful, so Fred asked if I'd like to take my dog and join their 'Actors Guild'. "Huh?" you say? Each year, this weekend is utilized for one real purpose: train the newbies. So to do so, the Powers That Be set up a trail with stations where returning members will act out scenarios that we regularly run into on our patrols, such as lost/injured hikers, misplaced campsites, bikers in no-bike zones (designated 'Wilderness'), greeting horse riders without spooking the horse, and dogs on and off leash. They still needed to fill the position of 'dog off leash', and my big goofy black lab Remington was just right to fill the bill. It would be the first year Remi would be able to go with me, so I was reinvigorated about the whole thing, and happy to be of service.

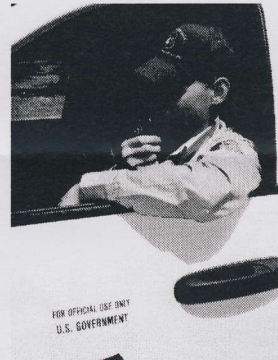
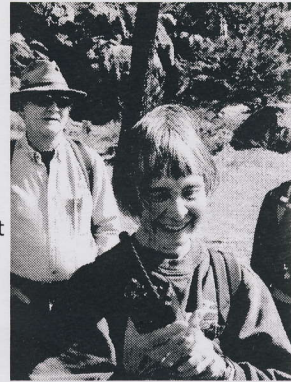


Having a regular 8-5 Monday to Friday job, I decided it best to take all of Friday off to get all my stuff loaded up and get there at 3:00 PM to get a good camping spot. Remi was jumping around the whole while; he knew something was going on when there was packing involved, and he wanted to be included so badly. When all was finally packed and I lowered the tailgate and signaled for him to jump in, there would have been no holding him back even if I had tried. But I can't really blame him; I was chomping at the bit, too. The gate, I knew, was scheduled to open by 3...we were there by 1. Thankfully the gate was already unlocked and the few new arrivals who had gathered outside the gate could sneak in once this was discovered. Honestly, I was just a tad disappointed that it was unlocked, only because I wanted



an excuse to head back down to the river and fit in a little fishing before setting up my camp.

Oh, well. Once in, I was ecstatic to find the best spot in the whole camp, site 27, which oddly enough corresponded with my favorite number (and day of the month I was born on; that'd be in July, if anyone wants to send me fabulous gifts or cash). So I set about the grueling job of setting up my tent. Seeing as this was no longer a backpacking trip, I opted to bring my 8-person tent with the doggie door and vestibule, which would be good for Remi, and the tent was large enough (and then some) that I could fit my queen size air mattress. Grueling? Well, maybe not. Frustrating? Definitely. The only real problem with taking a tent that large for only one person is that when you try to put the rain fly on, you realize that the tent is taller than you are and you'll have to involve some special super powers and possibly some black magic to get the fly over the top and battened down before the slightest of wind gusts comes along and blows the whole thing off again. Note to self: it helps if you know exactly which way is front before you start. It was a good thing I got there early, because I think I used all of the extra two hours just trying to get that darn thing together.



Eventually, I was ready to make my appearance to the rest of the group, and stood watch for quite some time at the Registration Table with Gayle Vancil, Kristine Williams, and Jim & Margaret Shaklee greeting new arrivals. I was quickly reminded that the most important thing you would pick up at that table was not the weekend schedule or the registration pages for trail guides, but the raffle tickets. Very important. Although, I think my odds would have magically been increased somehow had I been a member of the Board, who seemed to win their fair share of prizes (every year). However, I know that it wasn't rigged, since I was the one drawing the ticket stubs out of [my] hat that first evening.

After the formal greeting at the pavilion by Fred Allen and the distribution of actor's scripts, the majority of attendees broke up into their animal groups, and I set off in seek of somewhere to be useful again. My truck really did get to be tested! I was happy to assist Nancy Flippin and Bob Hansen in the setup of the 'horse camp' station for the training trail, and driving to it was no city street, but it was fun none the less! After that, I ended up relieving Kristine from her watch at the gate, which was now manned to prevent any non-PWV or USFS personnel from entering, as the entire Jack's Gulch campground was booked for this weekend. I finally got to use that handy dandy new camp stove and stainless steel pan I had purchased, figuring out how to heat up my gourmet meal (Chef Boyardee is made by a chef, right?) by trial and error. Before I knew it, it was 9:30, and time to head back to my campsite...and then off to the closest campfire I could find to enjoy a beverage or two and some friendly conversation with the others who had gathered there.

Boy! Friday night was cold! Sadly, I discovered my air mattress leaks. I was very glad that I had invested in that fancy new sleeping bag, with a temperature rating of -5 degrees, and I was very pleased when the harbingers of morning started singing their sweet songbird tunes. A continental breakfast was provided and prepared by those very special people who not only volunteered,



but volunteered to get up extra darn early to get the coffee and other hot beverages ready. Shortly after breakfast, Remi and I, along with all the others in the Actors Guild headed out to our posts along the training trail.

Five thousand throws of the frisbee, thirty pages of the book I was reading, and about forty excuses as to why I thought my dog should be the exception to the rule of wilderness and be allowed to run off leash later, Remi and I had greeted all five groups (Antelope, Coyote, Deer, Elk and Fox) of trainees and headed back to camp. A special thank you to all who had helpful suggestions on how to clear up Remi's bad skin allergies. All the groups did very well, and were very convincing, getting me to put my unruly dog on a leash every time. I did get a few comments that I could have been 'meaner' in refusing to leash up, but sorry, I'm just not.



When we got back to camp, we headed immediately back down the trail, this time with Nancy and the truck to go break down horse camp. Yay! I'm really starting to like this off-road stuff! Go truck!

The rest of the afternoon was filled with lectures on how to recognize ailments on the trail, broadening our cultural horizons by learning some of Europe's attitudes toward volunteering and conservation, and a special history lesson by George Wallace, creator of the 'Authority of Resource' program and Director of the Center for Protected Area Management and Training, and Chuck Peterson, instructor in the Department of Animal Sciences at CSU. We were even treated to a true gourmet meal (not out of a can, this time) in the wilderness, catered by Johnny Carino's in Fort Collins, complete with 'PWV' and 'Leave No Trace' decorated cakes. Interestingly, when we were learning to spot high-altitude sickness in others, I was feeling the affects of it myself, just trying not to appear rude to the lecturer, but keeping my eyes closed and trying not to throw up. Man, how I wanted to lay down! Eventually, I pulled myself together enough to stumble back to the makeshift kitchen area and snag some much needed fluids, then sneak off to take a quick nap before dinner, but I still had a killer headache for the rest of the evening. Lesson for the day: drink LOTS of water and don't over exert yourself!

Sadly, all good things come to an end, and Sunday morning signaled the beginning of the end for our weekend. After another continental breakfast, everyone moved back to their campsites and broke them down. Thankfully, the tent was a lot easier to take down than to get up, and since the air mattress was already deflated, I was able to get packed up in record time. For mid morning, Jim Shaklee had prepared a fantastic seminar on recognizing some of the 22 noxious, invasive weed species that we should be looking for on our

patrols. This was very well organized, with several stations, each displaying written descriptions of the plant, live specimens, plastic replicas, and very knowledgeable staff at each station.



Then, the coup de gras of Spring Training 2008, the whole reason we had all come together: Graduation. Each new member traversed the gauntlet of animal group leaders to accept their diploma and shirt from Chairman Fred Allen and Kevin Cannon of the USFS, and surprisingly, though we are 'military-boot-camp' hard on trainees, we didn't

have any dropouts! Congratulations and welcome to all new volunteers who graduated this

year.

Overall, it was a great weekend, well planned and executed. Thank you to everyone who helped out, you all did a fabulous job. If you did not participate this year, fear not, there is always next year, and your help is welcomed in whatever form you may choose, so please feel free to jump right in. I hope to see you all out on the trails this summer, and at Spring Training 2009!



Donations and Contributions that PWV has received to make our events possible ...

For last Fall's Wilderness Volunteer Workshop:

Olive Garden---Salad and Bread Sticks
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Sam's Club-- desserts
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For Spring Training:

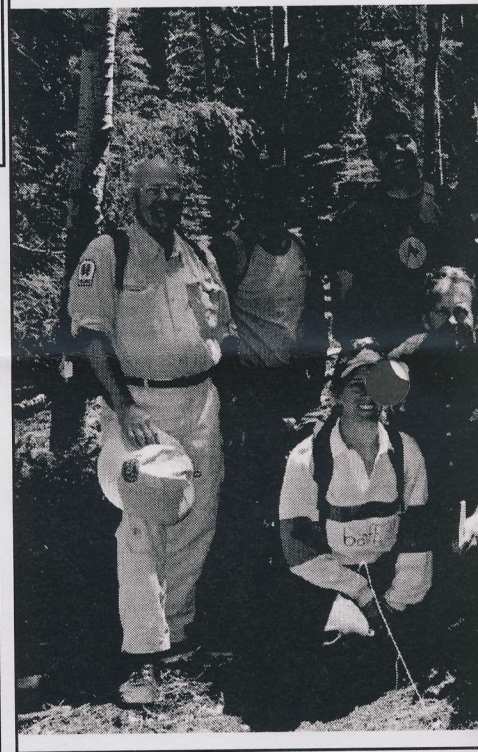
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For the CSU Homecoming Parade:

Bath Nursery - Helped out with the CSU Homecoming Parade float
BMC West - Loaned a truck for the CSU Parade



Antelope Group



Badger Group
Coyote

The Next Generation of Environmental Stewards

By Dave Cantrell

An international study published this year should concern every PWV. The title says it all: "Evidence for a Fundamental and Pervasive Shift Away from Nature-based Recreation." The study appeared in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The authors, Oliver Pargams and Patricia Zaradic, found that visits to various kinds of public lands, game licenses issued in the U. S., and indicators of time spent camping, backpacking and hiking all show a "fundamental, pervasive shift" away from outdoor activities in the last two decades. Overall, participation in outdoor activities has declined 18 to 25 percent. The decline is occurring in Japan and Spain as well as in the United States.

We can argue about the causes. This summer, in the U. S., gas prices will likely keep some people at home. But that doesn't explain a long-term downward

trend in general outdoor activities. Many point to the electronic world: Dr. Zaradic talks about "videophilia," sitting in front of a screen instead of going outdoors. In Richard Louv's popular book, *Last Child in the Woods*, a fourth-grade boy explains it painfully well: "I like to play indoors better cause that's where all the electrical outlets are."

For those of us in PWV and similar organizations, there's a frightening implication: "There's this whole other body of research that indicates it's time spent in nature, especially as a child, that leads to environmental sensitivity as an adult," said Dr. Zaradic in an interview. If contact with nature is declining, at least in developed countries, and if experience outdoors as a child shapes adult attitudes towards environmental issues, will wilderness gradually lose the support base that protects it? Where will the next generation of environmental stewards come from?

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The Kids in Nature (KIN) Program is off & running - Come & Join US!

By Dave Cantrell

We're going to show our wonderful wilderness to kids, aged 7 - 11, and their parents this summer. The KIN program starts from a very simple idea: If we can get kids on the trail, and give them a little guidance, Nature will take it from there. Although we hope kids learn a lot during an outing with us, our goal is to have fun outdoors. There isn't a fixed curriculum. Instead, we'll see what the day offers -- flowers, wildlife, a chance to teach Leave No Trace (LNT) principles -- we'll look for teachable moments.

Last summer, we took a group of kids on a pilot outing. It was a great success! If you attended last autumn's USFS District 2 Wilderness Volunteer Workshop, you heard the kids who had gone out with us wow the audience with their enthusiasm, and with what they had learned about ecology, LNT principles, and good hiking procedures.

Since that pilot outing, we "KINfolk" have done a lot of planning: We've discussed approaches, designed activities, purchased supplies, and developed procedures to keep everyone safe on the trail.

This summer, we'll try out two different approaches. In the "town model," we register our visitors in advance. For example, we will go on outings this summer with scouting groups and with members of the Fort Collins Boys and Girls Clubs. We will have a pre-meeting in town to make sure everyone knows what they need to know to be safe and happy on the trail, then meet our guests at the trailhead on the morning of the hike. In the "campground model," we'll let folks camped at Mountain Park Campground know about the activity in the evening, then hit the trail with them the next morning.

On June 14, we had our first training for PWVs interested in leading KIN groups. We talked for a few minutes about the program and our educational philosophy, then went for a stroll on Young Gulch, to look at the possible teaching opportunities the trail offers. We plan to hold a couple more training sessions for interested PWVs before we hit the trail with kids in July and August. The training sessions aren't required, but they are a lot of fun. For many of us, the best part is the opportunity to learn more about the geology, flora, fauna, and ecology of the trail we'll be walking with kids.

To be part of KIN, you don't need any special background working with children or families. You don't need to be a master naturalist. You'll be part of a group with experienced leaders. While the KIN outings don't count towards your six minimum expected patrols, we think you'll find an outing a really rewarding morning on the trail. (Several of us plan to keep our shirts on and do short patrols in the afternoon, after we return to the trailhead with our visitors.)

Come join us! Help create the next generations of wilderness stewards!

To learn more about the KIN program, or to sign up for a training program or for an outing, drop an email to: kidsinnature@poudrewildernessvolunteers.com.



PWV Schedule of Events

AUGUST 2008

16&17 New West Fest - Old Town FTC
21 PWV Board Meeting*

SEPTEMBER 2008

18 PWV Board Meeting*

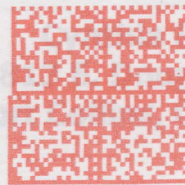
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16 PWV Board Meeting*

*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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Forest Service Announcements: District Spraying for Beetles; Campground Openings Delayed

District Spraying for Beetles; Campground Openings Delayed

News Release From the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests Pawnee National Grassland Fort Collins, Colo. (May 12, 2008) –Starting as soon as June 2, the Canyon Lakes Ranger District of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland will be spraying trees with insecticide in five campgrounds to minimize impacts from the Mountain Pine Beetle infestation. Chambers Lake, Tunnel, Grandview, Browns Park and Long Draw campgrounds will be sprayed to prevent the spread of the beetles within the campgrounds. The order of spraying will be dependent on snow conditions. Each of these campgrounds will likely experience a delay in opening dates. After completion of spraying in a campground, it will open to first come, first served approximately two days later. Please check the individual campgrounds website available at www.fs.fed.us/r2/arnf/recreation/camping-picnicking/developed/alpha/ or contact Visitor Information Services at 970-295-6700.

Spraying is very dependent on weather. Contract crews will spray Carbaryl, better known as Sevin, and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) crews will monitor the operation. Crews usually spray between 500-1,000 trees a day and will spray nearly 6,800 trees total in the five campgrounds. Approximately 100 trees at the Stub Creek Cabin and Visitor Center area will also be sprayed this spring. This fall, treatment may continue with infected or hazardous trees in those campgrounds being cut by USFS crews.

The beetle population is growing along the Front Range, with an increase of 1,500 percent in Larimer and Boulder counties last year. The USFS will continue to look at ways to address this issue. For more information about the Mountain Pine Beetle, visit the website: www.fs.fed.us/r2/bark-beetle/index.htm

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Need Help with Trip Reports?

If you have aspirations for winning this year's "Best Report" contest, here are the judge's criteria, from last year, straight from the judge herself, Linda Knowlton.

Thanks Linda!

Criteria for Judging Trip Reports - 2007

1. The report must be well written: It must use correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar. It must not use sentence fragments.
2. The report should focus on the PWV mission: Think about the elements of the report that the Forest Service is interested in hearing about from its volunteers (encounters with people, observations of wildlife, trail conditions, etc.). Random ruminations about extraneous events encountered on the hike may be interesting, but may not add to the information that we're being asked to transmit.
3. The report must be interesting: Even a relatively uneventful hike or ride can be described in an interesting way if the report is well written. We don't want to just reward people who happened to have something interesting happen on their hike or ride.
4. The report should be neither too long nor too short: This will be a judgment call on the reviewer's part. Keep in mind that we'll ask the winner to read his or her report at the End of Year Party.

And the Winner Is...

Here is the winning report from the 2007 Season:

Busy day. People do not understand what a Travel Zone is! We asked several if they knew they were in a Travel Zone. Most said yes and what is it? Because of this lack of knowledge, there were several violations. For example, there was a tent pitched right next to the trail at Brown's lake where the side trail to site #10 takes off. I talked to them about the Travel Zone is and they moved their camp to site #10; which, by the way is much nicer than where they had pitched their tent.

There was a humongous fire ring at site #12. The people there did not know they couldn't have a fire. Yes, the sign at the main trail said Stoves Only, but there is no sign at the campsite location that says stoves only No fires. With their help we removed the fire ring. They weren't too happy!

Then at site #11 right nearby, there was also a fire ring and the people said they didn't realize that they couldn't have fire, even though the sign pointing to site 11 at the main trail stated stoves only. People just love to have fires!

Then there were the stock riders coming in at about 4:30 p.m. as we were hiking up the hill leaving Brown's Lake. They didn't know what a Travel Zone (is) and they had no idea that they couldn't spend the night there with the 3 horses. We had a nice chat with them and invited them to join PWV. They still spent the night there, but agreed that they wouldn't come back with the horses again. I gave them ideas of other great places to take the horses in our area. There needs to be bolder signs at the Travel Zone boundary specifically stating NO FIRES and NO STOCK OVERNIGHT - maybe a big neon green sign!

By the way, everyone reported great fishing, mainly using a bubble and a fly on a spinning rod. We were lucky that we did not encounter many dogs off leash.