

# POUDRE TRAILS

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## FUN!

Last week's social get-together and fashion show of outdoor gear was just the beginning of an AWESOME series of monthly programs for **Poudre Wilderness Volunteer** members.

The winter activities committee chaired by Todd Graus has been working hard to organize a variety of training sessions to rev us up for an even better job in our second season. The idea is not only to make us better prepared to educate those we meet on the trails, but to deal with emergencies swiftly and competently.

Forthcoming events will be open to the general public as a means of spreading the word about our organization and encouraging new friends to apply for membership.

Here are the session topics, dates, and locations:

December, 1996:

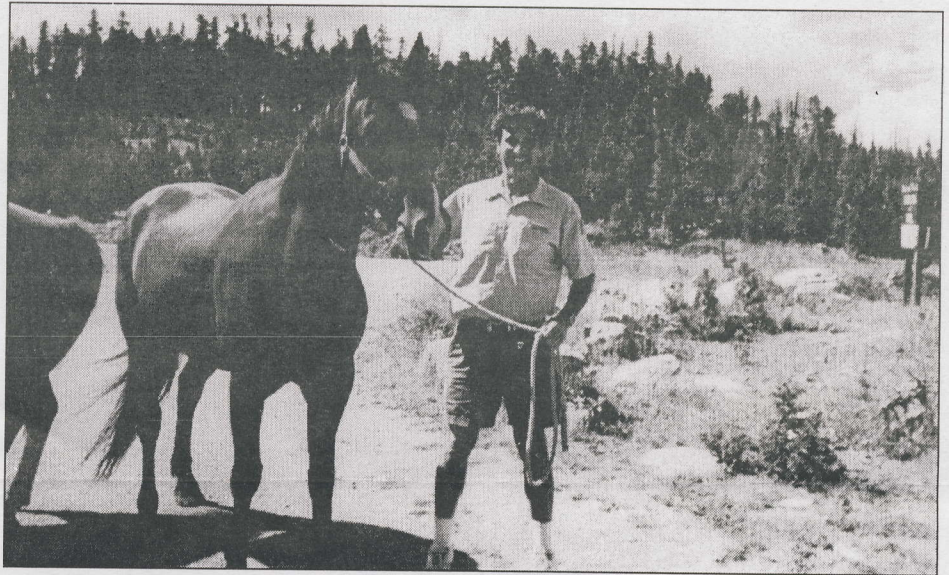
**Merry Christmas**  
(nothing scheduled for December)

January 11, 1997

**Tree & Shrub Identification**  
CSU campus  
8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

February 8, 1997

**First Aid Certification & Wilderness Hazards**  
CSU campus



Poudre Wilderness Volunteer Z. Steinhart, head of horse patrol after a day's ride.

8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

March 8, 1997

**Horse Packing for Backpackers**

CSU campus

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

April 12, 1997

**Map & Compass**

CSU Campus

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

May 10, 1997

**Guest Speakers -**

Topics to be announced

CSU campus

8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

May 24, 1997

**Camping Gear Flea Market**

Working with Todd Graus on planning and preparation are Dan Wethington, Kevin Yerian, Kim Buda, Sarah Morrison, Dave Hake, Lori Wiles, Vita

Young, Drew Crocker, Dana Milner, and Carla DeRuiter.

We will keep you abreast of details of our programs as the planning proceeds.

— *Stacey Yerian*







## FROM THE CHAIR

Chuck Bell

"From the Chair" does not seem like the best name for this column. For no one is sitting down, even though the summer patrolling season is over.

There are scores of volunteers still very much involved in one aspect of our organization or another. This excellent newsletter is a case in point. It just doesn't produce itself. Some of the same volunteers who were on the trails this summer are writing, editing and producing "Poudre Trails." Another committee is preparing the winter program, which will be a wonderful mix of training and pure fun. About a dozen of us are crafting persuasive proposals to seek funding from businesses and foundations. A few of us are applying advanced technology to the membership and scheduling processes, so Poudre Wilderness Volunteers will function much more smoothly next summer. Others are gearing up to get the most out of our April 4 & 5 spring benefit concerts by "After the Fire," and finally our publicists are at work on a new fold-over handout we can all use to encourage our friends and neighbors to volunteer or

support us in other ways.

While each of these activities is vital in itself to the workings of Poudre Wilderness Volunteers, together they are even more important — for collectively they prove that we have become an institution that is here to stay. We have a large, diverse, talented group of volunteers committed not only to summer patrols on the trail but as their time permits to lend a hand in preparing us to do even more next year to help keep our wilderness and backcountry areas pristine.



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## KNOW YOUR WILDERNESS TRIVIA

by Glenn French

1. How many public hearings were held before the Wilderness Act passed?
2. What is the largest wilderness area in the United States?
3. What year was the Wilderness Act passed?
4. Can trees be cut (harvested) in a wilderness managed by the U.S. Forest Service?
5. Name a state that has no wilderness area.
6. How many years did it take Congress to pass the Wilderness Act?
7. How many times was the Wilderness Act rewritten before it was passed?
8. Which federal agency manages the greatest number of wilderness acres?
9. Which country was first to save (set aside) land as wilderness?
10. What range of mountains separates the Rawah Wilderness from the Colorado State Forest?
11. Which wilderness within the Roosevelt National Forest district remains essentially trailless?
12. The Mummy Range flanks what wilderness area?
13. What trail hiked by PWV is the closest to Ft. Collins?
14. What "day hike" trail is in the Cache La Poudre Wilderness?

ANSWERS: 1. 18, 2. Alaska, 3. 1964, 4. No., 5. Connecticut, Delaware, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, or Rhode Island, 6. 8, 7. 66, 8. The National Park Service, 9. U.S., 10. Medicine Bow, 11. Neota, 12. Comanche Peak, 13. Grey Rock Trail, 14. McConnell Trail



# TID BITS

The Forest Service is combining the Redfeather and Estes-Poudre districts, with Ellen Vollmer Hodges, who had been district ranger for Redfeather, taking over as acting director of the combined district, to be called Canyon Lakes.

Mike Lloyd leaves Estes-Poudre for a new post as a district ranger in the Black Hills National Forest.

The PWV board of directors has been strengthened with the addition of Frank Lilley, a prominent Fort Collins insurance man and valuable member of our fund-raising committee.

## FIND US ON THE WEB

Don't forget to access our home page on the internet. PWV activities are being updated constantly. The location is <http://www.fortnet.org/pwv>

## Chuck Peterson Update

As you all know, Chuck Peterson was seriously injured in a roping accident shortly before our training session began last summer.

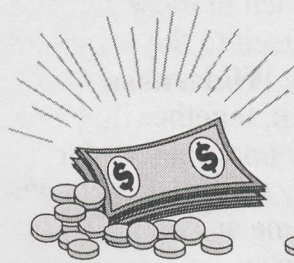
After three surgeries to rebuild his facial bones, rebuild the left eye orbit and, and graft his lower left eyelid --- Chuck is up and ridin' again. In August, he participated in George Wallace's annual Wildlife Management course and has since been on a hunting trip.

We are delighted to hear that Chuck will be fully recovered by next year and will be with PWV this summer. His wife, MaryLane, said it best "as ornery as he is, we are glad he's still here."

## Help!

Candace Hagel is leaving her position as art director of this publication. The press of other business forces her departure after a marvelous job of creating Poudre Trails in such an attractive form. Our board of directors applauded her efforts at their last meeting.

We thank her for her artistry and hard work. But now we need a volunteer with the graphic arts expertise and computer savvy to get this newsletter ready for the printer every other month. If you are interested, please call Ray Sons at 226-2647.



# ALONG THE TREASURY TRAIL

Jill Reynolds

With one season of "hiking with a purpose" under our belts, thoughts turn now towards successfully funding our organization for 1997. With traditional PWV enthusiasm and optimism, the fund-raising committee has begun the ambitious task of raising \$42,000 which will meet our basic operating costs plus provide additional radios for the field and raingear for volunteers (so that we can be identified even during the wildest Rawah weather)!

As of November 1, fifty Colorado businesses and foundations have been contacted for their support. Thanks to the efforts of Frank Lilley, the Neenan Company has been the first to respond with a \$750 donation.

To reach our goal, we need everyone's help! The enthusiastic commitment of our volunteers is our greatest asset and you can help in the following ways:

1. Write down any local, state, or regional companies that might be sources of support for our group.
2. Contact Chuck Bell at 498-9888 for a prepared packet of information to assist you in your outreach. *Always* let Chuck know who you are approaching so that we do not duplicate contacts.
3. Keep your eyes and ears open in the newspaper, magazines, radio, TV, AOL, internet, etc. for potential funding sources.
4. Contact fund-raising committee members with ideas for special events (such as our concert next spring).
5. Make a personal contribution (and note it on your taxes!!).

## FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Pat Arneson	Frank Lilley	Jill Reynolds
Bill Bowman	Dana Milner	Wayne Tobey
Art Bunn	Dave Muesil	Amy Williams
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# We're Growing

We're growing. We have set a target of 175 volunteers for 1997, up from the 110 **Poudre Wilderness Volunteers** enlisted in our first season.

Our founder and chairman, Chuck Bell, sees a need for a more thorough patrolling of the wilderness trails in our second season. Once again, we are patrolling the wilderness trails in our second season. And we are looking for men and women who love to hike or ride their horses with dedication toward preserving our pristine areas.

Recruiting is already underway. The process includes not only a search for newcomers, but the re-enlistment of all the faithful charter members.

During the next several weeks, Art Bunn, our co-chairman, will conduct a telephone interview with everyone on our current roster. He also asks each current member to file a new application to join for '97.

The interview will be your

opportunity to reconfirm your commitment. Fulfillment of a minimum of six days on the trail will be stressed strongly. The fresh application is necessary to obtain information for our new database and computer program. The data base will contain profiles and trail preferences of each volunteer. The program will facilitate the tedious task of scheduling.

Each member will be given comprehensive information on every other volunteer from this database. Armed with this info, you will be better able to carry out your responsibility to summon a suitable replacement in plenty of time for a trail assignment you will be unable to keep. Remember, you are expected to carry out your own duties, unless you have a compelling reason to change.

The applications for our returnees will contain trail descriptions so you can indicate preferred assignments. Your preferences will be followed when possible. New recruits will be allowed to signify their trail

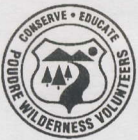
preferences after they are accepted.

Application forms for new and old members are available now. To save postage, we ask those in Fort Collins to pick them up from the Forest Service office at College and Pitkin. If you can't visit the office, phone our answering machine at 970/498-2776, and request a form. Also available is our new brochure advertising the organization. Please pick up brochures and applications to pass among your neighbors.

All volunteers, new and old, must attend our training weekend at Jack's Gulch campground that will begin Friday evening, May 30, and end Sunday afternoon, June 1.

We look forward to your participation and contribution in 1997.

— Glenn French



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