

2015 Issue



# Canyon Lakes Ranger District

## Volunteer News

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### Hello Volunteers,

A huge thanks to every one of the amazing **850** volunteers that contributed to the **50,383** hours of volunteer service on the District this year!

From providing service in our 'regular' programs, to the variety of special projects we saw this year, each and every one of you contributed to the success of the program this year.

Thank you!!

*Kristy Wumkes*  
District Partnerships Coordinator

### Message From the Ranger

Hello,  
My name is Michele White and I am currently the Acting District Ranger. For those who haven't heard, Kevin Atchley has moved on from District Ranger to become the Nebraska National Forest Supervisor.

My regular position is as an engineer on the Forests and Grassland, so I am very familiar with the amazing work that the Canyon Lakes volunteers do annually. We anticipate a permanent ranger to be in place near the start of 2016.

Volunteers impact so many resource areas of Canyon Lakes, from recreation to wildlife to fisheries to visitor information and much more. Your contributions go beyond the \$1 million value to true stewardship of these public lands we love so much.

As we continue to recover from the flood of 2013, your volunteer support has been vital. It will continue to be in the coming years as we begin work on trails still closed to the public. Your dedication to recovery of the land is incredible. Thank you for all you have done and all I know you will continue doing.

Again, I say thank you.

*Michele White*  
Acting Canyon Lakes District Ranger

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## Volunteer Calendar 2015/2016 (events are free unless noted)

Group abbreviations

Cameron Pass Nordic Rangers: CPNR

Diamond Peaks Nat Ski Patrol: DPNSP

Diamond Peaks Mountain Bike Patrol: DPMBP

Poudre Wilderness Volunteers: PWV

Forest Service: FS

Dec 2	CPNR: Classroom FS orientation @ FS office (6-9 p.m.)
Dec 5	CPNR: Field training @ Cameron Pass (8 a.m. -4 p.m.)
Dec 7	CPNR: First aid/CPR refresher 6-10 PM. \$35 Register: gaineses@frii.com
Dec 16	CPNR: Affiliation meeting @ Mulligan's on College Ave. (6 p.m.) "Basic Avalanche Awareness" by DPNSP (6:30 p.m.)
Jan 20 & 21	CPNR: First aid/CPR full certification class. Cost TBD Register: gaineses@frii.com
Jan 27	CPNR: Affiliation meeting @ Mulligan's on College Ave. (6 p.m.) "A Brief History of Cameron Pass"- FS archeologist (6:30 p.m.)
Feb TBD	CPNR: Affiliation meeting @ Mulligan's on College Ave. (6 p.m.) "Arctic Adventures" - David Fanning (6:30 p.m.)
Mar TBD	PWV: New volunteer applications deadline
Mar TBD	CPNR: Everyone-get-out-and-patrol-day AND Chili Social
April TBD	DPMBP: Good Host training @ FS office (6-9 p.m.)
May 17	Trails Volunteers: Part 1 Training- Classroom @ FS office (6-9 p.m.)
May 21	Trails Volunteers: Part 2 Training- Field Workshop (8 a.m. - 1 p.m.)
May 18	PWV Kick-off night
Jun 3-5	PWV: New member training @ Boy Scout Camp
late June	Deadman Lookout Volunteer training
July TBD	Deadman Lookout opens for season (when Deadman Road opens)
Dates TBD	Young Gulch trail restoration (at least the first mile)

### Cameron Pass Nordic Ranger Volunteers Training: Dec. 2 & 5

KICK OFF MEETING was November 18th at 6:30 PM at the Forest Service office.

The kick-off event provides an opportunity for potential new volunteers to discover program requirements and a chance to meet returning Nordics and enjoy several mini-educational booths.

The Cameron Pass Nordic Ranger Volunteer (CPNR) program began with 12 volunteers in 1992 to provide a backcountry presence and much-needed winter trail maintenance at the district's busiest winter play area around Cameron Pass.

The past season saw almost 100 participants.

The December 2 evening classroom session, from 6 to 9 p.m., focuses on safety, Forest Service regulations, and public contact techniques.

The December 5 practical takes volunteers to ski trails near Cameron Pass. Volunteers get a chance to ski or snowshoe a new trail, learn how to handle public contacts and get hands-on practice using Forest Service radios.



# Volunteer Spotlight



## Adopt-A-Road at Kelly Flats

Special thanks to the District's Adopt-A-Road groups for their help in building the Kelly Flats trailhead fence!

Local four-wheel-drive club members helped the Canyon Lakes Ranger District complete the long-awaited trailhead for the Kelly Flats jeep road this past April: Big Thomson 4 Wheelers, Larimer County 4WD Club, Rising Sun 4WD Club and Trailridge Runners 4WD Club.

Club members installed buck and rail fencing around the newly created trailhead parking area of this popular high-challenge off-road vehicle route.

## District Volunteer Programs

With your help, the past decade has seen the District refocus from short-lived, one time projects to on-going, collaborative community building volunteer work, and in the process become one of the largest Forest Service volunteer programs in the nation. Volunteer opportunities to manage this special resource are ALWAYS going to be needed- why not build a program around them and actually get to know people?

As varied as the folks who volunteer in them, each volunteer program serves a need on the District. There are three types of group programs (backcountry patrol, trail or road maintenance, and visitor center hosting); and three programs that require only one or two people each (volunteer office administration, webmaster, and shop volunteers).

Are these all the programs we'll ever have? No way! As work type and volunteer needs change, we'll have to change with it.

### Adopt-A-Programs

Adopt-A-Road  
Adopt-A-Trail

### Backcountry Patrol Programs

Cameron Pass Nordic Rangers  
Diamond Peaks Mountain Bike Patrol  
Diamond Peaks National Ski Patrol  
Poudre River Volunteers  
Poudre Wilderness Volunteers

### Hosting Programs

Arrowhead Lodge Visitor Center  
Buckhorn Ranger Station  
Deadman Fire Tower Volunteers  
Redfeather Work Center  
Stub Creek Ranger Station

## Restoration of Flood Damaged Trails Continues

### North Fork

This trail has needed a lot of work- and we're getting closer to sticking a fork in it and calling it 'restored.' PWV, stewardship-minded citizens, the Forest Service trail crew and Forest Service Civil Engineers joined forces to rebuild washed out trails and bridges.

Volunteers provided 2,895 hours of service on this project in 2015.



Work remaining includes bridges, some rock work and tread hardening.



In 2016, we'll focus on restoration of the Young Gulch Trail. Over the next couple of years, this will include construction of about three miles of new trail. We hope you will join us in these continued restoration efforts.

## New Recreation Dept. Manager

Next time you're in the Fort Collins office, stop by and say 'hello' to Laura Shaffer, the new Recreation Staff on the Canyon Lakes Ranger District and Pawnee National Grassland.

Laura come to us from the Happy Camp/Oak Knoll Ranger District on the Klamath National Forest in California. She was the Recreation Staff there for four years.

### BE PREPARED

- \* Always be aware of your surroundings.
- \* Avoid dense patches of dead trees.
- \* Bring a saw to remove fallen trees from blocked roads.