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Good news for the Thompson Divide!

Early May brought exciting news for our efforts to protect the Thompson Divide when the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy (CORE) Act received a markup in a key Senate Committee. For the first time, the Energy and Natural Resources Committee - which oversees all public lands legislation - took up the CORE Act in an official “markup”, a critical step toward advancing the bill.

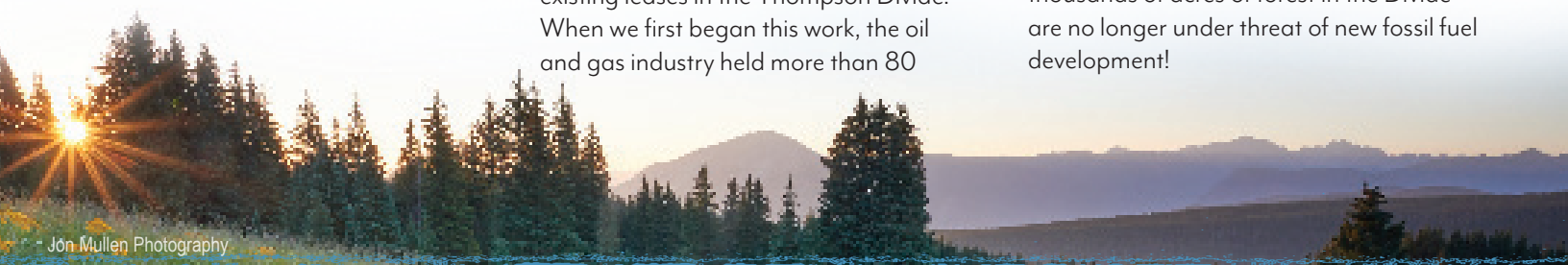
The Committee’s party-line tie vote that followed markup allows the Senate to proceed with consideration of the bill for a final vote either alone or as part of a larger package of public lands bills. The CORE Act has already passed the House of Representatives multiple times in this Congress, meaning that Senate passage is the next step for the bill to become law.

Early 2022 also brought exciting news in our long-standing efforts to eliminate all existing leases in the Thompson Divide. When we first began this work, the oil and gas industry held more than 80

exploratory leases in the Divide; today, thanks to our tenacious legal and policy work, they hold less than 10 and that number keeps going down! Earlier this year, due to our continued advocacy, another 4 leases were terminated by Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Three of the leases were located just west of McClure Pass in the vicinity of Henderson Creek and the Huntsman Roadless Area. The fourth was located near the headwaters of Divide Creek and the East Willow Roadless Area (read more about roadless areas on page 6). Leaseholders were speculating on the leases, meaning they were trying to hold the leases for well beyond the ten-year terms for which the leases were issued without producing gas from them. If not for our advocacy and intervention, the BLM almost certainly wouldn’t have terminated the leases. These terminations ensure thousands of acres of forest in the Divide are no longer under threat of new fossil fuel development!

Above: Participants on a Wilderness Workshop-led hike admire areas that would be protected by the CORE Act. Below: Sunrise on the Divide, looking towards Mt. Sopris and the Elk Mountains.



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Summer Events Schedule - including restoration projects - page 4!



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Crystal Valley Happenings

Our last issue of *Wild Works* highlighted renewed community efforts to permanently protect the iconic Crystal River from dams and diversion with a Wild and Scenic River designation, and we're thrilled that we'll be up and down the Crystal advocating through outreach activities, events, and more all summer long! We're also delighted to have our new Campaign Manager, Michael Gorman, on board to lead this work; read more about him below. Want to volunteer at a community event or learn more about the campaign? Reach out to him: michael@wildernessworkshop.org

Early 2022 had Workshop staff engaging in another high-profile project in the Crystal Valley: the proposed Redstone to McClure Pass Trail. After the Forest Service released the preliminary environmental review for the trail - a 7-mile segment of the proposed Carbondale to Crested Butte (CCB) Trail in the Crystal Valley - our team closely analyzed it and determined that the Forest Service failed to adequately review environmental impacts associated with new recreation development, such as impacts on wildlife. We rallied our members to submit comments calling on the agency to hit the brakes on the project and only move forward if there's an environmental review process for the full trail.

One key way the agency's analysis falls short is by dividing the proposed 83-mile CCB Trail into smaller projects. This piecemeal approach is inconsistent with the National Environmental Policy Act, which requires agencies to evaluate large proposals holistically so that cumulative impacts are fully understood. Limiting the review to this 7-mile segment from Redstone to McClure Pass circumvents comprehensive environmental analysis by making impacts appear minimal.

Getting outdoors in the Crystal Valley is one of our staff's favorite things about being based in Carbondale, but we also know that outdoor recreation has impacts - and the agency must adequately consider these impacts before making any decision.

Welcome Michael Gorman



Michael Gorman

We're excited to have Michael Gorman joining us as our new Campaign Manager! Michael will manage our campaigns to protect public lands and waters in Western Colorado, such as Crystal River Wild and Scenic Designation. Prior to joining the Workshop, he spent over a decade working on conservation education and advocacy programs with the nonprofit EcoFlight, based in Aspen. He organized strategic overflight missions and explored Western public lands from the aerial perspective, helping dozens of organizations advance their conservation efforts and bringing together diverse stakeholders on public lands issues. Michael grew up in the Roaring Fork Valley and is passionate about working with the local community to protect the lands and waters that helped shape who he is today.





The Perham Creek Trail clearly has some beautiful views – join us for a hike on August 13 (information on page 4)!

WW Adopts Perham Creek Trail

We're happy to announce that we joined Roaring Fork Outdoors Volunteers' (RFOV) "Adopt-A-Trail" program! We partner often with RFOV on restoration and stewardship projects, and we're eager to go all in on one of our favorite trails - the Perham Creek Trail in the Crystal Valley. We love so many things about this trail: it's just up the road from our Carbondale office and makes for a great lunchtime escape with our office dogs; it's in the Thompson Divide which we've worked for a decade to permanently protect from oil and gas development; and it traverses the Assignment Ridge proposed wilderness which would become a designated Wilderness Area in Representative DeGette's Colorado Wilderness Act. WW Staff and Board will be putting our sweat equity into this trail - we hope you get out there and enjoy it this summer!

Thank-you Peter Loram



Peter Loram

Peter Loram, a long-time Board Member stepped down at the end of 2021. We're incredibly grateful for his years of service and invited Sloan Shoemaker and Karin Teague to share reflections on Peter's impact on WW.

"The conventional wisdom is that board members need to bring at least one of three things to the board: work, wisdom, or wealth. Remarkably, Peter brought all three. I was continually impressed with his ability to quietly take it all in, no matter the subject matter, and then cut right to the nut of the issue, be it a donor interaction, conservation policy, or the delicate and sometimes icky politics of public lands. Peter was a generous supporter and could always be counted on when we needed it and to get us over a hump. Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, Peter has a great sense of humor grounded in his humility. I truly loved working with him and WW is much the better for his time and talent. Love ya, man!" - Sloan Shoemaker, former Executive Director

"To my mind, Peter was the ideal board member: at meetings, he listened carefully to others, never interrupted, and spoke only when he had something new to add--he was more interested in getting it right than being right. He devoted significant time to WW outside of board meetings in his role as treasurer and on restoration projects. He put his money where his mouth was by being a lead contributor year after year. And most importantly, Peter was (and is) passionate about wilderness and this extraordinary place we are blessed to live in. I will miss his calm, class, and caring on the board." - Karin Teague, WW Board Member, Executive Director of the Independence Pass Foundation

CWP Welcomes Soren Jespersen



Soren Jespersen

We are excited to have Soren Jespersen joining the Colorado Wildlands Project (CWP) as our new Field Director! Soren has a long history of successful public lands conservation work. He spent the last 13 years at The Wilderness Society (TWS), where he focused on the protection of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands across the western U.S. Before TWS he worked on river and watershed protection for Friends of the River in California. Soren brings these skills to CWP where he is narrowing his focus to advance protections for BLM wildlands on the Western Slope, including the Dolores River landscape

in western Colorado and the Greater Dinosaur landscape in the northwest part of the state. He serves on the Routt County Recreation Roundtable and was President of the Board for Friends of the Yampa. Originally from Utah, Soren now lives in Steamboat Springs, Colorado with his wife and daughter. The Colorado Wildlands Project is powered with coordinated support from Wilderness Workshop and the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance; learn more at cowildlands.org

Looking for our Donor List?

We're now publishing these names in our Annual Report! Read our 2021 Annual Report on our website, or by scanning the QR Code below.



JOIN US THIS SUMMER | WW EVENTS

We've planned an exciting summer of exploring and protecting our local public lands - join us!

FRIDAY, JUNE 3 ●

Community Party

Sopris Park, Carbondale

Free and open to the public, the Community Party kicks off our Summer Events Season! We'll have opportunities to take action and plenty of public lands swag. Additional details are on page 12.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18 ● Bilingual

Art at the Mountain

Aspen Mountain, Aspen

Join Defiende Nuestra Tierra to explore the connection between art and the outdoors atop Aspen Mountain, in partnership with the Aspen Art Museum and Aspen Skiing Company.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25 ■

Maroon Creek Wetland Restoration

Maroon Creek, near Aspen

Help restore vegetation and encourage the success of native riparian plants along Maroon Creek, in partnership with Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers (RFOV). Childcare available.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 9 & 10 ■

Roan Plateau Restoration

Roan Plateau, near Rifle

SATURDAY, JULY 23 ● Bilingual

Latino Conservation Week Celebration

Two Rivers Park, Glenwood Springs

Join us for a day of outdoor activities on public lands - capped off with food and music in Two Rivers Park - celebrating Latino Conservation Week. Additional details are on page 10.

SUNDAY, JULY 24 ■

Coal Basin Restoration

Coal Basin, near Redstone

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 ●

Pilot Knob Hike

Pilot Knob, near Paonia

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 ■

Perham Creek Hike

Perham Creek Trail, near Carbondale

On this hike we will talk about the current efforts to designate the Crystal River as Wild and Scenic as well as the Colorado Wilderness Act, both of which could protect the land and waters surrounding the Perham Creek Trail.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 ■ Bilingual

Grand Hogback Hike

Grand Hogback, near New Castle

This hike in the Grand Hogback will focus on the impacts on fossil fuel development in Western Colorado's Piceance Basin and proactive ways we can protect this distinct landscape.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST

20 & 21 ● ■

Marble Stewardship Weekend

Raspberry Creek Trail, near Marble

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 ●

Wild Game Processing Workshop

Location TBD

Join Wilderness Workshop and Backcountry Hunters and Anglers to learn about the process of turning wild game into delicious table fare with a hands on presentation with local experts.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 ● Bilingual

National Public Lands Day

Dinkle Lake, near Carbondale

For our local celebration of National Public Lands Day, we will be leading a clean-up, picnicking, and soaking in the fall colors at Dinkle Lake, in partnership with the White River National Forest.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 ● Bilingual

Silt River Preserve Stewardship Day

Silt River Preserve, near Silt



● A green circle event is one that all ages are welcome and no previous outdoor experience is necessary. Enjoy a casual day on our public lands!

■ A blue square event is geared towards adults and involves physical activity. Be prepared to get your hands dirty on these!

Each event registration page will have additional information about the event's rating. A signed waiver is required and Wilderness Workshop will follow all policies outlined in our organizational Safety Protocols Document.

Questions? Email sam@wildernessworkshop.org or call 970-963-3977. For the most up-to-date information about all of our events and to join our email list, go to: WildernessWorkshop.org

MORE THAN A WALK IN THE WOODS

Wilderness Workshop events are a unique way to take action while spending time in the great outdoors. Our hikes and restoration projects are designed to get our local community out into the landscapes we're working to protect and give you the tools to advocate alongside us.



Roan Plateau Restoration
July 9-10

The Roan Plateau towers 3,000 feet above I-70 west of Rifle, and holds a treasure trove of dramatic waterfalls, hanging gardens, aspen forests, and streams full of native cutthroat trout. After we waged a hard-fought battle that resulted in most of the leases on top of the plateau being canceled, we're working with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to improve wildlife habitat and mitigate impacts resulting from ongoing development at the Roan's base.



Coal Basin Restoration
July 24

Coal mines can leak climate pollution into the atmosphere for decades after shutting down, and the closed and abandoned mines in Coal Basin near Redstone are emitting the equivalent of hundreds of cars of methane pollution every day. We're working with community partners on an innovative project that would destroy methane emissions while building on past successful restoration efforts. Our work will ensure Coal Basin can transition from a climate problem to a climate solution, rejuvenating wildlife habitat and backcountry recreation values in this spectacular landscape.



Pilot Knob Hike
August 6

Just over McClure Pass in the North Fork Valley are some of Colorado's most spectacular roadless forests, where dense aspen stands, wide open meadows, and streams and ponds provide wildlife habitat. We've been working for years to eliminate illegally-held oil and gas leases from these roadless areas. Join this hike to help us protect the Pilot Knob roadless area from oil and gas drilling, and learn more about this issue on page 6.



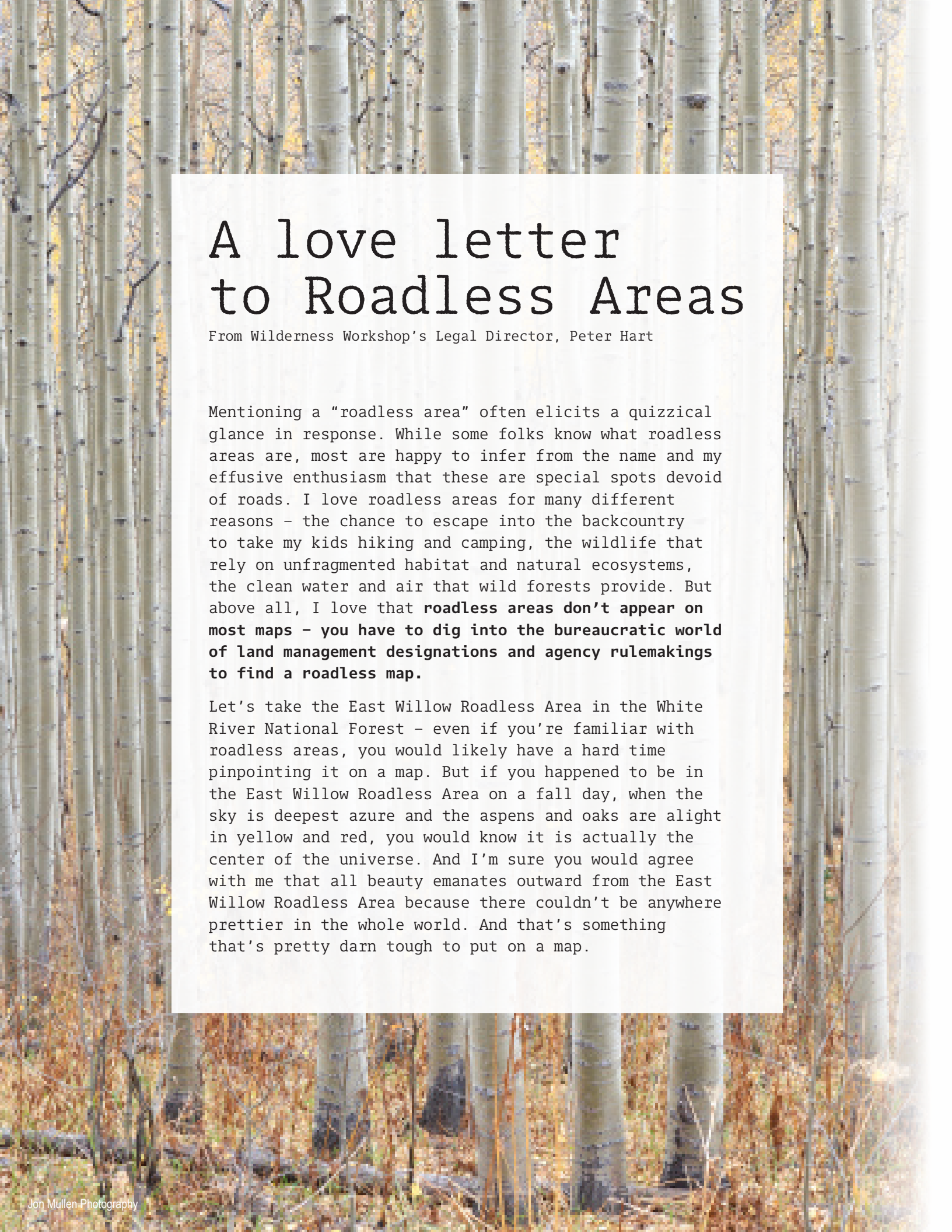
Marble Stewardship Weekend
August 20-21

The Crystal River is one of Colorado's last untamed natural wonders, and we're lucky to have it right here in our backyard! Flowing from its headwaters in the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness through Marble, Redstone and down to Carbondale, this crystal-clear river carves one of western Colorado's most scenic valleys. Volunteers will be doing trail work along the Raspberry Creek Trail and camp sites will be provided for those who want to spend the night!



Silt River Preserve Stewardship Day
October 8

The public lands managed by the BLM in the Colorado River Valley include wilderness-quality lands, important wildlife habitat, and stellar recreation opportunities. Thanks to our years of legal advocacy, the agency is developing new plans that will determine where development can occur in the region. The BLM will take public input in developing the plans, and we'll be asking for your help to protect valuable places from getting auctioned off! Join us at the Silt River Preserve to help give back to this lower-elevation landscape.



A love letter to Roadless Areas

From Wilderness Workshop's Legal Director, Peter Hart

Mentioning a "roadless area" often elicits a quizzical glance in response. While some folks know what roadless areas are, most are happy to infer from the name and my effusive enthusiasm that these are special spots devoid of roads. I love roadless areas for many different reasons - the chance to escape into the backcountry to take my kids hiking and camping, the wildlife that rely on unfragmented habitat and natural ecosystems, the clean water and air that wild forests provide. But above all, I love that **roadless areas don't appear on most maps - you have to dig into the bureaucratic world of land management designations and agency rulemakings to find a roadless map.**

Let's take the East Willow Roadless Area in the White River National Forest - even if you're familiar with roadless areas, you would likely have a hard time pinpointing it on a map. But if you happened to be in the East Willow Roadless Area on a fall day, when the sky is deepest azure and the aspens and oaks are alight in yellow and red, you would know it is actually the center of the universe. And I'm sure you would agree with me that all beauty emanates outward from the East Willow Roadless Area because there couldn't be anywhere prettier in the whole world. And that's something that's pretty darn tough to put on a map.

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For years, rampant road building for timber, mining, recreation and other development has splintered our national forests into fragments—many of which are too tiny to support rich wildlife and ecosystems. In contrast, roadless areas are intact havens within these forests, 5,000 acres or more in size, that haven't been cut up with roads. **These are areas big enough to get lost in – places with clean air and water, undisturbed soils, diverse plant and animal communities, and critical habitat for threatened and endangered species.**

They're places I take my kids to wander in the woods, places to roam with no destination in mind—where the forest itself is all the reason to be there.

Since roadless areas are not designated Wilderness, they aren't afforded the same strong level of protection. The 2012 Colorado Roadless Rule provides protections from new roadbuilding, timber harvesting and other damaging activities, but there are loopholes and exceptions. Importantly, oil and gas leasing and development remain a threat to Roadless Areas, which matters a lot in our area.

For years, Wilderness Workshop has devoted our expertise to protect these special places. It's often tedious work, sifting through oil and gas lease files and records requests to monitor drilling proposals and spot loopholes that the industry is abusing. But it's a labor of love. These efforts helped us secure cancellation of tens of thousands of acres of oil and gas leases in the Thompson Divide. The icing on the cake will be when we succeed in passing the CORE Act in Congress (see update on page 1) to permanently prohibit new oil and gas leasing in roadless areas in the Thompson Divide.

Yet the development of existing oil and gas leases remains a threat within the Huntsman, Clear Fork, Pilot Knob, and East Willow Roadless Areas. We continue to keep a watchful eye on these leases - exposing unlawful activity, challenging development proposals, advocating for the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service to return these lands to unleased status, and working to advance policy reforms that would eliminate lease mismanagement and better protect our public lands. We're going to need your help keeping our roadless areas wild and free of development for our kids to wander in the woods. If you love roadless areas as much as I do, be on the lookout for additional updates and ways you can help us protect them.



SHARE THE LOVE FOR ROADLESS AREAS! HIKE WITH US IN PILOT KNOB ON AUGUST 6. SEE OUR FULL SUMMER EVENTS SCHEDULE ON PAGES 4-5.

A young Joona Hart in the East Willow Roadless Area on a spectacular fall day.

¡ÚNETE A NOSOTROS ESTE VERANO!

Hemos planeado un verano emocionante para explorar y proteger nuestras Tierras Públicas locales. ¡Únase a nosotros!

VIERNES, 3 DE JUNIO ●

Fiesta Comunitaria

Parque Sopris, Carbondale

¡Evento gratuito y abierto al público, la fiesta Comunitaria da inicio a nuestra temporada de eventos de verano de 2022! Tendremos varias oportunidades para tomar acción acerca de nuestras tierras públicas. Los detalles adicionales están en la página 12.

SÁBADO, 18 DE JUNIO ● Bilingüe

Arte en la montaña

Montaña Aspen

Únase a Defiende Nuestra Tierra para explorar la conexión entre el arte y el aire libre en la cima de la Montaña Aspen, en asociación con el Museo de Arte de Aspen y la Compañía de Esquí de Aspen.

SÁBADO, 25 DE JUNIO ■

Restauración del humedal de Maroon Creek

Maroon Creek, cerca de Aspen

Ayude a restaurar la vegetación y fomente el éxito de las plantas ribereñas nativas a lo largo de Maroon Creek, en asociación con Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers (RFOV). Cuidado de niños disponible.

SÁBADO Y DOMINGO, 9 Y 10 DE JULIO ■

Restauración de la meseta de Roan

Meseta de Roan, cerca de Rifle

SÁBADO, 23 DE JULIO ● Bilingüe

Celebración de la Semana Latina de la Conservación

Parque de Dos Ríos, Glenwood Springs

Únase a nosotros para un día completo de actividades al aire libre, culminado con comida y música en Two Rivers Park, ¡celebrando la Semana de la Conservación Latina! Los detalles adicionales están en la página 10.

DOMINGO, 24 DE JULIO ■

Restauración de Minas de Carbón

Minas de Carbon, cerca de Redstone

SÁBADO, 6 DE AGOSTO ●

Caminata de Pilot Knob

Pilot Knob, cerca de Paonia

SÁBADO, 13 DE AGOSTO ■

Caminata por el Arroyo Perham

Sendero Perham Creek, cerca de Carbondale

Esta caminata se centrará en los esfuerzos para designar al Río Crystal como Silvestre y Pintoresco, así como en la Ley de áreas silvestres de Colorado, las cuales podrían proteger las tierras y aguas que rodean el sendero Perham Creek.

SÁBADO Y DOMINGO, 20 Y 21 DE AGOSTO ● ■

Fin de semana de abogacía de Marble

En y alrededor de Marble

SÁBADO, 27 DE AGOSTO ●

Taller de procesamiento de animales salvajes

Ubicación por determinar

Únase a Wilderness Workshop y Backcountry Hunters and Anglers para aprender sobre el proceso de convertir la caza salvaje en una deliciosa comida de mesa con una presentación práctica con expertos locales.

SÁBADO 10 DE SEPTIEMBRE ■ Bilingüe

Caminata Grand Hogback

Grand Hogback, cerca de New Castle

Esta caminata en Grand Hogback se centrará en los impactos en el desarrollo de combustibles fósiles en Piceance Basin en el oeste de Colorado y en las formas proactivas en que podemos proteger este paisaje distintivo.

SÁBADO, 24 DE SEPTIEMBRE ● Bilingüe

Día Nacional de las Tierras Públicas

Lago Dinkle, cerca de Carbondale

Para nuestra celebración local del Día Nacional de las Tierras Públicas, estaremos liderando una limpieza, haciendo un picnic y sumergiéndonos en los colores del otoño en Dinkle Lake en asociación con el Bosque Nacional White River.

SÁBADO, 8 DE OCTUBRE ● Bilingüe

Día de la abogacía de la reserva natural del Río Silt

Reserva del río Silt, cerca de Silt



● Un evento de círculo verde es aquel en el que todas las edades son bienvenidas y no se necesita experiencia previa al aire libre. ¡Disfruta de un día informal en nuestras tierras públicas!

■ Un evento cuadrado azul está dirigido a adultos e involucra actividad física. ¡preparate para ensuciarte las manos con esto!

Cada página de registro del evento tendrá información adicional sobre la calificación del evento. Se requiere una renuncia firmada y Wilderness Workshop seguirá todas las políticas descritas en nuestro Documento de Protocolos de Seguridad organizacional.

¿Preguntas? Envíe un correo electrónico a Omar@wildernessworkshop.org o llame al 970-963-3977. Para obtener la información más actualizada sobre todos nuestros eventos y unirse a nuestra lista de correo electrónico, visite: WildernessWorkshop.org

MÁS QUE UNA CAMINATA POR EL BOSQUE

Los eventos de Wilderness Workshop son una forma única de tomar medidas para un medio ambiente saludable mientras usted pasa tiempo al aire libre. Nuestras caminatas y proyectos de restauración están diseñados para llevar a nuestra comunidad local a los paisajes y Ríos que estamos trabajando para proteger y brindarle las herramientas para abogar junto a nosotros.



Restauración de la meseta de Roan
July 9-10

La meseta de Roan se eleva a 3,000 pies sobre la I-70 al oeste de Rifle y alberga un tesoro oculto de espectaculares cascadas, jardines colgantes, bosques de álamos y arroyos llenos de truchas nativas. Después de librar una dura batalla que resultó en la cancelación de la mayoría de los arrendamientos en la parte superior de la meseta, estamos trabajando con la Oficina de Administración de Tierras (BLM, por sus siglas en inglés) para mejorar el hábitat de la vida silvestre y mitigar los impactos resultantes del desarrollo en curso en Roan's base.



Restauración de Minas de Carbón
July 24

Las minas de carbón pueden filtrar la contaminación climática a la atmósfera durante décadas después del cierre, y las minas cerradas y abandonadas en Coal Basin, cerca de Redstone, emiten el equivalente a cientos de automóviles de contaminación por metano todos los días. Estamos trabajando con socios de la comunidad en un proyecto innovador que destruiría las emisiones de metano y, al mismo tiempo, continuaría con los esfuerzos de restauración exitosos del pasado. Coal Basin puede hacer la transición de un problema climático a una solución climática, rejuveneciendo el hábitat de la vida silvestre y los valores recreativos en este paisaje espectacular.



Caminata de Pilot Knob
August 6

Justo sobre McClure Pass en North Fork Valley se encuentran algunos de los bosques sin caminos más espectaculares de Colorado, donde densos árboles Aspen, amplias praderas abiertas y arroyos y estanques alpinos proporcionan un hábitat para la vida silvestre. Hemos estado trabajando durante años para eliminar las concesiones de petróleo y gas ilegalmente en estas áreas sin caminos. Únase a esta caminata para ayudarnos a proteger el área sin carreteras de Pilot Knob de la perforación de petróleo y gas, y obtenga más información sobre este problema en la página 6.



Fin de semana de abogacía de Marble
August 20-21

El Río Crystal es una de las últimas maravillas naturales y silvestres de Colorado, ¡y tenemos suerte de tenerlo aquí en nuestro patio trasero! Fluyendo desde su nacimiento en Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness a través de Marble, Redstone y hasta Carbondale, este río cristalino talla uno de los valles más pintorescos del oeste de Colorado. ¡Los voluntarios realizarán trabajos en los senderos a lo largo de Raspberry Creek Trail y se proporcionarán lugares para acampar para aquellos que quieran pasar la noche!



Día de la abogacía de la reserva natural del Río Silt
October 8

Las tierras públicas administradas por la BLM en el Valle del Río Colorado incluyen tierras de calidad silvestre, hábitat importante para la vida silvestre y oportunidades de recreación estelares. Gracias a nuestros años de defensa legal, la agencia está desarrollando nuevos planes que determinarán dónde puede ocurrir el desarrollo en la región. ¡El BLM tomará la opinión del público en el desarrollo de los planes, y le pediremos su ayuda para proteger los lugares valiosos de ser subastados a la industria del petróleo y el gas! Únase a nosotros en Silt River Preserve para ayudar a este paisaje de menor elevación



¡Buenas noticias para el Thompson Divide!



Tenemos carteles del Thompson divide ahora en Español! Pasa por nuestra oficina y obtén algunos.

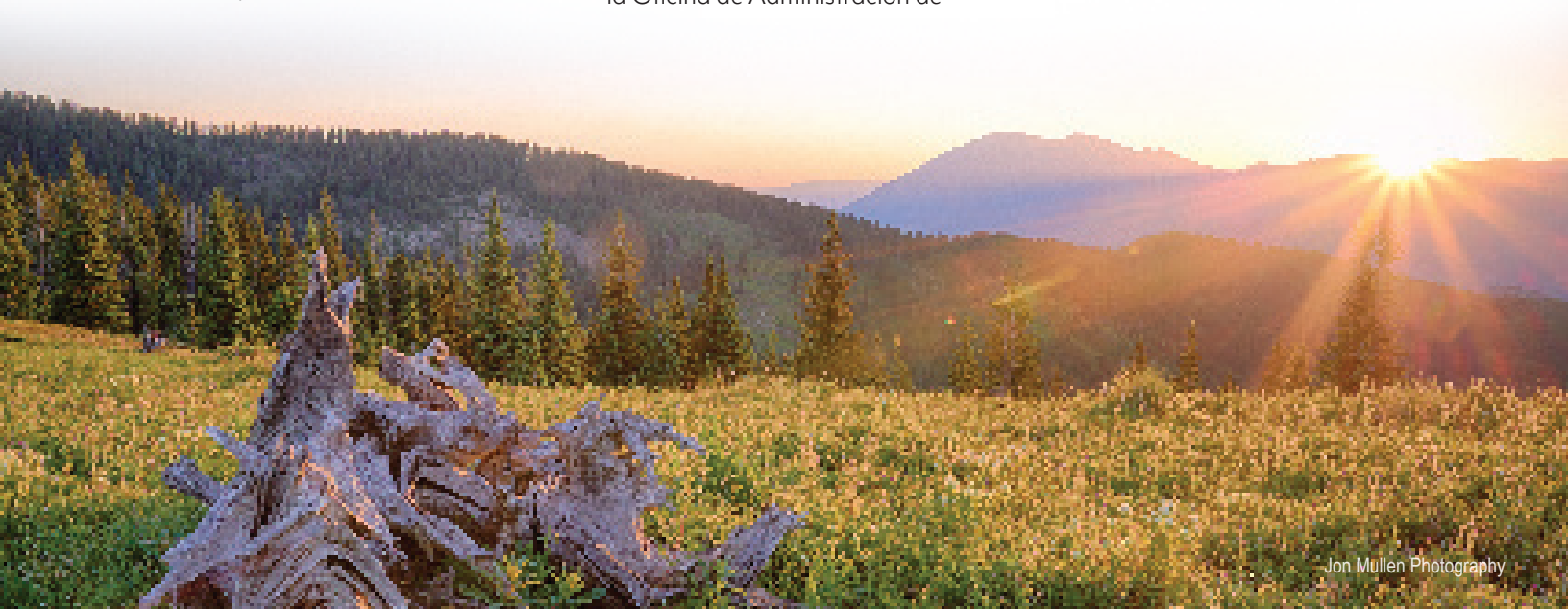
Los primeros días de mayo nos trajeron excelentes noticias para alentar nuestros esfuerzos por proteger el Thompson Divide cuando la Ley de Economía y Recreación al Aire Libre (CORE por sus siglas en inglés) de Colorado recibió un gran atención en un comité clave del Senado. Por primera vez, el Comité de Energía y Recursos Naturales, que supervisa toda la legislación de tierras públicas, asumió la Ley CORE en un "Encargo" oficial, un dio un paso clave para avanzar en el proyecto de ley.

El voto de empate en la línea del partido del Comité que siguió al mando, permite que el Senado proceda con la consideración del proyecto de ley para una votación final, ya sea solo o como parte de un paquete más grande de proyectos de ley de tierras públicas. La Ley CORE ya ha sido aprobada por la Cámara de Representantes varias veces en este Congreso, lo que significa que la aprobación del Senado es el siguiente paso para que el proyecto de ley se convierta en ley.

Principios de 2022 también trajo buenas noticias en nuestros esfuerzos de larga lista, para eliminar todos los arrendamientos existentes de gas y petróleo en el Thompson Divide. Cuando comenzamos este trabajo, la industria del petróleo y el gas tenía más de 80 concesiones exploratorias en el Divide; y hoy, gracias a nuestro tenaz trabajo legal y de políticas, ¡tienen menos de 10 y ese número sigue bajando! A principios de este año, debido a nuestra continua y ardua defensa, la Oficina de Administración de

Tierras (BLM, por sus siglas en inglés) rescindió otros 4 contratos de arrendamiento.

Tres de los contratos de arrendamiento estaban ubicados justo al oeste de McClure Pass en las cercanías de Henderson Creek y Huntsman Roadless Area. El cuarto estaba ubicado cerca de la cabecera de Divide Creek y el área sin caminos de East Willow (lea más sobre las áreas sin caminos en la página 6). Los arrendatarios estaban especulando sobre los arrendamientos, lo que significa que estaban tratando de mantener los arrendamientos mucho más allá de los plazos de diez años para los que se emitieron los arrendamientos sin producir gas a partir de ellos. Si no fuera por nuestra ardua defensa e intervención, el BLM probablemente no habría rescindido los contratos de arrendamiento. ¡Estas finalizaciones de arrendamientos aseguran que miles de acres de bosque en el Thompson Divide ya no estén bajo la amenaza del nuevo desarrollo de combustibles fósiles!



Día de la abogacía Latina/o en Colorado

El pasado 13 y 14 de marzo, miembros de la comunidad latina y Defiende asistieron al 16° Día de la Abogacía de los Latinos en Denver. Este importante evento estatal reunió a más de 200 personas, en su mayoría latinos, para conectarse, aprender y abogar entre sí en una amplia gama de temas: educación, inmigración, salud, derechos cívicos y reproductivos, economía y justicia ambiental. Las capacitaciones incluyeron sesiones informativas legislativas sobre proyectos de ley actuales y los asistentes se reunieron con legisladores para abogar por las necesidades de nuestras comunidades.

“Creo que este tipo de eventos nos brindan herramientas para entender la importancia de la participación ciudadana; tanto a nivel local como estatal. Te acerca a tus representantes y elimina esas barreras de que tus senadores estatales o federales son personas 'inalcanzables', sino todo lo contrario: trabajan para ti y todos los electores. La Cámara de Representantes también es tu casa y tienes derecho a ir a hablar con ellos para exponer tus problemas y pedirles que tomen medidas o que apoyen o desapruében cualquier proyecto de ley que te afecte directa o indirectamente.” ~ Omar Sarabia, Director de Defiende Nuestra Tierra

Colorado Latino/a Advocacy Day

On March 13 and 14, members of the Latino community and Defiende attended the 16th Latino/a Advocacy Day in Denver. This important statewide event brought together more than 200 mostly Latino/a people to connect, learn and advocate with each other on a wide range of issues: education, immigration, health, civic and reproductive rights, economics, and environmental justice. Trainings included legislative briefings on current bills and attendees met with legislators to advocate for the needs of our communities.

“I believe that these types of events provide us with tools to understand the importance of civil participation; both at the local and state level. It brings you closer to your representatives and eliminates the preception that your state or federal senators are 'unreachable' people . It's in fact the opposite: they work for all of us. We all have the right to go talk to them to share your problems and ask them to take action or to support or disapprove any bill that affects you directly or indirectly.” ~ Omar Sarabia.

RESERVE LA FECHA: Semana Latina de la Conservación 2022




¡Celebremos al aire libre! SÁBADO 23 DE JULIO

Salidas en tierras públicas por la mañana (senderismo, pesca, rafting, etc.); comida, música en vivo y celebraciones por la tarde en Two Rivers Park en Glenwood Springs. ¡Gratis! Lo único que te pedimos es que te registres con anticipación.

Defiende Nuestra Tierra se complace en asociarse con el Bosque Nacional White River y el Instituto Aspen para celebrar la Semana de la Conservación Latina con una serie de eventos en Tierras Públicas y un Festival con música en vivo, vendedores de comida, juegos en el césped y actividades artísticas en Two Rivers Parque el 23 de julio. ¡Celebremos al aire libre! es un evento comunitario bilingüe centrado en la familia que conectará a la comunidad latina de Roaring Fork y Colorado River Valley con nuestras Tierras Públicas. La Semana de la Conservación Latina, una iniciativa de Hispanic Access Fundation, que apoya a la nuestra comunidad Latinx a salir al aire libre y participar en actividades para proteger las tierras públicas y nuestro medio ambiente.

¡Estén atentos para más información! Compartiremos mas información,

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SAVE THE DATE: Latino Conservation Week 2022

¡Celebremos al aire libre! SATURDAY, JULY 23

Outings on public lands in the morning (hiking, fishing, whitewater rafting, etc.); lunch, music and afternoon celebrations (live music, food vendors, lawn games, art and more!) at Two Rivers Park in Glenwood Springs. Free! All we ask is that you register in advance.

Defiende Nuestra Tierra is excited to be partnering with the White River National Forest and the Aspen Institute to celebrate Latino Conservation Week with a series of outings on public lands and a party at Two Rivers Park on July 23rd. ¡Celebremos al aire libre! is a bilingual family-centered, community event that will connect the Roaring Fork and Colorado River Valley Latino community with public lands. Latino Conservation Week, an initiative of Hispanic Access Foundation, supports the Latino community getting into the outdoors and participating in activities to protect public lands and our environment. Stay tuned for more information! We'll be sharing information – including about how to volunteer or register for the event – soon.

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