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Community Rallies in support of Homestake Valley

“No New Dams!”
 “Fens are friends!”
 “Save the Holy Cross Wilderness!”

If you were in beautiful Red Cliff the morning of Saturday, August 7, you likely heard Wilderness Workshop’s Director of Community Organizing Erin Riccio before you saw her. Brimming with energy and armed with a megaphone, she was leading call and response chants as part of the “Save the Homestake Valley Rally.”

Following an information & poster-making session at Mango’s Mountain Grill, protesters marched through the town of Red Cliff, underneath its iconic Green Bridge, along Homestake Creek, and up to Highway 24. With community members waving from front porches, cars honking in support, and many creative signs (and hats!) on display, the day was festive and fun-filled, but had a serious topic: gearing up for a big fight against a new dam and reservoir in the Homestake Valley.

As reported in the Spring 2021 issue of *Wild Works*, March brought upsetting news when the White River National Forest approved drilling test wells in the Homestake Valley – the first step towards constructing a new dam and reservoir that could destroy rare fen wetlands and a beloved backcountry recreation spot, and even inundate portions of the Holy Cross Wilderness. What’s more, this proposal is all to send more western water to the Front Range. The cities of Aurora and Colorado Springs, working together as an entity called Homestake Partners, are determined to squeeze every last drop out of our rivers rather than prioritize water conservation and other measures that would sustain water resources and ecosystem health into an increasingly dry future.

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Read about renewed efforts to protect the beloved Crystal River on page 8.



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Homestake *from previous page*

In response to the test drilling, the local community and Coloradans from all over the state made clear their fierce opposition to this whole dam thing. Responding to community outcry and our own significant concerns about the ecological impacts of a dam, we spent the summer building and organizing community opposition to the proposal.

WW is participating in a coalition of conservation groups – including WildEarth Guardians, Colorado Headwaters, the Holy Cross Wilderness Defense Fund, Save the Colorado, the Colorado Chapter of the Sierra Club and other partners around the state – to fight this misguided proposal and the past few months have seen a flurry of community events, legal advocacy, both in-person and online educational events, and media coverage.

It's been invigorating to see the diverse reasons people are committed to fighting the potential dam and reservoir: multi-generational families who know the Valley like the back of their hand, small businesses owners who rely on the area's thriving outdoor recreation economy, and prominent elected officials like State Senator Kerry Donovan, who said in a letter to the Forest Service: "I cannot express how sternly the citizens of my district oppose water diversion projects to Front Range communities." This ever-growing base of supporters have made clear how much of an uphill fight Homestake Partners will face with this unpopular project – but that doesn't mean we can rest easy! Beating back a project like this is an incredibly tough battle to win.

As of publication, a formal dam and reservoir proposal has not been submitted to the Forest Service, and it's unclear when this will occur – which means it's even more critical for advocates to keep the pressure on and fight this short-sighted idea at every step. Wilderness Workshop will continue working with the local community to stop this project and protect the Homestake Valley for future generations; we'll also be engaging in legal

research, engaging with federal agencies, and collaborating with our coalition partners. If haven't already, please add your name to our "No New Dams in the Homestake Valley" petition at wildernessworkshop.org/Save-HomestakeValley; reach out to Erin Riccio, erin@wildernessworkshop.org if you would like to get involved or learn more.



Local news outlets, like the Vail Daily, have been covering community opposition to the potential dam and reservoir; they have run many Letters to the Editor from concerns community members as well.



Hannah Carrese, Legal Intern

We were thrilled to have Hannah Carrese join us for a second summer as our Legal Intern! Hannah assisted with our active litigation efforts, helped engage local communities in the fight against a new dam in the Homestake Valley, and did valuable research on oil and gas leases in roadless forests. Hannah brightened our office with her sense of humor, keen observations, and passionate support at rallies! We wish her the best of luck with her final year at Yale Law.

Snow Days with WILDERNESS WORKSHOP

Join us this Winter!

All events are free & open to the public | Registration required

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 – BILINGUAL *(Join us next year)*
Posada & Christmas Tree Cutting

Babbish Gulch Trailhead, Glenwood Springs

Begin or build on a family tradition of finding and cutting your own Christmas tree from a National Forest! We will have FREE tree permits.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18
Advocacy & Apres

Sunlight Mountain Resort, Glenwood Springs

Advocacy & Ales is back with a winter twist! Stop by after a day on the slopes and enjoy a drink while learning about ways to get involved with our work to protect public lands.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 – BILINGUAL
Crystal River Snowshoe

Daniels Hill, Near Marble

Join us for a snowshoe along the North Fork of the Crystal River and learn about the proposed Wild and Scenic River designation along the Crystal.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13 | THURSDAY, JANUARY 14
Naturalist Nights: Winter Speaker Series

3rd Street Center, Carbondale | Hallam Lake, ACES

“Small Mountain Owls,” by Scott Rashid, Colorado Avian Research and Rehabilitation Institute

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26 | THURSDAY, JANUARY 27
Naturalist Nights: Winter Speaker Series

3rd Street Center, Carbondale | Hallam Lake, ACES

“Soil Carbon in Colorado Agroecosystems: Practice and Promise,” by Dr. Courland Kelly, Colorado State University

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 | THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10
Naturalist Nights: Winter Speaker Series

3rd Street Center, Carbondale | Hallam Lake, ACES

Speaker to be announced.

Check wildernessworkshop.org/events to find out.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20 – BILINGUAL
Wildlife Walk and Talk

Garfield Creek State Wildlife Area, Near New Castle

Learn about the importance of seasonal habitat and with some luck, watch wintering animals from afar. This is a bilingual event for all ages!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 | THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24
Naturalist Nights: Winter Speaker Series

3rd Street Center, Carbondale | Hallam Lake, ACES

“Using Goats for Habitat Restoration on Public Lands” by Hilary Boyd, Bureau of Land Management

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 | THURSDAY, MARCH 10
Naturalist Nights: Winter Speaker Series

3rd Street Center, Carbondale | Hallam Lake, ACES

“Three Billion Birds” by Arvind Panjabi, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies

SUNDAY, MARCH 13
Homestake Valley Snowshoe

Blodgett Campground, near Red Cliff

Join us for a snowshoe along Homestake Creek and learn about efforts to protect the Homestake Valley from future dam building efforts.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26
Advocacy & Apres

Highlands Ski Resort, Aspen

Advocacy & Ales is back with a winter twist! Stop by after a day on the slopes and enjoy a drink while learning about ways to get involved with our work to protect public lands.



Additional events may be added. Scan this QR Code for the latest calendar or to register for any of these events!

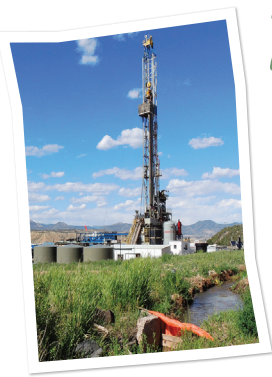
COVID-19 Protocols are in place for our events to prioritize everyone's safety.

Wilderness Workshop's Suggested

New Year's Resolutions for the Biden-Harris Administration

For many of us, a new year - and new year's resolutions - serve as a natural point to reflect on successes and challenges, while also looking ahead to upcoming opportunities. As the Biden-Harris administration approaches one year in office, there are many things to reflect cheerfully on: environmental justice and climate change are stated priorities, National Monuments have been restored, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has its first Senate-confirmed director in over 4.5 years, and more!

While the Administration has made many decisions we're quite enthusiastic about, they've still got a long ways to go - and the clock is ticking on these projects, many of which the Workshop has been engaged in for years! In the spirit of giving, we've crafted some new year's resolutions to make things easy for the Administration this upcoming year. Now that we've done the list-making work, let's hit the ground running in 2022!



1. Reform the federal oil and gas program

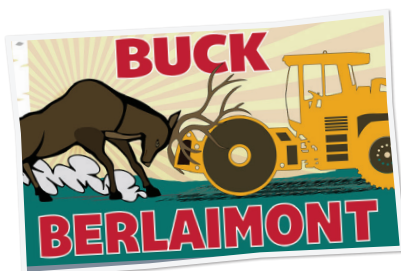
We've known for a long time that the federal oil and gas leasing program is antiquated, broken, and requires holistic reform. The Biden-Harris administration has identified "significant deficiencies in the federal oil and gas programs" including that it "inadequately accounts for environmental harms to lands, waters, and other resources" among other major failures. Admitting you have a problem is the first step in recovery - now let's break this fossil fuel addiction and let's do it fast. We need to put an end to oil and gas leasing on public lands to protect our climate, wildlands, wildlife, and water. And we need critical reforms to how existing leases are managed, to prevent the oil and gas industry from abusing loophole after loophole to keep leases on the books and the public in the dark.

2. Designate new Wilderness Study Areas

Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) are places on our public lands that the BLM has determined have the potential to become designated Wilderness. These are some of our wildest remaining lands, and the agency manages them to protect their wilderness characteristics, making WSA designation an important administrative tool for meeting our nation's 30x30 goal. The BLM hasn't designated any new WSAs since 2003, and this missed opportunity is growing by the day. Let's put WSA designation to work to protect millions of acres of BLM wildlands here in Colorado and mitigate the climate crisis along the way by keeping fossil fuels in the ground and preserving lands with climate adaptation value.



3. End the Berlaimont Estates saga



For over a decade, community members and WW have fought the wildly unpopular proposal to build a road through important wildlife habitat in the White River National Forest to facilitate development of 19 new mansions on an inholding. The Final Environmental Impact Statement was released in July 2021; the agency is poised to adopt a decision that would include a year-round access road and pave wild public lands to facilitate sprawl in the backcountry. Responding to the community's wishes, in August, Colorado elected representatives urged the Forest Service to reconsider that decision and the project remains in limbo. It's time for the Forest Service to deny this proposal and end this long-running saga.

4. *Revise the GMUG Forest Plan to reflect Administration priorities*



This year the Forest Service released a draft Forest Plan for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forest, which includes the wild roadless forests of the North Fork Valley that WW has worked for a decade to protect. To our dismay, the draft Forest Plan fails to protect wilderness-quality lands we recommended for special management, prioritizes logging over conservation in a big way, and puts valuable wildlife habitat and water resources at risk. It's not too late to fix this plan and get it in sync with the Biden-Harris Administration's priorities to conserve lands and waters and safeguard biodiversity.

5. *Develop new oil and gas plans for western Colorado that protect wildlands and our climate*

Thanks to our legal successes, the BLM is required to begin a new oil and gas planning effort for 2 million acres of public land in western Colorado. This is an important opportunity for us to close significant amounts of land to new oil and gas leasing, including hundreds of thousands of acres of wilderness-quality lands, winter wildlife habitat, and backcountry recreation areas. This plan can contribute meaningfully to the Administration's ambitious 30x30 goal, and we need to get it started right away.



We'll be holding the Biden-Harris administration accountable on these projects - and many others - in 2022. Be sure you're on our email list to receive our action alerts and help us advance these important goals!

Welcome Oliver!



Oliver Wood, Associate Attorney

We're excited to have Oliver Wood joining us as an Associate Attorney! Oliver will help us protect wildlands and wildlife habitat from oil and gas development, defend against logging projects and other damaging proposals on our public lands, eliminate oil and gas leases from our roadless forests, ensure open access to public records, and provide other legal and policy support to the WW team. Oliver comes to us from the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, where he challenged extractive projects and inventoried wilderness units in America's red rock country.

Originally from the Pacific Northwest, Oliver attended graduate and law school at the University of Montana. Before becoming a lawyer, Oliver focused his professional life on encouraging young people to love wild places, which he did through environmental education, backpacking, and long-distance bicycle tours. In his free time, Oliver telemark skis or runs with his husky, Huck.

Summer and Fall 2021 Events

This summer and fall, the Wilderness Workshop team hosted or partnered on a wide range of wonderful events! Whether it was hiking in proposed wilderness areas, collaborating with partners on restoration and stewardship projects, or hosting educational (and informative!) happy hours, all of our events had a common, core theme: advocating for public lands and waters. For us, this takes many forms: supporting new protection efforts like Wild and Scenic designation for the Crystal River (learn more on page 8), fighting bad projects like the proposed Homestake Dam and Reservoir, and ensuring that all in our community have the opportunity to develop connections to public lands. If our events look fun – and we promise they are – check out our Snow Days schedule on page 3 and join us out on public lands this winter!



WILD FEAST 2021

WW's annual benefit returned in a new location – the Hotel Jerome in Aspen – and extraordinary guest speaker: activist Winona LaDuke (pictured in the upper-left-hand corner with WW Board Vice-President Lindsey Gurley). LaDuke, an enrolled member of the Mississippi Band Anishinaabeg of Northwestern Minnesota and director of Honor the Earth, visited us in the Roaring Fork Valley after being released from spending three days in jail while protesting the construction of Enbridge Energy's Line 3 oil pipeline in Northern Minnesota. Wild Feast also honored Andy Wiessner with the Maroon Bells Public Lands Champion Award. Wiessner is a longtime advocate and WW board member who has worked tirelessly to protect public lands.



NORTH STAR NATURE PRESERVE

Volunteers spent the day planting wetland seedlings in the recently completed fen (a type of wetland) restoration area to ensure long-term success of the restoration project and native wetland plant establishment at North Star Preserve in Pitkin County.





GRIZZLY CREEK

WW is part of the Glenwood Canyon Restoration Alliance (GCRA), which is a collaboration of local government, non-profit, and business partners working to restore Glenwood Canyon after the 2020 Grizzly Creek Fire. This summer, volunteer completed restoration projects along fire-damaged trails; in 2022 work will continue in both fire and mudslide-impacted areas – be on the lookout for upcoming volunteer opportunities soon!

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

National Public Lands Day is a great opportunity to celebrate and give back to local public lands. This year, WW volunteers helped to repair and close old double track in the Crown Mountain Recreation Area. We celebrated at the end of day by tossing “seed bombs” onto the landscape to help encourage new plant growth!



SUTEY RANCH

Goats – and how they’re helping to restore the fields of Sutey Ranch - were the subject of a summer educational program between WW and the Bureau of Land Management. This public land is now being managed to prioritize wildlife habitat conservation and attendees learned about innovative biodynamic management.



ADVOCACY & ALES

The Brass Anvil in downtown Carbondale hosted “Advocacy & Ales”, where WW staff and guest speakers shared updates on ongoing projects. Pictured is Ben Katz of the Western Slope Conservation Center, discussing the “Keep the North Fork Fruitful” campaign, a partnership with WW.



Sam Feuerborn, Field Coordinator

Welcome Sam!

We’re excited to have Sam Feuerborn joining us as our Field Coordinator! Sam will be helping us expand our engagement in recreation management issues, including protecting wildlife and wildlands from the impacts of recreation, promoting responsible and enjoyable recreation uses on our public lands, advocating for equitable access to recreation experiences and collaborating with the recreation community. He is also leading our restoration and stewardship program and other field-based events – join him for a Snow Days event this winter! Prior to joining WW, Sam spent 8 years with the Colorado Mountain College teaching as adjunct faculty, managing the Outdoor Studies Program and facilitating on the challenge course, while also guiding seasonally for Aspen Expeditions. He is originally from the Front Range and has an underutilized degree in European History from Fort Lewis College. When not in the office he can be found mountain biking, climbing, skiing in the backcountry, fly fishing and trying to wear out his pup Freya.

Wild, Scenic, and Revered: the Crystal River

Ask someone why they love the Crystal River and you'll get a wide range of answers: anglers, who love the River for its remarkable fishing; parents, who want their children to grow up knowing one of Colorado's last free-flowing rivers; hikers, who venture up the Crystal Valley to take in the extraordinary views; wildlife lovers, who want to preserve the valuable habitat in and along the river; and so many more. Discussions about the best way to protect the Crystal over the years have been wide-ranging too.

2021 has brought locally-driven momentum building for a renewed effort to permanently protect this natural jewel right in our backyard. Wilderness Workshop is working with conservation partners, community members, local governments, and longtime champions for the Crystal River to galvanize support for Wild and Scenic River designation.

Over the years, there have been several community-led attempts at Wild and Scenic River designation, which would protect the river from dams and diversions. Locals might remember in 2012, when American

Rivers deemed the Crystal one of the America's Most Endangered Rivers following proposals for the Placita and Osgood reservoirs, which would have flooded Redstone and the surrounding area. Though the proposals were abandoned, activists decided to pursue designation, with the goal of eliminating the possibility of this type of development in the future. The realities of an ongoing drought, climate change, and increasing demands on Colorado's water provides both a unique opportunity and pressing urgency to efforts to protect the Crystal.

Federal Wild and Scenic River designation can be accomplished through the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. This Act was passed in 1968, during the height of the modern dam-building era, as a way to preserve certain rivers and streams with outstanding natural, heritage, or recreational features in a free-flowing condition for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

Wild and Scenic River designation ultimately requires Congressional action, but it is rooted in community decision-making and input at every step in the process. The Act is inherently flexible and there is not a "standard" designation - each is different because every river and every community is different. You can read more about what designation does and does not do, on page 9.

"The National Wild and Scenic Rivers Systems protects 13,413 miles of 226 rivers in 41 states and Puerto Rico. Colorado only has one Wild and Scenic River: the Cache la Poudre near Fort Collins."



The Crystal River carves one of western Colorado's most scenic valleys; with rugged peaks rising to more than 14,000 feet, wildlife ranging from iconic elk to tiny pine martens, and spectacular fall colors, the Crystal Valley and its river attract tourists and artists from across the US and internationally. As we seek to address the climate and biodiversity crises, conserving wild rivers and the ecosystems they sustain is a crystal-clear win.



In October, Wilderness Workshop hosted “Celebrate the Crystal! A valley-wide celebration of our treasured river” in scenic Marble. Special thanks to Marble Distillery – who supplied a specialty cocktail with a Crystal River twist – and American Rivers’ “Wild Rivers Film Tour”, the evening’s entertainment!



If you would like to learn more about Wild and Scenic River designation for the Crystal and take action to join our cause, visit CrystalWild.org. You can swing by the WW offices to pick up your Crystal Wild and Scenic sticker (just like the logo above) too!

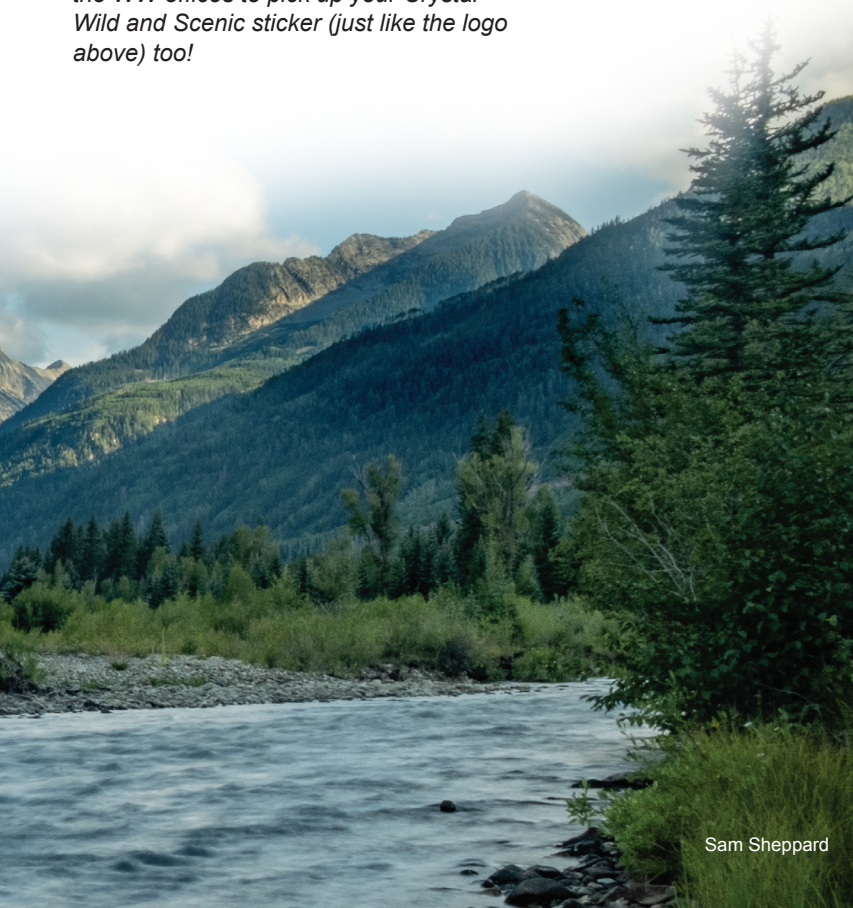
What Wild and Scenic designation means:

Designation DOES:

- Prohibit the construction of new federally-licensed dams and water development projects (like out of basin diversions)
- Ensure water quality is maintained or enhanced
- Authorize federal funds to assist states, local governments, landowners, and individuals in the planning, protection, and management of Wild and Scenic Rivers
- Require the development of a Comprehensive River Management Plan, with community input and review, to guide management along designated rivers

Designation DOES NOT:

- Have any effect on existing water rights
- Affect existing irrigation systems and other water development facilities
- Restrict development on private lands within the river corridor or give the federal government any authority over private lands
- Transfer any private land to the federal government



Defiende Nuestra Tierra (Defend our Land) Transitions



Beatriz Soto

Thank You and Goodbye Beatriz

This summer, Beatriz Soto, the first director of Wilderness Workshop's Defiende Nuestra Tierra program, accepted a new job. During her three years with WW, she built an amazing program, engaging our Latinx community in public land conservation, advocacy, and management. Beatriz was (and still is!) a fierce advocate for ensuring Latino and Latinas voices are heard and priorities are included in the work to protect our public lands, waters, and climate. She introduced countless people to public lands and began the important work of understanding and breaking down barriers to the use, enjoyment, and engagement with those lands. While we were very sad to see her go we're so excited for Beatriz who now leads Protégete, a program that advocates for equitable access to a healthy environment at Conservation Colorado. The Defiende and Protégete programs have been long-time partners, and we're thrilled to work even closer together!

Welcome Omar!

Omar Sarabia joined as the new Defiende Nuestra Tierra Director in November 2021 and comes with a diverse background in environmental issues and a deep passion for engaging his community. Born in California, he grew up in Chihuahua, Mexico and graduated from Autonomous University of Chihuahua, before leading a program to protect groundwater and combat and eradicate illegal water wells. In January 2015, he came to the Roaring Fork Valley and like so many others, fell in love with area; his initial plan to stay for 6 months has now become 6 years. With his wife and two children, Omar enjoys everything from hikes in the mountains to Carnes Asadas on the lake, but is perhaps most happy when snowboarding.



Omar Sarabia



Stay in Touch with the Defiende Program!

You can find Defiende on:



Defiende Nuestra Tierra



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search "Defiende Nuestra Tierra"

We upgraded our database!

We recently upgraded our database, which might not seem like big news but it is! Our database is a critical part of Wilderness Workshop's day-to-day operations that you probably don't hear much about. We use it to create the advocacy actions you take, to register people for events, to send emails, and to process donations from you, our wonderful members. It touches every part of our work and is used by every staff member. If you're on our email list, you've hopefully already started to see changes.

- If you would like to adjust your email preferences (including which email lists you're a member of), you can scroll to the bottom of any email you receive from us and click "Manage Your Preferences"; if you have any issues, please reach out to info@wildernessworkshop.org.
- If you aren't getting emails from us, but would like to, you can either join on our website – www.wildernessworkshop.org, just scroll down until you see a "Sign up for Email Updates" banner - or by emailing info@wildernessworkshop.org. Emails are the easiest way for us to stay in touch with you and for you to take action to protect public lands, join, upcoming events, and more!

And finally...we're reviving our Textavist (Text Activist) program! You can join by texting "WILDERNESS" to 844-922-3977. We'll text occasionally with updates on upcoming events and public lands issues. You can always opt-out of this program.



Días de Nieve

con WILDERNESS WORKSHOP

Únete a nosotros este invierno

Todos los eventos son gratuitos y abiertos al público | Se requiere registro

DOMINGO 5 DE DICIEMBRE - BILINGÜE Posada y tala de árboles de Navidad

Inicio del sendero Babbish Gulch, Glenwood Springs
¡Comencemos una bonita tradición familiar de encontrar y cortar su propio árbol de Navidad en un Bosque Nacional! Tendremos permisos para árboles GRATIS.

SÁBADO 18 DE DICIEMBRE Abogacía y Ales

Sunlight Mountain Resort, Glenwood Springs
¡Advocacy & Ales está de vuelta con un toque invernal! Visítanos después de un día en las pistas y disfruta de una bebida mientras aprendes formas de participar en nuestro trabajo para proteger las tierras púb.

DOMINGO 9 DE ENERO - BILINGÜE Caminata con raquetas de nieve de Crystal River

Daniels Hill, cerca de Marble
Únase a nosotros para pasear con raquetas de nieve a lo largo del río North Fork del Crystal y aprenda sobre la designación propuesta por Wild and Scenic River a lo largo del Crystal.

MIÉRCOLES 12 DE ENERO | JUEVES 13 DE ENERO Noches Naturalistas: Serie de Oradores de invierno

3rd Street Center, Carbondale | Hallam Lake, ACES
"Small Mountain Owls" (Búhos pequeños de la montaña), por Scott Rashid, Instituto de Investigación y Rehabilitación Aviar de Colorado

MIÉRCOLES 26 DE ENERO | JUEVES 27 DE ENERO Noches Naturalistas: Serie de Oradores de invierno

3rd Street Center, Carbondale | Hallam Lake, ACES
"Carbono en el suelo de los agroecosistemas en Colorado: práctica y expectativas", por el Dr. Courland Kelly, Universidad Estatal de Colorado



Se pueden agregar eventos adicionales.
¡Escanee este código QR para obtener el calendario más reciente o para registrarse en cualquiera de estos eventos!

Se implementarán los protocolos COVID-19 para que nuestros eventos prioricen la seguridad de todos.

Únase a nosotros el próximo año

MIÉRCOLES 9 DE FEBRERO | JUEVES 10 DE FEBRERO Noches Naturalistas: Serie de Oradores de invierno

3rd Street Center, Carbondale | Hallam Lake, ACES
Orador por ser anunciado.
Visite WilderWorkshop.org/events para más información.

DOMINGO 20 DE FEBRERO - BILINGÜE Caminata y charla sobre la vida silvestre

Área de vida silvestre del estado en Garfield Creek, cerca de New Castle
Aprenda sobre la importancia del hábitat estacional y, con un poco de suerte, podremos observar a los animales invernantes desde lejos. ¡Este es un evento bilingüe para todas las edades!

MIÉRCOLES 23 DE FEBRERO | JUEVES 24 DE FEBRERO Noches Naturalistas: Serie de Oradores de invierno

3rd Street Center, Carbondale | Hallam Lake, ACES
"Uso de cabras para la restauración del hábitat en tierras públicas" por Hilary Boyd, Oficina de Gestión de Tierras (BLM)

MIÉRCOLES 9 DE MARZO | JUEVES 10 DE MARZO Noches Naturalistas: Serie de Oradores de invierno

3rd Street Center, Carbondale | Hallam Lake, ACES
"Tres mil millones de aves" de Arvind Panjabi, Conservación de aves de las Rocosas (Bird Conservancy of the Rockies)

DOMINGO 13 DE MARZO Homestake Valley Snowshoe

Campamento Blodgett, cerca de Red Cliff
Únase a nosotros para pasear con raquetas de nieve a lo largo de Homestake Creek y aprenda sobre los esfuerzos para proteger Homestake Valley de futuros esfuerzos de construcción de represas

SÁBADO 26 DE MARZO Abogacía y Ales

Estación de esquí Highlands, Aspen
¡Advocacy & Ales está de vuelta con un toque invernal! Visítanos después de un día en las pistas y disfruta de una bebida mientras aprendes formas de participar en nuestro trabajo para proteger las tierras públicas.



Defiende Nuestra Tierra (Defend our Land) transición:



Beatriz Soto

¡Hasta pronto Beatriz!

Este verano, Beatriz Soto, la primera directora de nuestro programa Defiende Nuestra Tierra, aceptó un nuevo cargo. Durante sus tres años con Wilderness Workshop, construyó una base impresionante sobre la cual debemos continuar el trabajo crítico de involucrar a nuestra comunidad latina en temas acerca de la conservación y gestión de tierras públicas. Beatriz creó amplias conexiones y relaciones con líderes, organizaciones y miembros de la comunidad de latinos y latinas de Roaring Fork y Colorado River Valley. Ella presentó e introdujo a innumerables personas a las tierras públicas y comenzó el importante trabajo de comprender y derribar las barreras para el uso, goce y compromiso con esas tierras. Beatriz ahora dirige Protégete en la organización de Conservation Colorado, un programa que aboga por el acceso equitativo a un medio ambiente saludable. Los programas Defiende y Protégete han sido socios desde hace mucho tiempo, ¡y estamos emocionados de trabajar aún más juntos!

¡Bienvenido Omar!

Omar Sarabia se unió como el nuevo Director de Defiende Nuestra Tierra en noviembre de 2021 y viene con una experiencia diversa en temas ambientales y una profunda pasión por involucrar a su comunidad. Nacido en California, criado en Chihuahua, México; graduado de la Universidad Autónoma de Chihuahua, como Ingeniero en Desarrollo Territorial, antes de liderar un programa para proteger las aguas subterráneas y combatir y erradicar los pozos de agua ilegales a lo largo del estado. En enero de 2015, llegó al valle de Roaring Fork y, como tantos otros, se enamoró de la zona; su plan inicial de quedarse 6 meses ahora se ha convertido en 6 años. Con su esposa y dos hijos, Omar disfruta de todo, desde caminatas en las montañas hasta Carnes Asadas en el lago, pero quizás es más feliz cuando practica snowboard.



Omar Sarabia

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Manifestaciones comunitarias en apoyo al Valle de Homestake

"¡No a las nuevas represas!"

"¡Los pantanos son nuestros amigos!"

"¡Salvemos el desierto de Holy Cross!"

Si usted estuvo en el hermoso Red Cliff, la mañana del sábado 7 de agosto, probablemente escuchó a la directora de organización comunitaria de Wilderness Workshop, Erin Riccio, antes de verla. Rebosante de energía y armada con un megáfono, lideraba cánticos de llamada y respuesta como parte del "Salvemos el rally Homestake Valley".

Después de una sesión informativa y creación de carteles en el restaurante, Mango's Mountain Grill, los manifestantes marcharon a través de la zona residencial de Red Cliff, y pasaron por debajo de su icónico Puente Verde, a lo largo de Homestake Creek y hasta la autopista 24. Acompañados por miembros de la comunidad y saludando desde los porches de sus casas, autos tocando la bocina en apoyo y muchos carteles en apoyo a la causa (¡y sombreros!) fueron puestos en exhibición; el día fue festivo y lleno de diversión, pero a su vez tuvo un tema serio: Prepararse para una gran lucha contra una nueva presa y embalse en el Valle de Homestake.

El mes de Marzo llegó con noticias inquietantes cuando el Servicio forestal Nacional de White River aprobó la perforación de pozos de prueba en el valle de Homestake, este podría ser el primer paso hacia la construcción de una nueva presa y un embalse que podría destruir los humedales de pantanos raros y además de un lugar de recreación que es muy querido, e incluso amenaza con inundar partes del valle de la Santa Cruz. Es más, esta propuesta es para enviar

más agua occidental al Front Range. Las ciudades de Aurora y Colorado Springs, han trabajado juntas como una entidad llamada Homestake Partners y están decididas a exprimir hasta la última gota de nuestros ríos en lugar de priorizar la conservación del agua y otras medidas que sostendrían los recursos hídricos y la salud del ecosistema en un futuro cada vez más seco.

En respuesta a la perforación de prueba, la comunidad local y los habitantes de Colorado de todo el estado dejaron en claro su feroz oposición a todo este asunto de la presa. Debido a nuestras preocupaciones sobre los impactos ecológicos negativos de la presa y a la voz de la comunidad, pasamos el verano construyendo y organizando a la oposición de la comunidad y a la propuesta, para asegurarnos de que todos los que sienten un profundo amor por Homestake Valley puedan alzar su voz. También ayudamos a construir una coalición de grupos conservacionistas para luchar contra esta propuesta equivocada y en los últimos meses hemos visto una oleada de eventos comunitarios, defensa legal, eventos educativos en persona y en línea, y también una amplia cobertura de los medios de comunicación.

Es emocionante ver a las diversas experiencias de la gran cantidad de personas que están comprometidas a luchar contra la posible presa y embalse: familias multigeneracionales que conocen el Valle como la palma de su mano, propietarios de pequeñas empresas que dependen de una economía de recreación al aire libre del área, y destacados funcionarios electos como el senador estatal Kerry



Miembros de la comunidad protestando en el "Rally Save the Homestake Valley."

Donovan. Este grupo cada vez mayor de seguidores ha dejado en claro la lucha cuesta arriba que Homestake Partners enfrentará con este impopular proyecto, pero eso no significa que podamos estar tranquilos. Rechazar un proyecto de este calibre, es una batalla increíblemente difícil de ganar.

En el momento de la publicación, no se ha presentado una propuesta formal de presa y embalse al Servicio Forestal, y no está muy claro cuándo ocurrirá esto, lo que significa que es aún más crítico para los defensores mantener la presión y luchar contra esta idea miope en cada paso. Wilderness Workshop continuará trabajando con la comunidad local para detener este proyecto y proteger Homestake Valley para las generaciones futuras; también participaremos en investigaciones legales, seguiremos participando con agencias federales y colaboraremos con la coalición. Si aún no lo ha hecho, agregue su nombre a nuestra petición "No nuevas represas en el valle de Homestake" en WildernessWorkshop.org/SaveHomestakeValley; o comuníquese con Erin Riccio, erin@wildernessworkshop.org si desea participar u obtener más información.



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Resoluciones de Año Nuevo para la Administración Biden-Harris

Para muchos de nosotros, un año nuevo y sus propósitos, sirven como un punto natural para reflexionar sobre los éxitos y los nuevos desafíos, al mismo tiempo que miramos hacia las próximas oportunidades. A medida que la Administración Biden-Harris se acerca a un año en el cargo, hay muchas cosas sobre las que reflexionar alegremente: la justicia ambiental y el cambio climático son prioridades declaradas, los monumentos nacionales han sido restaurados, la Oficina de Administración de Tierras (BLM) tuvo su primera nominación para un nuevo Director de esta oficina, confirmada por el Senado en más de 4.5 años o más.

Si bien, la Administración ha tomado muchas decisiones que nos entusiasman bastante, todavía nos queda un largo camino por recorrer, ¡y el tiempo corre! Con el espíritu de dar, hemos elaborado algunas resoluciones de año nuevo para facilitar las cosas a la administración este próximo año. Ahora que hemos hecho el trabajo de hacer una lista, ¡comencemos de inmediato en 2022!



1. Reformar el programa federal de gas y petróleo

Sabemos desde hace mucho tiempo que el programa federal de arrendamiento de tierras para la extracción de petróleo y gas es anticuado, no funciona y requiere una reforma integral. La Administración Biden-Harris ha identificado "deficiencias significativas en los programas federales de petróleo y gas", incluido que "da cuenta de manera inadecuada de los daños ambientales a las tierras, las aguas y otros recursos", entre otras fallas importantes. Necesitamos poner fin al arrendamiento de petróleo y gas en nuestras tierras públicas para proteger nuestro clima, tierras silvestres, vida silvestre y agua. Y necesitamos reformas críticas sobre cómo se administran los arrendamientos existentes, para evitar que la industria del petróleo y el gas abuse de las lagunas y mantenga al público en la oscuridad.

2. Designar nuevas áreas de estudio de áreas silvestres (WSA)

Las áreas de estudio de áreas silvestres son lugares en nuestras tierras públicas que el BLM ha determinado que tienen el potencial de convertirse en áreas silvestres designadas. La agencia los gestiona para proteger sus características silvestres, lo que hace que la designación de la WSA sea una herramienta administrativa importante para cumplir con la meta 30x30 de nuestra nación. La Oficina de Administración de Tierras (BLM) no ha designado ninguna nueva WSA desde 2003, y esta oportunidad perdida crece día a día. ¡Pongamos la designación de la WSA a trabajar para proteger millones de acres de tierras silvestres BLM aquí en Colorado!



3. Termina la saga de Berlaimont Estates



Termina la saga de Berlaimont Estates. Durante más de una década, los miembros de la comunidad y WW han luchado contra la propuesta tremendamente impopular de construir una carretera a través de un importante hábitat para la vida silvestre en el bosque nacional Río Blanco (White River National Forest). La Declaración definitiva de impacto ambiental se publicó en julio de 2021; la agencia está preparada para adoptar una decisión que incluiría un camino de acceso durante todo el año y pavimentar tierras públicas silvestres. En agosto, los representantes electos de Colorado instaron al Servicio Forestal a reconsiderar esa decisión y el proyecto permanece en el limbo. Es hora de que el Servicio Forestal rechace esta propuesta y ponga fin a esta larga saga.

4. Revisar el Plan Forestal GMUG para reflejar las prioridades de la Administración



El Servicio Forestal publicó un borrador del Plan Forestal para el Bosque Nacional Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre y Gunnison (GMUG), que incluye los bosques silvestres sin caminos del Valle de North Fork. Para nuestra consternación, el borrador del Plan Forestal no protege las tierras con calidad de vida silvestre que recomendamos para un manejo especial, prioriza la tala sobre la conservación en gran medida y pone en riesgo el valioso hábitat de la vida silvestre y sus recursos hídricos. ¡No es demasiado tarde para arreglar este plan y sincronizarlo con las prioridades de la Administración Biden-Harris!

5. Desarrollar nuevos planes para la industria de gas y petróleo para el oeste de Colorado, para la Oficina que protejan las tierras silvestres y nuestro clima

Gracias a nuestros éxitos legales, se requiere que la Oficina de Administración de Tierras (BLM) comience un nuevo esfuerzo de planificación de petróleo y gas para 2 millones de acres de tierras públicas en el oeste de Colorado. Esta es una valiosa oportunidad para nosotros de cerrar grandes cantidades de tierra a nuevos arrendamientos de petróleo y gas, incluidos cientos de miles de acres de tierras de calidad silvestre, hábitat de vida silvestre invernal y áreas recreativas. Necesitamos comenzar de inmediato.



Haremos que la Administración de Biden-Harris sea responsable de estos proyectos, y muchos otros, en 2022. ¡Asegúrese de estar en nuestra lista de correo electrónico para recibir nuestras alertas de acción y ayudarnos a avanzar en estos importantes objetivos!



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