



# Wild Works

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Above: Soldiers at Camp Hale, 1943-1945. Image courtesy of the Colorado Snowsports Museum and Hall of Fame.  
Below: President Biden talking with Veterans after signing the Camp Hale National Monument Proclamation.



## President Biden Takes Action for Camp Hale and the Thompson Divide!

Colorado has a new national monument and the process has begun to protect 225,000 acres of the Thompson Divide for 20 years! It still feels a bit surreal to write that sentence, but the Wilderness Workshop team is proud to report **two landscapes we have been working to protect for over a decade achieved major victories after President Biden used his executive authority this fall!**

For many years we've worked on various pieces of federal legislation that would protect lands throughout the White River National Forest, including the Thompson Divide and lands along the Continental Divide. Since 2019, our efforts have focused on advocating for passage of the Colorado Outdoor Recreation & Economy (CORE) Act, which would protect these special places as part of a 400,000-acre public lands bill that includes new wilderness, mineral withdrawals, and other designations.

Despite bipartisan support and passing the House of Representatives 5 times, this bill has struggled to find a path forward in an evenly divided Senate. In August, the

CORE Act's champions - Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper, Representative Neguse, and Governor Polis - sent a letter calling on the Biden Administration to use executive action to advance needed protections for some areas included in the bill.

Of particular interest to WW, the letter called on President Biden to use his authority under the Antiquities Act to designate Camp Hale and the Tenmile Range as the Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument. *"The history of this area, including the role that it played in preparing the 10th Mountain Division for some of the most difficult moments of World War II, makes it the ideal candidate for a national monument designation."* Additionally, the letter called for the protection of the Thompson Divide through a Federal Lands Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) mineral withdrawal.

In response, Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack joined CORE Act champions on a visit to Camp Hale, expressing his support for executive action. Momentum continued to build in the following weeks with countless letters to

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## Presidential Action *(from previous page)*

the editor, opinion columns, formal letters to the administration, and a community celebration at the Colorado Snowsports Museum and Hall of Fame in Vail where 100-year-old 10th Mountain Division Veteran Francis Lovett delivered the perfect closing line “President Biden, pay attention, pick up your pen and sign!”

President Biden clearly heard Francis and the incredible chorus of other community members. On October 12 he traveled to Camp Hale to designate the 53,000-acre Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument. He also announced the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and US Forest Service would be moving forward with protections for the Thompson Divide! Just days later, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland began the process to administratively withdraw 225,000 acres of the Thompson Divide from future oil and gas leasing, as well as mining, for a 20-year period (the maximum allowed under FLMAPA). This began an initial 90-day public comment period; you can learn more about the Thompson Divide Administrative Withdrawal - and how to get involved - on page 3.

It's not an exaggeration to say that WW catalyzed and led the efforts that led to President Biden's announcements - over the last 15 years we've devoted countless hours of staff time and expertise, forged relationships across a diverse cross-section of our community, and helped build the coalitions that lead to the protection of these public lands and waters. These years of advocacy and community organizing laid the

perfect foundation for presidential action.

We're thrilled to see National Monument designation for Camp Hale-Continental Divide, which is a fitting way to honor the legacy of the 10th Mountain Division and gives meaningful protections to wildlife and wildlands in the Tenmile Range. We're also deeply grateful to the BLM and Forest Service for listening to our local communities and taking steps to conserve our wildlife, recreation, and ranching economy with a 20-year mineral withdrawal for the Thompson Divide. This would bring certainty to our community while we continue working for permanent protection - which remains our goal.

**This is a watershed moment for WW and the public lands we work to protect - and that you care so deeply about. A huge thank you to all of you who have joined us over the last decade to advocate for the protection of these special places.** Whether you signed our action alerts, attended a hike or rally, talked with friends and family, or joined us at the endless public meetings - you made these actions possible!



*The Elk Mountains rising about the Thompson Divide. Photo courtesy Jon Mullen/ECOSTOCK.*

## Land Acknowledgment

The lands and waters that Wilderness Workshop seeks to protect are the ancestral homelands of the Nuche (Ute) people. Since time immemorial, Nuche people have been the longest-serving stewards of the landscapes that now make up Western Colorado. In the early 1880s, the US government broke its treaties and agreements with the Nuche, forcibly and violently removing them from their homelands and onto reservations. Euro-Americans colonized the homelands of the Nuche and began to exploit the landscape for short-term gain, leaving scars and a colonial legacy that remains today.

WW recognizes this long and violent history of removal and erasure of Nuche history and culture, which continues to this day. It is important that our modern-day advocacy for conservation and public lands does not perpetuate this cycle and as an organization we have not acknowledged this history with the urgency or attention it deserves. We are taking steps to right this wrong moving forward.

# What you need to know about a Thompson Divide Administrative Mineral Withdrawal

## **What is an administrative mineral withdrawal?**

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) authorizes the Department of the Interior (DOI) to close public lands to oil and gas leasing, as well as mining and other activities, by implementing a 20-year administrative mineral withdrawal. It's the strongest form of protection from mineral development the administration can provide, but it's not permanent (see below) and doesn't cancel existing leases.

## **What is the process to achieve a withdrawal?**

A withdrawal requires analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and vocal public support and participation is a critical element! This process - which started on Monday, October 17 - begins with a public notice and comment period (including a public meeting), followed by an additional formal NEPA environmental analysis and public comment. It will likely take more than a year to complete.

## **Does this mean the Thompson Divide is saved?**

Not yet! Our community has united around permanent protection for this beloved landscape. While an administrative mineral withdrawal would provide important interim protections for the next 20 years, we'll keep fighting for a permanent legislative mineral withdrawal. Additionally, the Thompson Divide still contains existing oil and gas leases that could be developed. WW and our partners are working to ensure these leases remain undeveloped and are cleared from the books.

## **LEGAL UPDATE**

### **Victory for the North Fork Valley!**

Just over McClure Pass from Carbondale, the North Fork Valley is lauded as Colorado's farm-to-table capital, known for family farms and organic wineries framed by the spectacular West Elk mountains. As a result of political interference by the Trump administration, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)'s resource management plan for this spectacular place opened 95% of our public lands to oil and gas leasing, including the entire North Fork Valley, and completely failed to protect wilderness-quality lands, wildlife habitat, and water resources. In 2020, we sued to achieve a better outcome for the people, land, and wildlife of the North Fork and this fall BLM agreed to settle that suit.

**Thanks to our settlement, the North Fork - and public lands across the broader Uncompahgre region - will have another chance to get the protections they deserve.** As the BLM drafts another plan, our settlement guarantees the agency will consider additional protections for wildlife habitat, lands with wilderness characteristics, and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern. We're grateful to our partners at the Western Slope Conservation Center, The Wilderness Society, and Advocates for the West, who helped make this important victory possible.



## **PLEASE SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE THOMPSON DIVIDE!**

**Wednesday, December 14 - 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

Community Hall at the Third Street Center  
520 South Third St., Carbondale, CO 81623

Gather with fellow supporters in advance of the public meeting about the proposed Withdrawal! We'll make signs and buttons and write supportive comments before heading to the public meeting to show our community remains "Unified for the Thompson Divide."

For more information, scan the QR Code visit [wildernessworkshop.org/events](http://wildernessworkshop.org/events), or email [erin@wildernessworkshop.org](mailto:erin@wildernessworkshop.org) to learn about other ways to participate.



the North fork grows

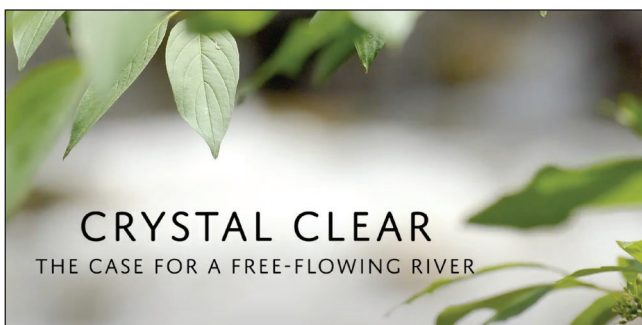
# Community, Advocacy, and Stewardship!

## Highlights from a wonderful summer

Our work to protect public lands and waters comes in many forms and this summer was no exception. Whether we were hosting local events or taking people to wild places, common themes of community, advocacy, and stewardship could be found time and time again. It's tough to capture the entire energy and enthusiasm of the summer, but here's a snapshot:

### 2022 COMMUNITY PARTY Sopris Park, Carbondale

Our 2022 Community Party - an annual event to share our work and celebrate with our community - was our largest yet! In addition to plenty of information and advocacy opportunities for our major campaigns, we had plenty of fun. Whether it was throwing darts at leases that should be expired in the Thompson Divide, participating in kid-friendly activities, enjoying local beer, or listening to live music, we had something for everyone. A special thank you to college student and local Carbondale artist Jade Meyer for our Community Party artwork!



### CRYSTAL RIVER ADVOCACY ON THE WATER AND ON SCREEN

This summer, our work to protect the Crystal River included getting staff from Senator Bennet and Hickenlooper's offices out on the river to both showcase the River and discuss community support for protections! Campaign Manager Michael Gorman was joined by long-time Crystal Wild & Scenic advocate Chuck Downey.

Additionally, we worked with our partner EcoFlight to produce and debut a new short film - *Crystal Clear: The Case for a Free-flowing River* - as part of the (sold out!) Wild Rivers Film Tour stop in Carbondale! Look for clips from the film on our social media; we'll be sharing the full film online in the future.

### AN AWARD-WINNING FLOAT AT POTATO DAY!

Leading up to the October announcement about the proposed Thompson Divide Mineral Withdrawal (see page 3) WW brought home first place in Carbondale's annual Potato Day Parade, with a float that included Abe Lincoln (tying into the 100th Anniversary of the Lincoln Memorial theme) and a revival of our "Unified for Thompson Divide" signage and banners. Thanks to all who joined us by marching or cheering from the sidewalks as we went by!



### GIVING BACK ON THE ROAN PLATEAU

Early June found the WW Staff atop the Roan Plateau, pulling barbed wire, removing trash, and improving wildlife habitat! Known as one of the most biologically rich places in Colorado, the Roan is located north of Rifle and is a landscape WW has a long and successful history working to protect from oil and gas development - making it the perfect location for a staff retreat and a chance to earn some sweat equity giving back to our public lands. WW, working closely with the Bureau of Land Management and Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, also hosted a well-attended restoration weekend for the public as part of our summer events series.

### WILD FEAST BENEFIT with Guest Speaker Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk

Held outdoors in the beautiful courtyard of the St. Regis Aspen Resort, WW's annual Wild Feast benefit welcomed Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk as our guest speaker. Born and raised in southwestern Colorado and residing on the Ute Mountain Ute reservation, Regina is a former co-chair for the Bears Ears Inter-tribal Coalition and was appointed to serve on the Bears Ears National Monument Management Advisory Committee. She spoke on the importance of community building and incorporating diverse perspectives when making policy decisions. We are grateful for our Wild Feast supporters who helped us raise almost \$150,000 in critical funding, ensuring WW can continue to protect public lands, build an equitable environmental movement, and help stop the climate crisis.



# An opportunity to protect 1.5 million acres of Colorado's public lands

## *New plans will require a hard look at climate impacts*

**Western Colorado has warmed more than 2°C – double the global average! – earning troubling recognition as a “climate hotspot.”**

This summer, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) started a new planning process for 1.5 million acres of public lands in western Colorado, spanning the Colorado River Valley and Grand Junction Field Offices. The BLM finalized resource management plans for this region in 2015, adopting heavily imbalanced plans that opened 80% of our public lands to oil and gas leasing and development. We challenged those plans in court and as a result of our legal challenges, the BLM is now revisiting oil and gas management for the region, and developing a new plan for western Colorado's public lands that will determine where and how oil and gas leasing and development can occur for the next 20 years or more.

This region contains some of our state's most spectacular landscapes, such as the Dolores River, Grand Hogback, Bangs Canyon, and the Upper Colorado and Roaring Fork Valleys. Coloradans value these landscapes for their wilderness qualities, backcountry recreation opportunities, wildlife habitat, water resources, cultural significance, and famed scenery. In addition to these

important on-the-ground resources being threatened by oil and gas leasing, fossil fuel development on public lands is a major driver of climate change that is impacting our human and natural communities. Western Colorado has warmed more than 2°C - double the global average! - earning troubling recognition as a “climate hotspot.”

Our legal work and advocacy means the BLM will now take a hard look at the climate impacts of oil and gas drilling and make decisions to minimize and mitigate those impacts, while at the same time putting important protections in place for public lands. We're advocating for the BLM to incorporate key conservation priorities into the new management plans, such as:

- Enact durable protections for wilderness-quality lands that benefit wildlife habitat, recreation, and climate resilience. The BLM should increase the amount of land protected to offset existing oil and gas development and designate new Wilderness Study Areas for our wildest public lands.

- Align oil and gas decisions with the best available climate science and our nation's commitment to the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit on global temperature rise. The science is clear that meeting this goal requires governments to immediately halt approval of new fossil fuel production.
- Protect water resources from oil and gas development. WW worked with hydrology experts who identified groundwater resources and potential pathways for contamination of those aquifers during oil and gas development. The BLM must use this scientific data to put protections in place for our water sources.
- Implement innovative planning decisions to support local economies transitioning away from extractive industries.

We rallied our members and submitted extensive comments over the summer. BLM expects to release a draft management plan for public review and comment in summer 2023, and we'll be calling on you to help us get the strongest protections possible!

*Lumsden Canyon, looking towards Palisade, is a landscape we're working to protect in the new management plans being developed.*



# Inventorying and Documenting Public Lands

Wilderness Workshop's early days are filled with stories of our three founders - Dottie, Connie, and Joy - spending time not in stuffy meeting rooms or the halls of Congress (thought they would do this too!) but out on public lands. These three women and an entourage of volunteers spent a tremendous amount of time inventorying and documenting public lands in the White River National Forest, determining what areas were eligible for wilderness, and then literally going back to their kitchen tables and drawing maps that many of us would recognize today!

**Ensuring we know our wild public lands inside and out remains core to the WW mission and is part of what makes us a powerful and effective advocacy organization.** Our team gets into the field to inventory undeveloped public lands, document their wilderness values, and share our data with land management agencies so they know where wilderness-quality lands exist and can take that information into account when making planning and project-level decisions.

For example, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has a special term for public lands that meet the wilderness definition set forth in The Wilderness Act - the agency calls them "lands with wilderness characteristics." Identifying and protecting lands with wilderness characteristics is a key component of multiple-use and sustained yield management and the BLM is required to keep a current inventory of these lands and to consider protecting those areas from threats such as oil and gas development.

WW ensures the BLM acknowledges these lands with wilderness characteristics when making decisions. We have a long history of conducting field inventories for lands with wilderness characteristics across Western Colorado and sharing our data with the BLM, including new wilderness-quality lands we inventoried for the first time this summer! We'll be advocating for the BLM to recognize and protect these areas in the new planning process described on page 6.

While the BLM is required to *consider* lands with wilderness characteristics when making decisions about managing our public lands, the agency is not *required* to protect all - or even any - of these lands for their wilderness values. That's why our advocacy for these wildlands is critical: the BLM needs to hear from the public about the wild places we enjoy and value, and that we want to keep them wild for good. The model set by Dottie, Connie, and Joy in 1967 - of deeply knowing a place and fighting to permanently protect it, for as long as it takes - remains not only an effective strategy, but also an inspiration to us today.



*Top to bottom: Bangs Canyon, outside of Grand Junction, is a popular spot for locals. Soren Jespersen and Will Roush - as junior staffers in 2013 - surveying lands with wilderness characteristics. Deep Creek, one of many spectacular places on our local BLM lands that qualify as "Lands with Wilderness Characteristics."*

Jon Mullen/ECOSTOCK

# Snow Days with WILDERNESS WORKSHOP

## Join us this Winter!

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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 - BILINGUAL**

### Posada & Christmas Tree Cutting

*Babbish Gulch Trailhead, outside of Glenwood Springs*

Begin or build on a family tradition of finding and cutting your own Christmas tree from our local National Forest! We will have FREE tree permits, food, drink, and Smokey Bear!

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 | THURSDAY, JANUARY 12**

### Naturalist Night Winter Speaker Series

*3rd Street Center, Carbondale | ACES Hallam Lake, Aspen*

"Birds of Aspen and the Roaring Fork Valley" by Rebecca Weiss & Mark Fuller, authors of a new edition of the book of the same name.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 - BILINGUAL**

### McClure Pass Snowshoe

*Atop McClure Pass, departing from the 3rd Street Center, Carbondale*

During this snowshoe, we'll head into the Thompson Divide to learn about its importance to wildlife, water, and our region's economy, as well as ways to help protect it!

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 | THURSDAY, JANUARY 26**

### Naturalist Night Winter Speaker Series

*3rd Street Center, Carbondale | ACES Hallam Lake, Aspen*

"Health Implications of Developing Oil and Gas in Residential Areas" by Lisa McKenzie, Associate Professor at the Colorado School of Public Health.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 | THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

### Naturalist Night Winter Speaker Series

*3rd Street Center, Carbondale | ACES Hallam Lake, Aspen*

"The Science of Coexisting with Black Bears in Colorado" by Stewart Breck, Research Wildlife Biologist at the USDA's National Wildlife Research Center.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 | THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

### Naturalist Night Winter Speaker Series

*3rd Street Center, Carbondale | ACES Hallam Lake, Aspen*

"The First Ascent: Over Ten Thousand Years of Native American Occupation in the Colorado Mountains" by Jason LaBelle, Director of the Center for Mountains and Plains Archaeology and Associate Professor at Colorado State University.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - BILINGUAL**

### Wildlife Walk and Talk

*Garfield Creek State Wildlife Area, near New Castle*

Learn about the importance of seasonal habitat connectivity and with some luck, watch wintering animals from afar! This bilingual, all-ages event is a partnership with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the Bureau of Land Management.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 | THURSDAY, MARCH 9**

### Naturalist Night Winter Speaker Series

*3rd Street Center, Carbondale | ACES Hallam Lake, Aspen*

"Ancient Wetlands: Their Essential Value and Threats in our Warming World" by Delia Malone, Ecologist with the Colorado Natural Heritage Program.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11**

### Homestake Snowshoe

*Blodgett Campground, near Red Cliff*

We'll be snowshoeing along Homestake Creek to learn about ongoing efforts to protect the Homestake Valley from future dam-building efforts.



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

## 2023 NATURALIST NIGHTS!

For Naturalist Nights - our longtime collaboration with the Aspen Center for Environmental Studies (ACES) and Roaring Fork Audubon - you can join us in-person at 6:00 p.m. at the Third Street Center in Carbondale on Wednesdays or at ACES Hallam Lake facility on Thursday evenings! Presentations will also be available virtually through Facebook, Grassroots TV, and other local media outlets. Check [wildernessworkshop.org/events](https://wildernessworkshop.org/events) for details.

Media Partners for Naturalist Nights series include:





# Bioblitz! Homestake Community Science Project highlights biodiversity in an irreplaceable valley

On the eastern edge of the Holy Cross Wilderness near Red Cliff lies the Homestake Valley, home to a diversity of plant and animal life and an abundance of recreation opportunities. The Valley is also home to a special kind of wetlands, known as fens. These nutrient-rich wetlands take around 10,000 years to develop, support plant and animal communities, and act as a natural cold water storage system. As we've shared in past issues of *Wild Works*, Wilderness Workshop has been working to stop a proposed dam and reservoir that would destroy these valuable fen ecosystems and inundate parts of the Holy Cross Wilderness.

In August, WW initiated a community science project to document the biodiversity of the Homestake Valley and gather scientific data that shows just how special this area is. We partnered with Eagle River Watershed Council, Rocky Mountain Wild, Walking Mountains Science Center, Colorado Natural Heritage Program (CNHP), Sierra Club, and Audubon

Society to lead over 30 volunteers into the wetlands for a bioblitz to identify as many plant and animal species as possible. Expert botanists and ecologists helped participants understand more about the intricate wetland ecosystem and assisted with identifying different species.

After spending the day in the field, participants used the iNaturalist app to log their observations into a global research database; observations are then verified by naturalists and become research-grade data. **As of publication, we've logged nearly 300 observations and identified 90 species!**

These community observations will help us document what's at stake in the Homestake Valley and make us all stronger advocates for protecting this extraordinary place now and into the future. To learn the latest in our work to Save the Homestake Valley, and to join future community science projects, visit [wildernessworkshop.org/homestake-valley](http://wildernessworkshop.org/homestake-valley)

**"Fen soils are typically nutrient-rich so we have a huge amount of diversity in plant life. When we have more diverse plant communities, we have more diverse animal communities. A basic tenant of conservation biology is that diversity enhances stability - ecological, dynamic stability."**

—**DELIA MALONE**, Sierra Club volunteer & Ecologist with CNHP at the Homestake Community Science Project.



Below: Logging plant observations in the field. Right, top: Ecologist Delia Malone explaining the important of fens. Right, bottom: Bioblitz participant Nancy Tashman identified the Rocky Mountain Fringed Gentian (*Gentianopsis thermalis*), which is often found in wet meadows, fens, and along streams.



## JOIN IN THE FUN!

This Community Science Project is ongoing, and anyone can contribute by using the iNaturalist app to photograph plants, insects, or animals in the Homestake Valley. There's no need to be an expert ecologist or know a specific species - just upload quality photos and the iNaturalist community will help identify your observation. Search for the "Homestake Valley Bioblitz" project on iNaturalist to learn more and participate.



# Latino Conservation Week grows in 2022!

*Thank you Defiende Nuestra Tierra. This was such an amazing event!*

*The event was sensational, thank you very much!!!*

*Thank you, see you next year with more outdoors activities for our community.*

These were just a few of the many social media comments following ¡Celebremos al aire libre!, our local all-day celebration as part of Latino Conservation Week (LCW) 2022! LCW, an annual event and initiative of the Hispanic Access Foundation, was created to support the Latino community getting outdoors. Organizations across the country hold activities to promote conservation efforts and provide an opportunity for Latinos to show their support for permanently protecting our land, water, and air.

Early in 2022, the White River National Forest and the Aspen Institute's Energy and Environment Program asked Wilderness Workshop and Defiende Nuestra Tierra to join them in creating a local, signature event for LCW. The idea for this event stemmed from a conversation series the Institute conducted with community partners to help inform how the White River National Forest Service can expand equity and access on public lands.



## **A special thank you to our local rafting companies!**

Whitewater rafting was the most-requested morning activity and of the nearly 100 participants who rafted a section of the Colorado River in Glenwood Canyon, nearly 90% had never been before. Rafting companies who donated rafts, staff time, and transportation were:

- Defiance Rafting
- Blazing Adventures
- Blue Sky Adventures
- Glenwood Adventure

The Saturday, July 23 event that resulted was a raging success with over 400 people participating throughout the day! On Saturday morning, participants joined a myriad of events outdoors - hiking, fishing, biking, a ranch tour, or whitewater rafting. Two Rivers Park in Glenwood Springs was the hub for the afternoon, which included family activities, advocacy actions, food vendors, lawn games, booths, and live music. Media coverage of the festivities included radio, tv, and print stories from the Roaring Fork Valley to the Front Range.

The success of this event underscores the importance of and our commitment to engaging with the Roaring Fork and Colorado River Valley Latino community on issues related to public lands including access and their protection!



*Left: Whitewater rafting along the Colorado River may have left participants a little wet, but they still had big smiles. Facing page, Left: Community members of all ages relaxing at Two Rivers Park. Top: Aspen Santa Fe Ballet Folklórico was one of several afternoon performances that graced the stage. Bottom: The event also included opportunities for advocacy and the chance to pick up "Unified for Thompson Divide" signs in both English and Spanish.*

*Izquierda: Rafting en aguas Rápidas a lo largo del Río Colorado a los participantes se mojaron un poco, pero aun así tenían una gran sonrisa. Pagina Frontal, Izquierda: Miembros de la comunidad de todas las edades divirtiéndose en el parque Two Rivers. Arriba: El Ballet Folklórico de Aspen Santa Fe fue una de varias actuaciones durante la tarde que engalanaron el escenario. Abajo: El evento también incluyó actividades de abogacía donde se repartieron carteles de "Unidos por el Thompson Divide" en Inglés y Español.*

# ¡La Semana de la Conservación Latina crece en 2022!

*Gracias a Defiende Nuestra Tierra.  
¡Este fue un evento increíble!*

*!El evento estuvo sensacional, muchas gracias!!!*

*Gracias, nos vemos el próximo año con más actividades al aire libre para nuestra comunidad.*

Estos fueron solo algunos de los muchos comentarios en las redes sociales después del evento ¡Celebremos al aire libre!, nuestra celebración local de todo el día como parte de la Semana de la Conservación Latina (LCW, por sus siglas en inglés) del 2022, un evento anual y una iniciativa de Hispanic Access Foundation que se creó para ayudar a la comunidad latina a salir al aire libre. Organizaciones en todo el país realizan actividades para promover esfuerzos de conservación y brindar una oportunidad para que los latinos muestren su apoyo para proteger permanentemente nuestras tierras, agua y aire.

A principios del 2022, el Bosque Nacional White River y el programa de Energía y Medio Ambiente del Instituto Aspen pidieron a Wilderness Workshop

y Defiende Nuestra Tierra que participaran con ellos para crear un evento local exclusivo para LCW. La idea de este evento surgió de una serie de conversaciones que el Instituto Aspen realizó con socios de la comunidad para ayudar a informar cómo el Servicio Forestal Nacional de White River puede expandir la equidad y el acceso a las tierras públicas.

El evento del sábado 23 de julio que se realizó fue un gran éxito con más de 400 personas que participaron todo el día. El sábado por la mañana, los participantes podían inscribirse en eventos al aire libre: caminatas, pesca, ciclismo por el cañón de Glenwood, un recorrido por el rancho o rafting en aguas del río Colorado. Two Rivers Park en Glenwood Springs fue el centro de reunión por la tarde, que incluyó actividades familiares, acciones en defensa al medio ambiente, vendedores de alimentos, juegos en el césped, puestos y música en vivo. La cobertura de los medios de las festividades incluyó historias de radio, televisión e impresas desde el valle de Roaring Fork hasta el Front Range.

El éxito de este evento subraya la importancia y nuestro compromiso de comprometernos con la comunidad latina del valle de Roaring Fork y Colorado River en temas relacionados con las tierras públicas, incluidos el acceso y su protección.

## ¡Un agradecimiento especial a nuestras compañías locales de rafting!

El rafting en aguas rápidas fue la actividad matutina más solicitada y de los casi 100 participantes que hicieron rafting en una sección del río Colorado en el cañón de Glenwood, casi el 90 % nunca lo había hecho antes. Las empresas de rafting que donaron balsas, tiempo de personal y transporte fueron:

- Defiance Rafting
- Blazing Adventures
- Blue Sky Adventures
- Glenwood Adventure



# Días de Nieve

## con WILDERNESS WORKSHOP

## Únete a nosotros este invierno

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

**SÁBADO 3 DE DICIEMBRE DE 10AM - 2PM - BILINGÜE**

### Posada y tala de árboles de Navidad

estacionamiento del sendero Babbish Gulch, en las afueras de Glenwood Springs (Rumbo a Sunlight)

¡Comience o continúe con esta tradición familiar de encontrar y cortar su propio árbol de Navidad de nuestro Bosque Nacional local! ¡Tendremos permisos de árboles, comida (Tamales y Champurrado), bebida y estará la botarga Smokey Bear GRATIS!

**MIÉRCOLES, 11 DE ENERO | JUEVES, 12 DE ENERO**

### Serie de oradores de invierno de Noche Naturalistas

Third Street Center, Carbondale | Lago ACES Hallam, Aspen

"Aves de Aspen y del valle de Roaring Fork" por Rebecca Weiss y Mark Fuller, autores de una nueva edición del libro del mismo nombre.

**SÁBADO, 21 DE ENERO - BILINGÜE**

### Caminata en McClure Pass con Raquetas de Nieve

En lo alto de McClure Pass, con salida desde 3rd Street Center, Carbondale

Durante este recorrido con raquetas de nieve, nos dirigiremos a Thompson Divide para conocer su importancia para la vida silvestre, el agua limpia y la economía de nuestra región, ¡así como las formas de ayudar a protegerla!

**MIÉRCOLES, 25 DE ENERO | JUEVES, 26 DE ENERO**

### Serie de oradores de invierno de Noches Naturalistas

Third Street Center, Carbondale | Lago ACES Hallam, Aspen

"Implicaciones para la salud por desarrollo de Gas y Petróleo en áreas residenciales" por Lisa McKenzie, profesora asociada de la Escuela de Salud Pública de Colorado.

**MIÉRCOLES 8 DE FEBRERO | JUEVES, 9 DE FEBRERO**

### Serie de oradores de invierno de Noches Naturalistas

Third Street Center, Carbondale | Lago ACES Hallam, Aspen

"La ciencia de convivir con los osos negros en Colorado" por Stewart Breck, biólogo investigador de vida silvestre en el Centro Nacional de Investigación de Vida Silvestre del USDA

**MIÉRCOLES 22 DE FEBRERO | JUEVES, 23 DE FEBRERO**

### Serie de oradores de invierno de Noches Naturalistas

Third Street Center, Carbondale | Lago ACES Hallam, Aspen

"El primer ascenso: Más de diez mil años de los Nativos americanos en las montañas de Colorado" por Jason LaBelle, director del Centro de arqueología de montañas y llanuras y profesor asociado de la Universidad Estatal de Colorado.

**SÁBADO 25 DE FEBRERO - BILINGÜE**

### Platicando y Caminando, Caminata y charla acerca de la Vida Silvestre local

Área de vida silvestre estatal de Garfield Creek, cerca de New Castle

Aprenda sobre la importancia de la conectividad estacional del hábitat y, con un poco de suerte, ¡Observe desde lejos a los animales que pasan el invierno! Este evento bilingüe para todas las edades es una asociación con Parques y Vida Silvestre de Colorado y la Oficina de Administración de Tierras.

**MIÉRCOLES 8 DE MARZO | JUEVES, 9 DE MARZO**

### Serie de oradores de invierno de Noches Naturalistas

Third Street Center, Carbondale | Lago ACES Hallam, Aspen

"Humedales Ancestrales: Su Valor Esencial y Amenazas en Nuestro Mundo en Calentamiento" por Delia Malone, Ecologista del Programa de Patrimonio Natural de Colorado.

**SÁBADO, 11 DE MARZO**

### Blodgett Campground, cerca de Red Cliff

Blodgett Campground, cerca de Red Cliff

Caminaremos con raquetas de nieve a lo largo de Homestake Creek para aprender sobre los esfuerzos en curso para proteger el valle de Homestake de futuros esfuerzos de construcción de represas.



Tal vez se pueden agregar algunos eventos adicionales. ¡Escanee este código QR para ver el calendario más reciente o para registrarse en cualquiera de estos eventos!

## 2023 NATURALIST NIGHTS!

Para Naturalist Nights, nuestra colaboración de antaño con el Aspen Center for Environmental Studies (ACES) y Roaring Fork Audubon, usted puede asistir en persona en el Third Street Center en Carbondale los miércoles o en las instalaciones de ACES Hallam Lake los Jueves por la noche. Las presentaciones también estarán disponibles virtualmente a través de Facebook, Grassroots TV y otros medios de comunicación locales. Visite [wildworkshop.org/events](http://wildworkshop.org/events) para obtener más detalles adicionales.

Los socios de medios para la serie Naturalist Nights: incluyen:





## Announcing the Defiende Advisory Board!

As our Defiende Nuestra Tierra (Defend Our Land) program has grown and evolved, we've focused on building deep and authentic relationships with our diverse and varied local Latinx population. One way of achieving this has been the creation of the Defiende Advisory Board. Members of the Board are involved in a cross-section of the Latinx community, understand its social dynamics and interests, and have an interest in conservation and public lands.

The Defiende Program regularly seeks advice from this Board, utilizing members' knowledge and experiences on social, economic, environmental, and cultural issues - especially those that are intersectional with public lands. Early on, the Board crafted a mission: "This Advisory Board of Latino/a/x leaders, motivated by the diversity and wisdom of our culture, will help the Defiende program achieve its three main goals:

- Continue to build a relationship and create a bridge between

WW and the Latinx Community in our region.

- Engage in long-term work that will result in self-generating, organic engagement, and advocacy regarding public lands and the environment.
- Build and support advocacy and activists in support of public lands and their protection within the Latinx community."

Current Advisory Board Members:

**Jasmin Ramirez**, *Roaring Fork School District Board*

**Brisa Chavez**, *Garfield County Public Health*

**Bryan Alvarez-Terrazas**, *Manaus*

**Liz Velasco**, *Colorado State Representative, District 57;*  
*WW Board Member*

**Marlon Funez**, *Glenwood Springs High School*

**Gabriela Galindez**, *Aspen Art Museum*

**Gladys Arango**, *City of Glenwood Springs*

## Anunciamos al consejo asesor de Defiende Nuestra Tierra

A medida que nuestro programa Defiende Nuestra Tierra (DNT) ha crecido y evolucionado, nos hemos centrado en forjar relaciones profundas y auténticas con nuestra diversa y variada comunidad latinx local. Una de las maneras de conseguirlo ha sido con la creación del consejo asesor de DNT. Los miembros de dicho consejo participan de diferentes formas en nuestra comunidad latinx, lentienden la dinámica e intereses sociales y tienen interés en la conservación y tierras públicas.

Con frecuencia, este programa busca el asesoramiento de este consejo asesor, mediante el conocimiento y las experiencias de los miembros sobre temas sociales, económicos, ambientales y culturales, especialmente aquellos que son interseccionales con las tierras públicas. Desde el principio, este consejo definió una misión: "Este consejo asesor de líderes latinos/a/x, motivado por la diversidad y sabiduría de nuestra cultura, ayudará al programa DNT a lograr sus tres objetivos principales:

- Continuar con la creación de una relación y un puente de confianza entre Wilderness Workshop y la comunidad latinx en nuestra región.
- Participar y trabajar a largo plazo que resulte en un compromiso orgánico, autogenerado y en defensa de las tierras públicas y el medio ambiente.

- Crear y apoyar las actividades de defensa y a los activistas en apoyo de las tierras públicas y su protección dentro de la comunidad latinx".

Miembros actuales del consejo asesor de DNT:

**Jasmin Ramirez**, *Junta directiva del distrito escolar de Roaring Fork*

**Brisa Chavez**, *Departamento de Salud Pública del condado de Garfield*

**Bryan Alvarez-Terrazas**, *Manaus*

**Liz Velasco**, *Representante del Estado de Colorado, Distrito 57;*  
*Miembro de la Junta Directiva de WW*

**Marlon Funez**, *Escuela Preparatoria de Glenwood Springs*

**Gabriela Galindez**, *Museo de Arte de Aspen*

**Gladys Arango**, *Ciudad de Glenwood Springs*

*Members of the Advisory Board with Defiende Director Omar Sarabia at an early meeting.*  
*Miembros del Consejo Asesor con el Director de Defiende, Omar Sarabia, en una reunión.*





## ¡El presidente Biden toma medidas para Camp Hale y Thompson Divide!



El presidente Biden hablando con los veteranos después de firmar la Proclamación del Monumento Nacional Camp Hale.

Colorado tiene un nuevo monumento nacional y también ha empezado el proceso para proteger 225,000 acres del Thompson Divide durante los próximos 20 años. Todavía se siente un poco surrealista escribir esa frase, pero el equipo de **Wilderness Workshop se enorgullece de informar que de dos paisajes por los que hemos trabajado para proteger durante más de una década lograron importantes victorias después de que el presidente Biden hiciera uso de su autoridad ejecutiva este otoño.**

Durante muchos años, hemos trabajado en varias propuestas de legislación federal que protegerían las tierras en todo el Bosque Nacional White River, incluidas las del Thompson Divide y las del Continental Divide. Desde 2019, los

*Las montañas Elk que se elevan sobre el Thompson Divide. Foto cortesía de Jon Mullen/ECOSTOCK.*

esfuerzos se han centrado en abogar por la aprobación de la propuesta de la Ley de Economía y Recreación al Aire Libre de Colorado (CORE, por sus siglas en inglés), que protegería estos lugares especiales como parte de un proyecto de ley de 400,000 acres de tierras públicas que incluye nuevas áreas silvestres, extracciones minerales y otras designaciones.

A pesar del apoyo bipartidista y la aprobación de la Cámara de Representantes en 5 ocasiones, este proyecto de ley ha tenido problemas para encontrar un camino a seguir en un Senado dividido en partes iguales. En agosto, los defensores de la ley CORE, los senadores Bennet y Hickenlooper, el representante Neguse y el gobernador Polis, enviaron una carta en la que pedían a la Administración Biden que hiciera uso de la acción ejecutiva para promover las protecciones necesarias para algunas áreas incluidas en el proyecto de ley.

De particular interés para WW, la carta pedía al presidente Biden que

usará su autoridad bajo la Ley de Antigüedades para designar Camp Hale y Tenmile Range como el Monumento Nacional Camp Hale-Continental Divide. “La historia de esta zona, incluido el papel que desempeñó en la preparación y entrenamiento de la 10.ª División de Montaña para algunos de los momentos más difíciles de la Segunda Guerra Mundial, la convierte en la candidata ideal para la designación de monumento nacional”. Además, la carta pedía la protección del Thompson Divide a través de una extracción de minerales de la Ley Federal de Política y Gestión de Tierras (FLPMA, por sus siglas en inglés).

En respuesta, el secretario del Departamento de Agricultura, Tom Vilsack, se unió a los defensores de la ley CORE en una visita a Camp Hale, en la que expresaron su apoyo a la acción ejecutiva. El impulso siguió aumentando en las siguientes semanas con innumerables cartas al editor, columnas de opinión, cartas formales a la administración y una celebración comunitaria en el Museo



de Deportes de Nieve de Colorado y el Salón de la Fama en Vail, donde Francis Lovett, veterano de 100 años de la 10.ª División de Montaña, pronunció la frase de cierre perfecta: “¡Presidente Biden, preste atención, tome su pluma y firme!”

El presidente Biden escuchó claramente a Francis y al increíble coro de otros miembros de la comunidad. El 12 de octubre el presidente viajó a Camp Hale para designar Camp Hale-Continental Divide de 53,000 acres como monumento nacional. ¡También anunció que la Oficina de Administración de Tierras (BLM) y el Servicio Forestal de EE. UU. avanzarían con las protecciones para Thompson Divide! Solo unos días después, la secretaria del Departamento del Interior, Deb Haaland, inició el proceso para retirar administrativamente 225,000 acres de Thompson Divide del futuro arrendamiento de gas y petróleo, así como de la minería, por un período de 20 años (el máximo permitido por FLMPA). Esto inició un período inicial de comentarios públicos de 90 días. Puede obtener más información en la página 3 sobre el retiro administrativo de Thompson Divide y cómo participar en el mismo.

No es una exageración decir que WW catalizó y lideró los esfuerzos que condujeron a los anuncios del presidente Biden; durante los últimos 15 años, dedicamos innumerables horas de tiempo y experiencia por parte del personal, forjamos relaciones en una muestra representativa diversa de nuestra comunidad y ayudamos a crear las coaliciones que conducen a la protección de estas tierras y aguas públicas. Estos años de defensa y organización comunitaria sentaron las bases perfectas para la acción presidencial.

Estamos encantados de ver la designación de monumento nacional para Camp Hale-Continental Divide, que es una forma adecuada de honrar el legado de la 10.ª División de Montaña y a su vez también brinda protecciones significativas a la vida silvestre y las tierras silvestres en Tenmile Range. También estamos profundamente agradecidos con el BLM y el Servicio Forestal por escuchar a nuestras comunidades locales y tomar medidas para conservar nuestra economía de vida silvestre, recreación y ganadería con una protección a la extracción de minerales de 20 años para Thompson Divide. Esto aportará seguridad a nuestra comunidad mientras seguimos trabajando por una protección permanente, que sigue siendo nuestra meta.

**Este es un momento decisivo para WW y las tierras públicas que trabajamos para proteger y que a ustedes les importan tanto. Un enorme agradecimiento a todos los que nos han acompañado durante la última década para abogar por la protección de estos lugares especiales.** Ya sea que usted firmó nuestras alertas de acción, asistió a una caminata o manifestación, habló con amigos y familiares o estuvo con nosotros en las interminables reuniones públicas, ¡usted hizo posible estas acciones!



Soldados en Camp Hale, 1943-1945. Imagen cortesía del Museo y Salón de la Fama de los deportes de nieve de Colorado.



## POR FAVOR, DEMUESTRE SU APOYO ¡POR EL THOMPSON DIVIDE!

**Miércoles, 14 de Diciembre - 4:30-7:30 p.m.**  
Salon comunitario en el Third Street Center,  
520 South Third St., Carbondale, CO 81623

¡Únase a nosotros en esta reunión pública organizada por BLM para aprender sobre el proceso para un retiro administrativo de minerales para apoyar al Thompson Divide!

Para obtener más información y registrarse, visite [wildworkshop.org/events](http://wildworkshop.org/events) o escanee el código QR. ¿No puede unirse a nosotros el 14 de diciembre? Envíe un correo electrónico a [erin@wildernessworkshop.org](mailto:erin@wildernessworkshop.org) para conocer otras formas de participar.





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