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RADIO TRAINING SESSIONS

A training session to improve your use and understanding of the radio has been established. This important training for PWV veteran members will take place:

WHEN: Thursday, April 29 - 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. and a field session on Saturday, May 1 - 10:00 a.m. to noon.

WHERE: Thursday's session will be at the Craddock building - s.w. corner of the junction of Colorado 14 & I-25. The Saturday field session location will be announced at the Thursday evening session.

USFS personnel will discuss/teach the following topics:

- How to maximize current radio power
- How to utilize "masking" knowledge
- Correct radio protocol

With this training and the new radio equipment purchased for the 1999 season you will be better equipped to carry out the mission of the PVW. +

KRISTY WHO?

Real Notes from the Front Lines

By Kristy Wumkes (Acting PWV liaison)

Greetings!

For the next several months, I'll be filling in for Martha Moran as your Forest Service representative and acting Outdoor Recreation Planner in the district. Martha is on a special assignment with the Indian Peaks District. I've already had a chance to work with members of the PWV board and several committees, and what a wonderful experience to work with such a lively, and dedicated group! I look forward to meeting many more of you especially during the May training event. If you need to get in touch with me, my office number is 498-2733, or e-mail me at:

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My office is next door to Martha's in the Pitkin building. Upon Martha's return,

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KEEPING YOU INFORMED

By Glenn French

Over the last several months we have been working to improve PWV communications to the general membership. There are several communication methods that we may use depending on what the need and urgency is to communicate information to you. Here are the formal methods that we may use:

Newsletter: The printed Newsletter, *Poudre Trails*, is our primary vehicle for keeping you informed because it goes to all members and "friends" of the PWV. It is our intention to publish five issues of the Newsletter during the year. If you have information that you would like to share with the general membership of PWV please contact me and I will help you submit an article for publication.

E-Mail: The second method of communication takes advantage of e-mail

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SCHEDULING UPDATE

by Tony Parent

With the PWV hiking season fast approaching, it is time to start thinking about the dates you would like to hike this summer. Most of you are probably wondering, "How will the scheduling go this year? Will it be better than last year?"

This year we are trying something new in the scheduling department. We are going to let you schedule the days and trails you wish to hike. (What a novel concept!) There will actually be three options open to you. Here is how it will work:

- 1 A book with a calendar for each trail will be placed in the Forest Service office. You can go down at your leisure and place your name on a given date/trail. It will be best if you have a hiking partner ready for each day you want to sign up for. Then you will not only know where and when you will be hiking, but who you will be hiking with.
- 2 You will also be sent a regular signup package. This package will contain two signup sheets.
 - A **single member signup sheet** where you put the dates that you want to hike. For this one, we will pick the trails and hiking partner for you.
 - A **multiple member signup sheet**. This form will be used for signing up for a date and hiking partner of your choice. We will pick the trails for this one as well.
- 3 For those of you that have the freedom to do so, there is a third choice. You can also signup to be in a "pool" of hikers/riders. This pool of people will be the first point of contact for finding replacements for hikes. This means you could be called with only a couple (or less) days notice to hike a given weekend. It also means you don't have to worry about trying to schedule your summer so far in advance. You will be able to sign up for this pool either at the Forest Service office or by the signup package. If you use this option, be aware that it will be your responsibility to make sure that you complete your six-day hiking commitment. You may, as always, do more than six days, but if too many people fail to meet the commitment, the hiking pool may be discontinued in the future.

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TRAINING WEEKEND MAY 21, 22, 23

By Bill Dold

The planning committee for our spring training has stepped up to bat, and the game plan includes a top notch roster of instructors plus a super star for Saturday night. The agenda will have veterans and first-year volunteers excited about hitting the trails. Based on input from last year's committee and from the excellent constructive critiques from last year's attendees, the programs in the mandatory agenda have been revised and improved. Even veterans should consider attending presentations such as Ralph Swain, the National Coordinator for Leave No Trace, and our own Garin VanDeMark, who is about to complete the masters training for LNT. Forest Service ranger Lenora Arevelos will be presenting new information on radio usage, and ranger Kristy Wumkes will present Forest Service information. Mark Rosoff of the Front Range Institute of Safety will teach Wilderness First Aid. Rave success of last year's alternative courses for veterans prompted the return of - wilderness cooking classes and interpretive field trips. On Saturday night, John Fielder tops off our fine list of presenters. Details are coming together to provide three meals, including vegetarian dishes for those who request. We are looking forward to having the third annual training session be the best ever. +

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I'll go back to my regular job as the district's Volunteer Program Coordinator.

In going over some of the past field reports from last year, you've seen and heard some strange and interesting-- things while patrolling. I'd like to share some of them with all of you. They really show the variety and fun of not only interacting with all the different visitors we have in the mountains, but also the variety of experiences you have while hiking, including a opportunity to see a lot of wildlife.

Quotes:

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WILDERNESS SLIDE SHOW WILL HIGHLIGHT THE MAY TRAINING WEEKEND

By Frank Lilley

JOHN FIELDER a nationally renowned nature photographer, publisher, teacher, and preservationist, will be presenting a wilderness slide show Saturday evening May 22, during our spring training at Jacks Gulch. Fielder has worked tirelessly to promote the protection of Colorado's open space and wildlands. His photography has influenced people and legislation, earning him awards from most major conservation groups, including the Sierra Club's Ansel Adams Award. He is an original governor-appointed member to the lottery-related Board for Great Outdoors Colorado, and speaks to thousands of people each year to rally support for timely land-use and environmental issues. John Fielder teaches photography workshops throughout Colorado, and in 1995 founded the popular *Nature Photography is Fun for Kids* seminars. His latest books are *Photographing the Landscape: The Art of Seeing*, an instructional book, and *A Colorado Winter*, 15 years of winter photography and stories. He lives with his family in Greenwood Village, Colorado. John is a former department store executive who turned a vocation into a career, he is the photographer of 30 exhibit-format books and guidebooks, most about his home state of Colorado. Books will be displayed, and offered for sale, during the training weekend. This will be a great opportunity to purchase personally autographed copies of Fielder's work. In return Westcliffe Publishers will donate 40% of all book sales back to PWV. +



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HELP NEEDED!

PWV is looking for a person to prepare the layout of the Poudre Trails Newsletter and get it ready for printing. This task typically takes 4-6 hours every two or three months. Currently the layout is done using Microsoft Publisher, PWV will purchase this software for you if needed, or the Newsletter may be laid out using other desktop publishing software. Here is an opportunity for you to become more involved with the mission and purpose of PWV. Please contact Glenn French or Tony Parent at the phone numbers or e-mail addresses listed below if you feel you can help in any way. Glenn is the Editorial Coordinator and Tony has been doing the layout of the Poudre Trails Newsletter. Tony now needs to devote more of his time to the database that will be used to schedule your hikes and patrols for the coming season.

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FROM THE SADDLE

Amy Williams

If you don't already carry these items in your saddlebag, you might want to consider purchasing one of the following useful items for packing on the trail this coming season:

Leatherman tool – very handy as it becomes a quick knife, wire cutter, screwdriver and pliers.

Headlamp – great for overnight trips and it enables you to use both hands when you need to check on your livestock after dark.

Packsaw – lightweight and useful for clearing small trees and limbs that may be down on the trail.

Reminder... a meeting of all horse patrol members and new recruits will be held on Wed., **March 24** from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Avery Carriage House, 108 N. Meldrum, Fort Collins (the northwest corner of Meldrum and Mountain). We hope to see all of you horse folks there!

Other dates to mark on your calendar:

Once again we'll be offering an obstacle training session for horse patrol members to work with their horses on specific encounters. This is scheduled for Saturday, **May 1** from 10:00 am until approximately noon. An hour-long trail ride will follow for those interested. Location and more information will follow. A raindate is set for Saturday, May 8.

A group trail ride is scheduled for Saturday, **June 5** at Lory State Park. We'll leave the trailhead at 10:00 am. More information will follow. +

PWV TO HOST WILDERNESS VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP

By Chuck Bell

Poudre Wilderness Volunteers has agreed to host the second annual Wilderness Volunteer Workshop, which is set for October 1 - 3 at the Pingree Park Campus of Colorado State University. The workshop will draw representatives from volunteer groups and land management agencies from around the west, and possibly a few from the midwest and east. It is being run with organizational and financial support from the Denver Regional Office of the U.S. Forest Service. The goal will be to exchange ideas on how to effectively mobilize volunteers and run volunteer programs to keep the wilderness wild as we move into the 21st century.

We hope to have sufficient space so that all interested Poudre Wilderness Volunteers can attend. We will provide more information on this Wilderness Volunteer Workshop in future issues of *Poudre Trails*. +

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All options have their advantages and disadvantages. You can choose the one that best fits your life style. You may also wish to combine the options. (Sign up for a trail at the Forest Service office that you **REALLY** want to do, sign up with a partner via the multiple member signup form, and then fill in the rest of your committed hikes by jumping in the pool.)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact one of your Board members so we can confuse you more. (Just kidding about the confusion part, we will be more than happy to answer any questions you have.) +

PWV AND OUR COMMITMENT

By Wayne Tobey

When we were accepted as Poudre Wilderness Volunteers, each of us agreed to commit ourselves to "Hike or Ride With A Purpose" for at least **six days** each season.

With these thoughts in mind, we would like to make you aware of some of the 1998 PWV season statistics which have been derived from the trail reports that each of you have filed. Of our 120 volunteers scheduled to patrol in 1998, 118 patrolled at least once. Only 48 volunteers completed their six assigned patrols. Of the 48, 30 completed more than their six assigned patrols. Several of the 30 were first year volunteers.

Bearing in mind that each hike represents an eight-hour commitment, here is a rundown on some of our most active hikers and riders. Top honors for the most hours accumulated for the year go to Richard Norris and Wayne Tobey with 104 hours each. Jacques Rieux totaled 96 hours. Amber Starr, Bill and Jacque Bolinger, and Joe Bagley each had 88 hours. John and Meaghan Lauer and David Cantrell all had 80 hours and Garin VanDeMark, Lori Wiles, and Paul James totaled 72 hours each.

The trail reports that we file are used not only to indicate the effectiveness of our organization, but also to provide the Forest Service with information about trail usage, violations of regulations, trail conditions, and many other statistics which are essential in the management of our wilderness areas. Please keep your trail reports coming. If you fail to submit a trail report, you didn't patrol.

Thanks to all of you, who met your commitment, including all whom filed trail reports. Hopefully, our statistics will improve in 1999. +

NEW MEMBERS

By Wayne Tobey

The Recruiting Committee has a list of 40 potential candidates to interview. Interviews began on February 23 and will continue through April 15 if necessary. Applications for membership may be submitted until **April 1**. Call PWV at 970-498-2776 or have potential members complete and submit the "General Application Form" that was included in the January issue of *Poudre Trails*. We have interviewed some very promising individuals to date and are looking forward to meeting and talking with the remaining candidates. +

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over the Internet to communicate to those of you that have e-mail addresses. This is very effective and timely method of communicating, and has a number of advantages over printed media. However, we recognize that not all of you have access to e-mail, and that is why we will always have the printed newsletter, along with other methods of communicating.

Phone: The third method that we may use from time to time depends on the "lead time" available to inform you about an event or topic related to PWV. This third method utilizes your telephone. We have established a process where you may receive a phone call describing a PWV event or topic that needs to be communicated. If we do not get in touch with you directly over the phone, we will leave a message on an answer machine if you have one installed.

We hope that you will find our multiple methods of keeping you informed on a timely basis of value to you as a PWV volunteer. If you have any input, comments or recommendations regarding PWV communications, I would love to hear from you. Please contact me or any member of the Board of Directors. **(Glenn French – phone - 970-667-6523, e-mail - GlennF1474@aol.com)**

Also, for those of you that have access to the Internet and the PWV web site at www.fornit.org/pwv there is an upgraded bulletin board. You can now post something, and everyone with e-mail will get a copy of the posting. Hopefully this will spark a little more interest in the use of the bulletin board to communicate to PWV members with e-mail addresses.

One last IMPORTANT item is needed to assure effective communications. We need current and updated information. If your street address, phone number or e-mail address has changed please send us a written "change notice" to the PWV P.O.Box, or update your member information using the PWV web site. +

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"Three women on trail say they have been trying to find...the trail loop...for years."

After talking to a visitor about leashing his dog, the owner was quoted as saying - "Cool dude, I totally hear where you're coming from. Sorry about the bogus dog thing."

Found:

Full can of beer in Emmaline Lake-
Lucky hiker!

Statistics given:

- 1,346,879 mosquitoes counted on the Blue Lake trail.

Critters seen:

- Round Mountain- turkey
- Young's Gulch- rattlesnakes
- Mummy Pass- Pair of bobcats, moose...
- More moose at Trap Park, Blue Lake, West Branch, Rawah, Link, Camp Lake, McIntyre Creek, and Comanche Lake.
- Greyrock- Blue grouse, rattlesnakes,



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