



Canyon to Crest Call

Western Slope Group

February 2022

Skiers and snowshoers after the CMC trip to Busted Arm nordic area close to Norwood.

See below on how to submit your favorite photo for the newsletter!



Backcountry Film Festival!

The Colorado Mountain Club is hosting the BCFF at the CMU Ballroom in Grand Junction on Friday, February 11. Come and see one of the films featuring the CMC's own Backcountry Snow Rangers and meet the 2 rangers that serve the GMUG and Ouray Forest Service areas. Proceeds support the Colorado Mountain Club and Winter Wildlands Alliance as 501c3 nonprofits serving the outdoors. [Register here](#) for your CMC member discount. Please note the Covid attendance requirements. Check out this [short film festival trailer](#).

We are also seeking volunteers to assist with the event. If you are interested, please contact Brenda at WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

Leader and Member Activity Planning Meeting

It's been about 2 years since our first gathering in which we re-booted the Western Slope Group. Join us at the Montrose Library meeting room on Saturday, February 26, to meet and mingle in person and plan upcoming trips and activities.

Note COVID policies in place: masks required for everyone and vaccination card or negative COVID test within 24 hours required for entry Register [here](#) so we can monitor room capacity.

Leaders and potential leaders: If you are available, arrive at 2pm to discuss/plan/assess trip interests.

Members and potential members/guests: Arrive at 2:30pm. We have the room until 4pm.

Welcome New WSG Trip Leaders!

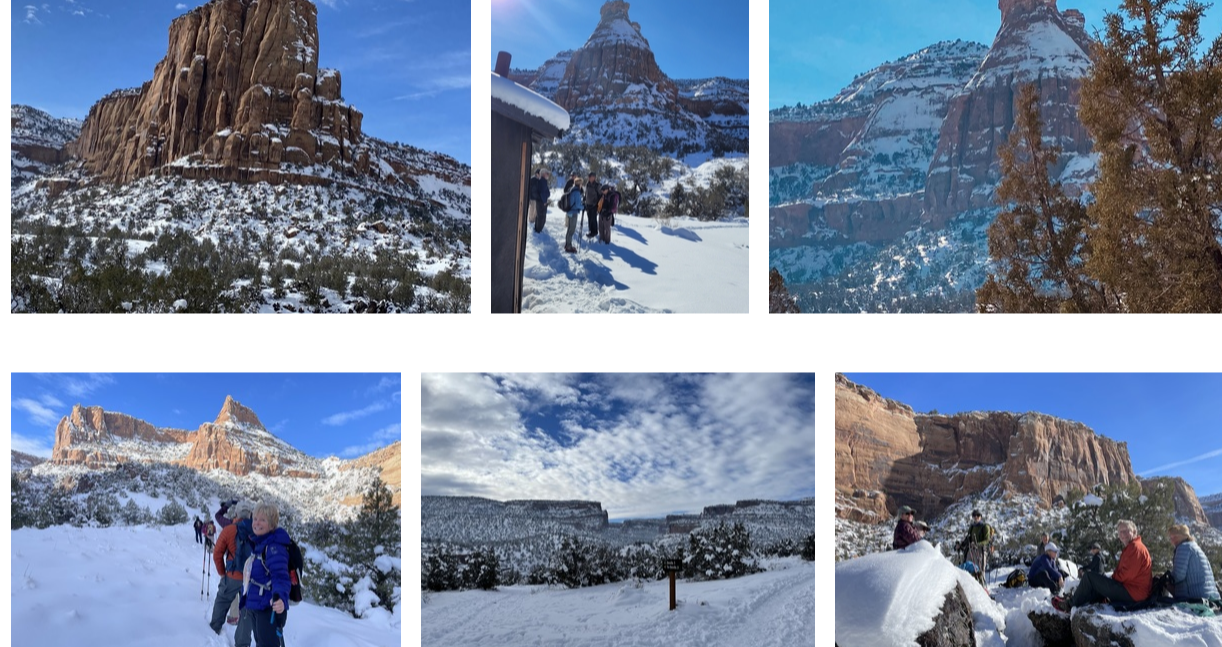
Paul Sheya- Moved to Colorado from Utah 23 years ago. Enjoy hiking mountains and deserts, particularly San Juans, and southern Utah, mountain and road biking, rafting, kayaking and all kinds of skiing. The events I'll lead will likely be day hikes.

Jill Mattoon- I am retired and just moved from Pueblo last June. I love hiking, xc skiing and CMC adventure travel. I was a leader for the Pueblo CMC group.



Trip Report: Devils Canyon Loop Trail

WSG trip leader, Lynda Law, led a snow-covered hike on the Devils Canyon Loop Trail close to Fruita. On the ~7 mile hike, we were treated to beautiful scenery with the recent snow on sandstone formations. Photos by Lynda Law and Brenda Leach.



ALL OUTINGS LINK: [The CMC Calendar](#)

Nonmember guests can attend up to 2 trips and must sign the guest liability waiver. If a trip is full, please sign up on the waitlist as there are participants that may cancel.

TRIPS (click on titles for more info and to sign up):**

[Saturday 1/29. Rifle Ice Caves and Rifle Falls.](#) Roaring Fork Group

[Friday 2/11. McClure Pass Snowshoe.](#) Moderate. John Broadbooks

[Monday 2/21. XC Ski and Snowshoe with the CMC Snow Rangers Matt & Shane \(Ouray\)!](#) Easy. Brenda Leach & Anne Keil.

[Friday 2/25. Mt Princeton Resort Weekend.](#) Fee. Pikes Peak Group

[Friday 2/25. Grand Mesa/Skyway XC Ski or Snowshoe.](#) Easy II. Lynda Law

[Friday 2/25-3/1. Hiking Days in Moab.](#) Mod C. Denver Group.

[Friday 3/11-13. Lake City Ice Climbing.](#) Pikes Peak Group.

[Friday, 3/25. Pollock Bench Loop Trail & Pollock Arch.](#) Mod B. Lynda Law

[Thursday 4/14. Flume Canyon from Pollock Bench TH.](#) Easy B. Lynda Law

[Friday 4/15. Needles Backpack.](#) Gore Range Group.

[Saturday 4/16. Ski/Shoe Old Monarch Pass.](#) Pueblo Group

[7/24-29 & 7/31-8/5 2022. CMC In State Outing, Kebler Pass.](#) Fee

[July 16-22, 2022 Alta Via I.](#) Adventure Travel, fee.

[12/20/22-1/10/23 Patagonia 0 Circuit Trek.](#) Adventure Travel, fee.

**All members and guests must sign a new [liability waiver \(effective March 2020\)](#).

COVID policy for trips: [COVID-19 and CMC Programming, updated NOVEMBER 24, 2021](#)

PRESENTATIONS

[Anytime: Day Hiker School.](#) Online, 5 modules, field days to be scheduled if interest (fee).

[Friday 2/11. CMC Presents Backcountry Film Fest.](#) CMU Ballroom, Grand Junction 6:30pm. Fee. See above.

[Tuesday 2/15 \(flexible\). Navigation 1 for Technical Climbing School.](#) Fee. Virtual. *field day in Denver area, please read course description. With enough interest there could be field day here.

[Tuesday 2/15 \(flexible\). Navigation 2 for TCS.](#) Fee. Virtual. *field day in Denver area (see Nav 1).

[Saturday 2/26. WSG Member and Leader Planning Meeting.](#) See above. Montrose.

CMC Classes & Schools Webpage: **For some classes and schools that are offered on the full CMC calendar (typically on the front range or via ZOOM), we can arrange field days on this side of the state but need a minimum number of participants between the various CMC groups. Please let us know if something interests you.

Trip Leader Training: We are seeking new trip leaders! The free training consists of self paced online modules and one training hike plus Wilderness First Aid. This is also available to current leaders as a refresher. Also see [Trip Leader & Instructor Resources \(cmc.org\)](#). If you are interested, please contact WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

Seeking Monthly Newsletter Volunteers

We'd like your help! If you have requests for newsletter content or would like to contribute, let us know! Deadline to submit information, articles or photos is the **25th of each month** for the following month's newsletter. Email us at WSGofCMC@gmail.com.

We are also looking for a volunteer **Newsletter Editor**. For more info, click here: [Newsletter Editor volunteer job description](#). We use myEmma, a tool which has many features that facilitate creating our monthly newsletter.

Click on these links to see past issues of our monthly *Canyon to Crest Call* newsletter.

2022: [January](#).

2021: [January](#), [February](#), [March](#), [April](#), [May](#), [June](#), [July](#), [August](#), [September](#), [October](#), [November](#), [December](#).

2020: [July](#), [August](#), [September](#), [October](#), [November](#), [December](#).

2021 Western Slope Group Council

Chair: Brenda Leach (Ridgway)

Vice Chair & Outings Chair: Anne Keil (Montrose)

Treasurer: John Broadbooks (Montrose)

Secretary: Karen Mann (Montrose)

Conservation Chair: Ross Mittelman (Palisade)

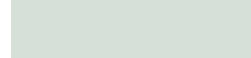
We're on the CMC website at [Western Slope Group, CMC Groups - Colorado Mountain Club](#).

Council meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of odd-numbered months, 5:30 - 7pm. The upcoming meetings are March 8, May 10, July 12, September 13 and November 8. Zoom availability and location will be determined closer to the meeting date. WSG members are welcome to attend.

CMC connects Coloradans with more than 3,000 trips, hikes and activities annually. Members also receive huge deals on outdoor gear, lodging, events and more.

[JOIN](#)

Share this email:



Manage your preferences | [Opt out](#) using TrueRemove™

Got this as a forward? [Sign up](#) to receive our future emails.

View this email [online](#).

710 10th St
Golden, CO 180401 US

This email was sent to .

To continue receiving our emails, add us to your address book.

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.