



## Canyon to Crest Call Western Slope Group August 2020

Blaine Basin near Ridgway, accessed via the Blue Lakes TH. Photo by Jeff Hogan.

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

## WSG Picnics: We'll Have Two!

We will be holding TWO picnics this summer and fall as a way to have WSG members get reacquainted with each other. We'll follow CMC and government COVID-19 guidelines by limiting the group size to 25, practicing 6-foot social distancing, wearing a mask when not able to social distance and BYOFB (bring your own food and non-alcoholic beverage). Also, bring your own folding chair, plate and utensils and a yard game if you'd like. CMC members only, please, due to attendance limitations. Contact us at [WSGofCMC@gmail.com](mailto:WSGofCMC@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### Saturday, August 29, 10am - 2pm, Rotary Park in Montrose

Amenities include a covered pavilion with picnic tables, bathrooms and large shade trees. Click [here](#) for more info and to sign up. We're limited to 25 attendees, so sign up early! No glass containers and no alcoholic beverages please, per park regulations.

### TBD Date/Time in September, Sherwood Park in Grand Junction

Sometime in August, we'll send an email to WSG members for input on dates in September that will work for the most members. Details on the picnic will be made available in the September WSG newsletter.



Above: the Dry Creek seasonal waterfalls off highway 90, Montrose. Photo by Anne Keil.

## OUTINGS

### PRESENTATIONS

[Wednesday August 12, 7-8:30pm, Caltopo trip planning from start to finish](#). Webinar. State CMC

[Monday, August 17, 6-7pm, Western Slope Conservation Topics](#): Join us for a Zoom presentation by Julie Mach, the CMC's Conservation Director. Julie will discuss several topics relevant to the Western Slope. Click [here](#) for more info and to sign up for the Zoom presentation.

[Wednesday, August 19, 6-6:45pm, China and Tibet -- Palaces, Temples, Monasteries and Mountains](#): Join us for a Zoom presentation by long time WSG member and world traveler Babs Schmerler. Click [here](#) to sign up for the Zoom presentation.

### CLASSES

**Wilderness First Aid** is now a hybrid 16 hour online/in-person class. This serves as both an initial certification and recertification. All members were emailed information on July 27. \$200 members, \$245 nonmembers, and 5 spots each class are free for leaders with online application and trip commitment. Western Slope field day location TBD. Each date below is a separate 4 hour class. More info [here](#) or check CMC calendar for additional dates.

[Saturday, August 15](#)

[Sunday, August 23](#)

[Saturday, August 29](#)

[Sunday, September 13](#)

[Saturday, September 19](#)

**Trip leader training**: Zoom online class portion of trip leader training will be scheduled later this year.

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

Monday, August 10. [Wood Mtn and Animas Forks Peak \(13ers\)](#). Mod B. John Broadbooks.

Wednesday, August 12. [Spencer Gulch Doggie-friendly Hike](#). Mod B. Bud Tasch.

Sunday, August 15. [Courthouse Mountain](#). Mod B. Brenda Leach

Monday, August 24 - Wednesday, August 26. [Backpacking 13ers, Organ Mountain and Baldy Alto](#). Mod C. John Broadbooks.

### Non-WSG trips in our area:

Saturday, September 26. [Backpacking Ute trail](#). Gunnison Gorge. Easy. Stan Moore (Denver Group)

Monday, September 28. [Car Camping, Lone Cone](#). Mod C. Stan Moore (Denver Group) \*\*He will allow WSG members to join just for Lone Cone on Tuesday September 29.

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

### Starting July 1 revised COVID policy:

- Expanded activities to include overnights, backpacking trips, climbing, & scrambles.
- Group size max of 10 (including trip leader).
- At least 6 feet social distancing required (otherwise use a mask or mouth/nose covering) at the trailhead pre-trip, when passing other recreators, and at the trailhead post-trip.

## 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](mailto:WSGofCMC@gmail.com).

We are also looking for a volunteer to be the newsletter editor.

## Western Slope Group Council

Chair: Brenda Leach (Ridgway)

Vice Chair & Outings Chair: Anne Keil (Montrose)

Treasurer: John Broadbooks (Montrose)

Secretary: Ward Luthi (Grand Junction)

Conservation Chair: Bill Hamann (Grand Junction)

We've set our Council meetings for the 2nd Tuesday of odd-numbered months, 5:30 - 7pm. Next meeting is September 8, then November 10. The location is TBD. We also hope to have a member meeting starting at 7pm. Both the Council and member meetings could be via Zoom while we're dealing with COVID-19. We will send an email announcement later.

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