



## Canyon to Crest Call Western Slope Group

February 2021

Sunset Rocks Trail in the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation area. Photo by John Broadbooks.

[See below on how to submit your favorite photo for the newsletter!](#)

## Seeking Volunteers to Assist with Planning Western Slope Group's 70th Anniversary Dinner!



Do you enjoy planning/scheduling shindigs? Help us with our October (or sooner, COVID TBD) Annual Dinner and anniversary bash! Email [WSGofCMC@gmail.com](mailto:WSGofCMC@gmail.com) if interested. We'd like your input!

## 70th Anniversary Hiking & Camping Trip Survey!

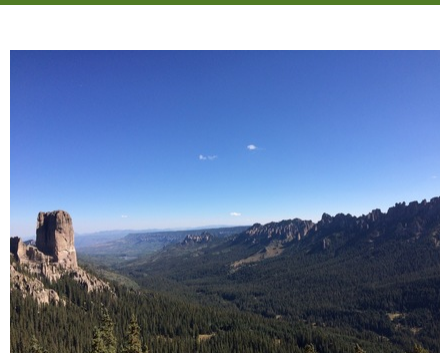
We'd like your input regarding dates and activities for an August 2021 Mt. Sopris/Thomas Lakes trip.

[Survey](#)

## Downhill Skiers/Boarders

### Email List

Do you have a pass or are looking for others to ski/board with? If so, let us know at [WSGofCMC@gmail.com](mailto:WSGofCMC@gmail.com) which pass(es) you have and if you prefer to hit the snow on weekends or weekdays so we can plan trips accordingly (especially on powder days).



## Conservation Corner

**"Conservation Issues Facing Colorado and the West"**

by Ross Mittelman, *WSG Conservation Chair*

While recreating in the Western Slope, keep these conservation issues in mind. Also, we look forward to your feedback. Please click on the button below to take our

[Conservation Survey.](#)

Climate Change ♦ Reduced Snowpack/Water Shortages/Water Diversions ♦ Balance Between Recreation and Conservation ♦ Multiple Use ♦ Equitable Access ♦ Public vs. Private Land ♦ Industrialized Outdoor Recreation Economy ♦ Stewardship ♦ Restoration ♦ Resource and Wildlife Protection ♦ Funding for Management of Outdoor Recreation Amenities ♦ Shifting Dynamics of Recreation Activities

[Take the CMC WSG Conservation Survey](#)

## ALL OUTINGS LINK: <https://cmc.org/Calendar.aspx>

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

[Saturday 1/30. Ironton Townsite and Colorado Boy Mine Snowshoe.](#) Mod A. Anne Keil.

[Saturday 1/30. XC Ski Ironton Townsite.](#) Mod I. Brenda Leach.

[Friday 1/29-31. Lake City Ice Climbing.](#) Pikes Peak Group.

[Sunday 2/7. Lizard Head Viewpoint / Cross Mtn Trailhead.](#) Difficult snowshoe. John Broadbooks.

[Monday 2/15. Priest Lake Nordic area snowshoe and XC ski.](#) Easy snowshoe, Moderate XC ski. Anne Keil & Brenda Leach.

[Saturday 2/20. XC Ski & Snowshoe Grand Mesa Ward Trails.](#) Easy snowshoe, Moderate XC ski. Anne Keil & Brenda Leach.

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

**Starting July 1 revised COVID policy:**

- 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.

[Protocols for CMC Trips.](#)

[Checklist for Participants, Trip Leaders, and School Directors](#)

### PRESENTATIONS

[Thursday 1/28. Snowshoeing Basics.](#) State CMC. Webinar 6-7pm.

[Wednesday 2/3. Intro to Nav 1/Nav 2.](#) State CMC. Webinar 7pm.

[Monday 2/8-11. Volunteer Leadership Virtual Conference.](#) Free for members and leaders! 4 days worth of topics that will be recorded so they can be viewed any time by registrants. Schedule will be announced next week. State CMC. 9am-8:30pm.

[Monday 2/22. Colorado Mountain Weather.](#) State CMC. Webinar 7-8pm.

### CLASSES

#### **Avalanche Terrain Avoidance:**

This seminar consists of pre-course work by students on their own; a two hour presentation by Zoom and a 3-hour field exercise for those who wish to AVOID avalanche terrain. This is particularly important given the high avalanche danger this year. CMC members and non-members are welcome to sign up for a Zoom presentation [Tuesday \(2/2\)](#). There is a fee. The currently scheduled field sessions are at Jones Pass (close to Berthoud Pass). When this course is offered in 2022, we hope to have a field day scheduled in the Western Slope.

**Wilderness First Aid** is now a hybrid 16-hour online plus a 1-day in-person field class. This serves as both an initial certification and recertification. \$200 members, \$245 nonmembers, and 5 spots each class are free for leaders with online application and 6 trip commitment in 2 years. Western Slope field day location TBD due to COVID distancing precautions. More info [here](#) and dates will be added regularly when distancing restrictions are lowered.

**Trip Leader Training:** We are seeking new trip leaders! The free training consists of online modules and one training hike plus wilderness first aid. Self paced online class portion of trip leader training is now available. This is also available to current leaders as a refresher. If you are interested, please contact [WSGofCMC@gmail.com](mailto:WSGofCMC@gmail.com).

## Looking for a Seasonal Job in Trail Work?

**CMC Trail Stewardship Leader:** Are you passionate about conservation, stewardship, and improving access to public land? Want to spend the summer exploring and working in Colorado backcountry? The Colorado Mountain Club is currently seeking qualified leaders for our state-wide Trail Stewardship Crew. For application information and a detailed job description visit [here at the CMC website](#).

**Grand Valley Trail Crew Member:** The Western Colorado Conservation Corps Trail Crew Specialist is a seasonal position responsible for conducting trail maintenance duties in Mesa County. Click [here](#) for more information and how to apply.

**Grand Valley Trail Leadership:** The Western Colorado Conservation Corps Trail Crew Leader is a seasonal position responsible for overseeing trail maintenance duties in Mesa County. Click [here](#) for more information and how to apply.

## 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).

The Roaring Fork Group (formerly the Aspen Group) of the CMC also has a newsletter. If you want to receive their newsletter, send a request to [roaringforkcmc@gmail.com](mailto:roaringforkcmc@gmail.com).

We are also looking for a volunteer to be the **Newsletter Editor**. 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.

2021: [January](#).

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 Adventure Group, CMC Groups - Colorado Mountain Club](#). We've set our Council meetings for the 2nd Tuesday of odd-numbered months, 5:30 - 7pm. The meeting schedule for 2021 is March 9, May 11, July 13, September 14 and November 9. The meeting schedule will be determined closer to the meeting date. It could be via Zoom while we're dealing with COVID-19. WSG members are welcome to attend.

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