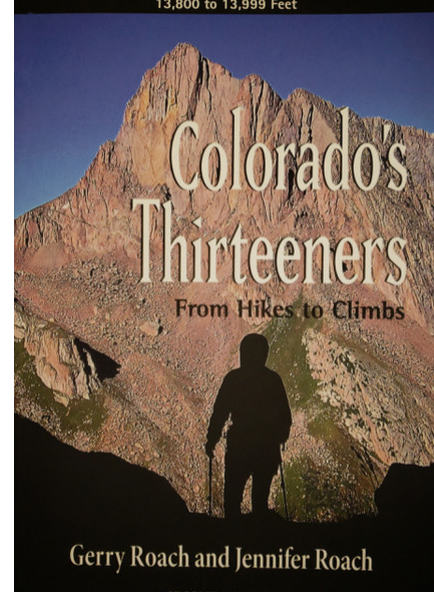




## Canyon to Crest Call Western Slope Group July 2021

CMC hike on the Dark Canyon Trail close to Kebler Pass. Photo by Jeff Hogan.

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



## SAVE THE DATE! Western Slope Group's 70th Anniversary Annual Dinner, Saturday, October 2, 4-8pm

Our WSG Annual Dinner and 70th anniversary bash will be held at the Ute Museum in Montrose! This event will be subject to COVID protocols.

**Our Speaker:** World-class mountaineer **Gerry Roach!** In 1985, he became the 2nd person to climb the highest peaks on each of the seven continents. In 2003, he became the 1st person to climb every major peak over 16,000 feet in North America. Gerry will give his Northern

Heights presentation which highlights this 2003 achievement. He is also an accomplished rock climber and author. Autographed copies of Gerry's guidebooks and narratives will be available for purchase at the dinner. To plan ahead, check out his [guidebooks](#) and [narratives](#). We anticipate online sign-ups to start around mid to late August.

**Seeking Volunteers:** Do you enjoy planning/scheduling shindigs? Email [WSGofCMC@gmail.com](mailto:WSGofCMC@gmail.com) if interested. We'd like your input and help!

## WSG 70th Anniversary

### Camping & Hiking Summer Outing

Let's get together and celebrate! Join us for all or part of the fun:

- Thursday 8/12 to Sunday 8/15: 3 nights camping near Marble at Bogan Flats Campground (shared sites available) or other camping area of your choice. Or motel in Carbondale. Or meet us for a day hike!
- [Thursday 8/12 Backpack 1 Night, Mt Sopris Ascent 8/13](#). Mod C. John Broadbooks. Registration now open!
- Thursday 8/12 (leader needed) ?Crystal Mill afternoon hike followed by dinner at [Slow Groovin' BBQ](#) in Marble.
- [Friday 8/13 Thomas Lakes Hike](#). Mod B. Anne Keil.
- [Saturday 8/14 Raggeds Trail #820](#). Mod B. Brenda Leach.
- Sunday 8/15. TBD



Contact [WSGofCMC@gmail.com](mailto:WSGofCMC@gmail.com) for more details or for suggestions or to help lead trips.



## Conservation Corner

### "Balancing Recreation and Climate Change"

by Ross Mittelman, WSG Conservation Chair

It hit 105 degrees recently in Grand Junction. One degree short of the highest temperature ever recorded for the city.....in early June. Mercury rising throughout the West has drawn global concern. Entering the third year of a prolonged drought, reservoir levels have dropped to all time lows and fire conditions have soared to unprecedented levels of danger. Climate scientists have predicted these trends for years now, with the situation only likely to worsen. [>>READ MORE](#)

Please take a moment to click on the button below to take our Conservation Survey. Thanks!

[Take the CMC WSG Conservation Survey](#)

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

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

[Monday 6/28-Wednesday Difficult C Backpack 3 peaks + Deluge Lake](#). John Broadbooks.

[Monday 7/5-9 Various San Juan 14er Individual Dayhikes](#). Boulder Group.

[Thursday 7/8 Evening Flat Tops WSG info hike \(for members and nonmembers\)](#). Mod A. Anne Keil.

[Saturday 7/10-13. Aspen Area 13ers Backpack](#). John Broadbooks.

[Saturday 7/10. Molas Pass, Crater Lake](#). Mod B. Brenda Leach.

[Sunday 7/11. Marble Peak](#). Mod B. Roaring Fork Group.

[Friday 7/23-25 Fly Fishing Crested Butte](#). Denver Group.

8/12-15 WSG 70th Anniversary hikes and camping (see above for details and registration).

[Sunday 8/22-Wednesday 8/25. Avalanche Lk Backpack](#). Roaring Fork Group.

[Saturday 10/2-8 New England Fall Colors Hut to Hut](#). Adventure Travel. Fee.

[Friday 10/8-Sunday 10/10. Grand Mesa Backpack](#). Denver Group.

[TBD Spring 2022. San Juan River Float Trip and Hiking Adventure \(outfitter\)](#). Anne Keil. Fee.

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

**COVID policy for trips:** [COVID-19 and CMC Programming, revised June 14, 2021](#)

### PRESENTATIONS

[Anytime: Banff Mountain Film Festival-Virtual](#). 72 hour access thru October (fee).

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

[Tuesday 6/29. Hiking in Buena Vista and Salida](#). Webinar 6-7:30. State CMC.

[Tuesday 7/13. \(Denver\) New and Prospective Member Orientation](#). Webinar 7-8pm.

[Tuesday 8/10. Exploring the National Monuments in CO and Beyond](#). Webinar 6-7:30. State CMC.

[Thursday 8/12. Meet the Climbing Smiths](#). Webinar 6-7:30. State CMC.

[Tuesday 8/17. \(Denver\) New and Prospective Member Orientation](#). Webinar 7-8pm.

**CMC Classes & Schools Webpage:** \*\*For some classes and schools that are offered on the full CMC calendar (typically on 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.

**Wilderness First Aid:** The CMC is offering a hybrid 16-hour course: 1-day of reading, live Zoom lectures and watching short videos AND 1-day of an in-person field class. This serves as both an initial cert and recert. \$200 members, \$245 nonmembers, and FREE for leaders or potential leaders with online application and 6 trip commitment in 2 years. **\*\*Western Slope summer field day now scheduling via this [survey](#)\*\***; otherwise, field days in Golden are regularly available.

**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. If you are interested, please contact [WSGofCMC@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:WSGofCMC@gmail.com).

We are also looking for a volunteer to be the **Newsletter Editor**. For more info, click here: [Newsletter Editor 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.

2021: [January](#), [February](#), [March](#), [April](#), [May](#), [June](#).

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 on July 13, September 14 and November 9, 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.**

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