



## Canyon to Crest Call

### Western Slope Group

### September 2021

CMC hike on the Thomas Lakes Trail close to Carbondale with a view of Mount Sopris.

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



## Western Slope Group's 70th Anniversary Annual Dinner

### Saturday, October 2, 4-8pm

**Location:** Ute Museum, Montrose. \*\*This event will be subject to COVID protocols. Here's the [event flyer](#).

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE.](#)

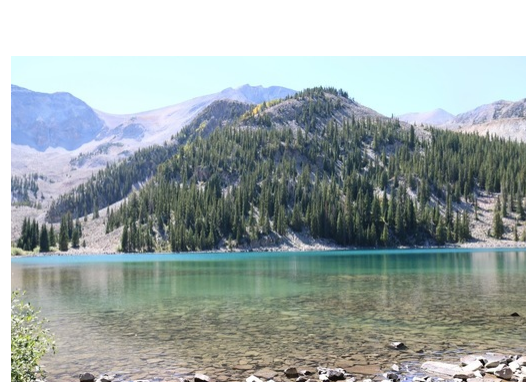
**Our Speaker:** World-class mountaineer **Gerry Roach!** In 1985, he became the 2nd person to climb the highest peaks on each of the seven continents. In 2003, he became the 1st person to climb every major peak over 16,000 feet in North America. Gerry will give his Northern Heights presentation which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

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

**Request for Photos:** Do you have photos from CMC trips that you'd like to share at the annual dinner? We plan on having a running slide show playing in the background with photos of CMC members and trips. If so, please send them to [WSGofCMC@gmail.com](mailto:WSGofCMC@gmail.com).

## WSG 70th Anniversary

### Camping & Hiking Summer Outing

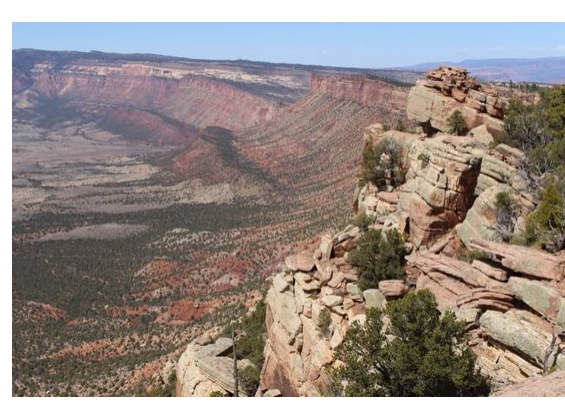


The WSG 70th Anniversary camping/hiking weekend was celebrated with members from the Western Slope, Roaring Fork and Gore Range Groups. On Thursday, a group toured Redstone and Marble where we enjoyed dinner outside and a campfire later. On Friday, a group hiked to Thomas Lakes while a backpacking group camped at Thomas Lakes and summited Sopris. Then, everyone convened at the campground near Marble afterwards. On Saturday, a large group hiked the Raggeds Trail close to McClure Pass and was joined by WSG members from Montrose and Grand Junction. Saturday evening, the group dined by the river in Redstone and then went to an outdoor concert hosted by a ranch on the other side of the historic coke ovens. Here's some [pics of the weekend](#).

## Conservation Corner

### GMUG Review

The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) Draft Plan was released on Aug. 13 and the public has 90 days to review and comment on this detailed document. Please see [this letter](#) co-authored by the CMC's Conservation Director on how you can help. Also see the [Forest Service's website](#).



### Support the Colorado Wilderness Act

Representative Diana DeGette will be in the Grand Junction area supporting this bill September 17-19. Go to <https://www.coloradowildernessact.org>.

## Ouray Events

### Ouray Trail Group Trailwork Days

- September 11-12. Upper Bear Creek and South Fork Trails- pack horse support
- September 21-22 Courthouse and Stealey Mountain North Trails- pack horse support

The CMC has a partnership with the OTG. Go to [ouraytrails.org/volunteers](http://ouraytrails.org/volunteers), click on the "Register for a Backcountry Work Trip" link, and complete the online registration form. Contact Kendall Chastain for more information.

### Love Your Gorge, Ouray Ice Park

-Saturday, 9/18, 9am - 1:30pm. Join the Ouray Ice Park and Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership for the 4th annual Love Your Gorge volunteer event! This year, we will concentrate our efforts on the annual litter removal, removing brush and branches, and graveling areas that are eroding. Go to [Ouray Ice Park](#) and scroll down several pages for more info.

### Ouray Climbers Alliance OuROCK! 2021

-Sunday, 9/19, 10am - 7pm. Join us at the OCA's Fourth Annual Fundraiser and community event at Rotary Park in Ouray for a fun day of climbing clinics, free walk-up climbing for kids and adults, delicious music, giveaways, climbing comp and live music by *You Knew Me When*. Go to [OuROCK!](#) for more info.

SEASON DATES: 2021			
	ARCHERY	MUZZLELOADER	RIFLE
<i>Be sure to check the hunt code pages for additional species-specific season dates!</i>			
Deer Elk Bear	Sept. 2-30*	Sept. 11-19*	Sept. rifle (Deer): Sept. 2-30* 1st rifle (Bear & Elk): Oct. 16-20 2nd rifle: Oct. 30-Nov. 7 3rd rifle: Nov. 13-19 4th rifle: Nov. 24-28 Plains rifle (deer): Oct. 30-Nov. 9
Pronghorn	Aug. 15-Sept. 20*	Sept. 21-29	Oct. 2-10*
Moose	Sept. 11-30	Sept. 11-19	Oct. 1-14*

## Safe Hiking During Hunting Season

- Know when hunting season is. ...
- Hike in the middle of the day. ...
- Wear orange or other bright, visible colors. ...
- Stay on trails (and hike at popular spots). ...
- Keep your dog on-leash. ...
- Use extra caution near roads. ...
- Make noise while hiking.

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

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

- [Saturday 9/4 Mesa Top](#). Easy B. Anne Keil.
- [Sunday 9/6 Sheep and Greenhalgh Mtns](#). Mod B. John Broadbooks.
- [Friday 9/24 East Maroon Creek](#). Mod A. Roaring Fork Group.
- [Saturday 9/25 Silvershield Trail](#). Mod B. Brenda Leach.
- [Saturday 9/25 & 26. Telluride and Ouray Via Ferrata](#). Boulder Group.
- [Tuesday 10/5. Oak Creek Overlook, Fall Color Hike \(or TBD\)](#). Difficult A. Anne Keil.
- [Friday 10/8-Sunday 10/10. Grand Mesa Backpack](#). Denver Group.
- 7/24-29 & 7/31-8/5 2022. [CMC In State Outing, Kebler Pass](#).
- [Alta Via 1. July 16-22, 2022](#). 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, revised August 9, 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 if interest (fee).
- [Sunday 8/29. Montrose Library event: Craig Childs at Montrose Pavilion](#). 4-6pm. Free tickets at Montrose Library.
- Sunday 8/29 9-6. Wilderness First Aid Field Day (Montrose Rotary Park). See [tuition listing](#) and [free listing for trip leaders & instructors](#).
- [Tuesday 10/12. CMC Virtual \(Denver\) New/Prospective Member Orientation](#). 7-8pm, Free.

**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. If you are interested, please contact [CMC@gmail.com](mailto:CMC@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 **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](#), [July](#), [August](#).

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 September 8 (an exception) 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, hikes and activities annually. Members also receive huge deals on outdoor gear, lodging, events and more.**

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