



Canyon to Crest Call

Western Slope Group

October 2021

CMC hike on the Silvershield Trail close to Ouray.

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

WSG Annual Dinner & 70th Anniversary Celebration



On Saturday, October 2, the Western Slope Group held its annual dinner at the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose. Around 40 CMCers and their guests attended the event including CMC President, Jeff Flax, and CMC Executive Director, Keegan Young. We were celebrating both the WSG's 70-year anniversary and the rejuvenation of the group. Our featured speaker was world class mountaineer Gerry Roach who gave us an entertaining presentation of some of his amazing climbing accomplishments. See [pics of the event](#). And, please provide us some [feedback here](#) as we hope to hold an annual event next year.

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](#).



McInnis Canyons NCA: Help Plant Sagebrush Seedlings on Friday, October 22

The BLM and Colorado Canyons Association are looking for CMC volunteers to help with this project. In June 2020, the Sieber Fire burned 1,094 acres of pristine landscape in McInnis Canyons NCA. In order to restore the native habitat, the BLM put a multi-phase project into action. In fall 2020, volunteers collected sagebrush seed from the surrounding landscape. The seeds were sent to the Upper Colorado Environmental Plant Center to be grown into 5,000+ sagebrush seedlings. We are now ready to put the seedlings back into the landscape where they belong! Get your green thumb ready and join us for a day of planting sagebrush seedlings; this involves digging holes, planting, and building small structures to protect the seedlings. There is a job for everyone! Here's more info and the [sign-up page](#).

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

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

[Tuesday 10/5. Ouray Area Fall Color Hike/Oak Creek Overlook](#). Difficult A. Anne Keil.

[Wednesday 10/6-10/8. Crag Crest Loop Backpack](#). Denver Group/BPX.

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

[Wednesday 10/13. Fall Colors Bike Ride](#). Easy-Moderate/paved. Mary Pitz.

[Saturday 10/23-Tuesday 10/26. Green River SP Camping and San Rafael Swell Hiking](#). WSG shared camping fee. Hikes TBD. Anne Keil & John Broadbooks (register with leader).

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

[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).

[Saturday Nov 6. Author John Waterman Presentation](#). NoColo Group. Webinar, 7pm.

[Saturday Nov 20. Wilderness First Aid Field Day](#). Glenwood Springs (fee for non-trip leaders and pre-work online required). For CMC trip leaders, follow [this link](#) for free tuition.

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 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](#), [September](#).

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 next one is on 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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