

I've been thinking a lot about climate change lately. Like many of you, I saw "An Inconvenient Truth" when it came out in theaters. I was simultaneously impressed and overwhelmed by the information. I was even spurred to act in a small way – we bought a hybrid car when it came time to replace our 1994 Saturn.

But I have to admit, I'd become complacent about the issue after buying the car. After all, we were doing our part – years ago we'd

replaced our incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents, installed a programmable thermostat, and subscribed to the utility's wind power program. We were doing most of the things listed at the end of "An Inconvenient Truth." What more could there be?

Turns out, there is a lot more. For example, I recently learned that we can buy carbon offsets to reduce the CO2 emissions we're responsible for when we travel (check out www.ecobusinesslinks.com for a price

survey). That idea was new to me – and it spurred me once again to explore what else we could do to reduce our carbon emissions.

My point is this – although I think of myself as an environmentalist and have changed many of my behaviors to reflect my beliefs, that doesn't relieve me of my responsibility to continue thinking about my actions and their impact on our planet. We can't "rest on our laurels" – we have to pay attention every single day.

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Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition

Thursday, April 12 Optional potluck supper 6-6:30 pm. Meeting 6:30-8:30 pm.

Thursday, May 3 Optional potluck supper 6-6:30 pm. Meeting 6:30-8:30 pm.

Thursday, June 7 WATCH OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF THE SPRING WILDERNESS BIG EVENT

Beidleman Environmental Center, 740 W. Carmillo St., Colorado Springs

Take action to promote and protect wildlands in our region. The work of CCWC involves exploring and researching wild candidate areas and developing wilderness legislation for possible Congressional action. For more information, contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail jorcstan@juno.com

Timberlines Deadline: Saturday, June 16. Again, the Editor will be leaving on vacation, so please get those articles in on time.

One of the ways you can help our local group use our limited funds more effectively is by opting to receive the newsletter **electronically**. Simply send an email to jane.ard-smith@lexisnexis.com to get started!

Telluride/Fielder Photography Workshop Raffle

The Rocky Mountain Chapter is raffling off a spot for one person in John Fielder's Fall Colors Workshop in Telluride, October 6-8, 2007. Tickets are \$5 and only 300 tickets are available. The drawing will be held at 12 noon on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at the Sierra Club office at 1536 Wynkoop Street in Denver. Reservation confirmation for the workshop must be made with John's office no later than April 30, 2007. To purchase a ticket, contact Jane Ard-Smith, 520-5381. [WOW! What a gift! - Ed.]

Thanks to LeAnna DeAngelo

The Executive Committee extends a warm thank you to Dr. LeAnna DeAngelo for serving as our program chair for the last two years. LeAnna pursued a variety of program topics for our general meetings. She always encouraged us to think of ways to improve the meetings. Best of luck in your future endeavors, LeAnna.

Thanks to LeAnna's encouragement, we are exploring new venues and formats for the general meeting. We hope to implement some changes in the fall. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Jane Ard-Smith, 520-5381.

Central Colorado Wilderness Report

by John Stansfield, Wilderness Chair

Campaign Goal — CCWC is working toward legislation to designate new wilderness areas in our region.

Browns Canyon Wilderness Bill Still a Possibility — Representatives of CEC, Friends of Browns Canyon Wilderness, and CCWC met Jan. 29 with Joe Rall, Field Rep. for new Cong. Doug Lamborn, discussing wilderness in general and Browns Canyon wilderness in particular. As a result, Rall has set up meetings between Cong. Lamborn and proponents and opponents of Browns for **April 4 in Salida**. After the meetings, Lamborn will decide if and how to proceed on reviving Browns legislation in this Congress. In the meantime, Sens. Allard and Salazar are still very interested in moving Browns in the Senate this session.

Rocky Mountain National Park Wilderness Bill — Active negotiations are moving toward conclusion to resolve conflicts in the Rocky bill. Once these are resolved, the bill will very likely pass congress this year.

Colorado Governor's Roadless Area Task Force — Gov. Ritter and staff are considering possible revisions to former Gov. Owens's roadless recommendations submitted to the Bush administration in mid-November. November federal judge's ruling and clarifications questioning many aspects of Bush revisions has temporarily reinstated

much of the original Clinton-era roadless protection. Details: see www.roadless.net.

Initial Meetings for Pike-San Isabel Forest Plan And Wilderness Implications — The first round of well-attended public meetings on the Forest Plan Revision concluded 3/6 in Colorado Springs.

Concurrent with plan revision, P-SI will make roadless area and new wilderness area recommendations. The roadless and wilderness processes begin this spring and summer. CCWC will be actively involved. Eight of CCWC's Wild Ten are within the forest, in part or whole, as are nearly 100 other roadless areas. In response to the plan revision, the Upper Arkansas-South Platte Project released the Wild Connections Conservation Plan for the Pike-San Isabel and nearby federal lands. For details on the citizen-initiated vision for biodiverse, sustainable public lands and new wilderness, see www.wildconnections.org.

Wild Ten Areas in Statewide Citizens Wilderness Proposal — Statewide wilderness coalition Colorado Wilderness Network is adding Badger Creek and Table Mountain Wild Ten areas to their Citizens Wilderness Proposal. Congresswoman Diana DeGette is seriously considering including the two areas in the latest version of her Colorado Wilderness Act. She is very intent on hearings for

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