



November 2021

Dear Colleague,

We have a packed Wild News for you this month. Here are the headlines, read on below for more info:

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 - State Opposes Controversial Fremont County gold mine
 - USFS Beaver Creek Boardwalk Project Completed!
 - New Colorado Oil and Gas Story-map
- Help Wild Connections Protect the Canyons!

Wild & Scenic Film Festival by Rocky Mountain Wild Virtual Event, November 4, 2021, 7:00 - 9:00 PM



It was great to be a part of Rocky Mountain Wild's Day of Action earlier in the week and we are proud again to sponsor their Wild & Scenic Film Festival, this Thursday, November 4!

The virtual film festival will feature award-winning environmental films that have been selected for their great visual stories and inspirational qualities that motivate us to continue the cause to keep the Rocky Mountains Wild.

Rocky Mountain Wild has more info at:
<https://rockymountainwild.org/wsff>

And you can purchase your tickets now at:
<https://qudio.com/event/rocky-mountain-wild>

Beaver Creek Dayhike, a Colorado Wilderness Act Outing Friday, November 12 (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM)



This moderate on-trail hike covers six miles with elevation gain of 600 feet. On two trail segments, we will skirt the southern reaches of the Colorado Wilderness Act's Beaver Creek proposed Wilderness, while learning its conservation story in granite canyonlands. Note the weekday hike date to avoid hunting season.

Participants should bring lunch, plenty of water and snacks, clothing suitable for the weather conditions, including rain gear, and good footwear suitable for hiking.

To register, contact John Stansfield at 303-660-5849 or jorstan@juno.com.

More info is available at www.wildconnections.org/events

Wildcat Canyon Dayhike, a Wildlands Outing

Saturday, November 20 (9:30 AM - 3:30 PM)



Join Wild Connections for a hike into a remote section of the South Platte River known as Wildcat Canyon. This hike will cover about 8 miles, with an elevation change of about 1200 feet, and is rated strenuous because of the distance and elevation change.

To register, contact Claude Neumann at 720-231-3039 or claudeneumann@earthlink.net.

More info is available at www.wildconnections.org/events

Take Action!



Support Colorado Wilderness: The Colorado Wilderness Act encompasses 660,000 acres of Colorado public lands, primarily lower elevation canyon lands managed by the BLM. The CWA passed the US House this year as part of the greater Protecting America's Wilderness Act, but still needs a Senate Champion. Ask Colorado Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper to support the CWA at <https://www.coloradowildernessact.org/take-action/>



Stop a New Oil Train from Barreling through Colorado: A new oil train could soon send millions of barrels of climate-destroying oil from Utah's Uinta Basin through Colorado. Tell Sens. Bennet and Hickenlooper to stop this dangerous plan in its tracks at <https://act.biologicaldiversity.org/UWzdVpPQCKClvAo2wp-gLA2>

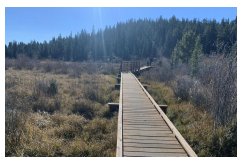
Public Lands News Round-Up



BLM ECRMP Conservation Alternative Op-Ed - Check out this great Ark Valley Voice op-ed on BLM's Eastern Colorado Resource Management Plan Revision and our community's conservation alternative, by Paul Tanner, who worked 40+ years for BLM and USFS.



State agency opposes controversial Fremont County gold mine proposal - See this well-researched story by the Colorado Springs Gazette on the bad gold mining proposal just west of Cañon City that would extend onto our wild and scenic public lands, including the Grape Creek proposed Wilderness and BLM's Grape Creek Area of Critical Environmental Concern and Wilderness Study Area.

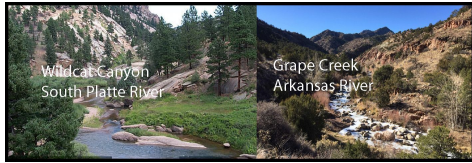


600-ft ADA-compliant Beaver Creek Boardwalk now open on the USFS South Park Ranger District north of Fairplay! Wild Connections was pleased to be a part of this effort - a fine example of people, conservation groups, Park County, and the USFS working together to get it done!



New Colorado Oil and Gas Story Map - Colorado has a new tool in town to highlight Colorado's \$8 BILLION oil & gas crisis. Check out the storymap to see how many oil and gas wells the industry has abandoned to leave for Colorado taxpayers to pay for.

Help Wild Connections Protect the Canyons along the Arkansas and South Platte Rivers



You can help protect:

- Quiet non-motorized recreation and wintering wildlife in Wildcat Canyon
- Six proposed new Wildernesses in the Arkansas Canyons

Make a donation now...



You can make your donation through the Pikes Peak region [Give!](#) anytime from November 1 through December 31!

You can also pre-schedule your gift beginning today for the December 7 state-wide [Colorado Gives Day](#).

Protecting Colorado's low elevation roadless and proposed Wilderness areas ensures that there will be clean drinking water, places of quiet back-country recreation and solitude, sensible travel systems, and climate refugia for wildlife and ecosystems for the future.

Learn more about the two canyons on our [website](#).

Jim, John, Alison, Claude, Karl, Misi, Kristin and John

Wild Connections Board and staff

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