



# Wild Connections

FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE PRAIRIES

Protecting and restoring wildlands in the Arkansas and South Platte watersheds...



## Wild Connections News

January 2018

Hi {FIRST\_NAME} to all our friends),

Thanks for helping to make our year end 2017

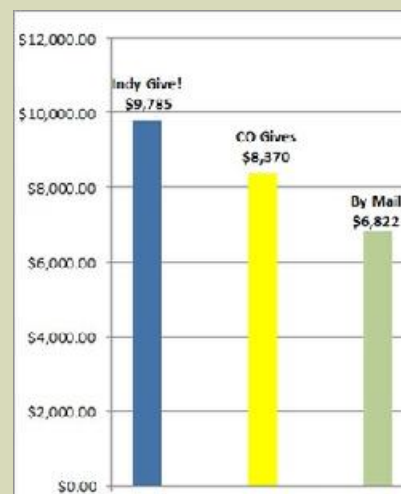
**WILDLIFE ~ WILDLANDS ~ WILD CONNECTIONS** campaign a success!

Raising \$25,000 was an ambitious goal for our year end campaign, as it was nearly double our total contributions from last year's campaign, however we were able to achieve that purposeful goal with your contributions and a grant from Wolcott Family Foundation.

Check out the graph to the right to see how our 2017 year end contributions were made via our Indy Give! campaign, Colorado Gives campaign, and by mail.

We are also overwhelmed with excitement over the number of new Wild Connections donors in 2017!

We look forward to working with you in 2018 to make sure that Colorado wildlands are protected, area wildlife have secure areas to live and roam, our local agencies with the USFS and BLM are held accountable for future-oriented land management, and young and not-so-young people can retreat to the mountains and canyons for quiet spirit-restoring explorations.



## Join us for an Upcoming Event...

**RMW's Wild & Scenic Film Festival**

**Thursday, January 25, 2018**

**5:30 PM Reception, 7 PM Screening**

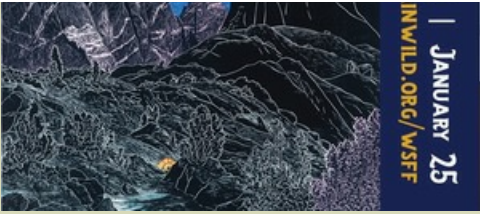
**Denver's SIE FilmCenter**

**2510 East Colfax Ave, Denver, CO**



Wild Connections will be tabling and is a sponsor of Rocky Mountain Wild's 2018 Wild & Scenic Film Festival in Denver.

Join us for an evening of award-winning environmental and outdoor adventure films from around the world that have been selected not only for their great visual stories, but also to inspire and motivate us to continue to keep the Rocky Mountains wild.



The films being promptly at 7 PM, with an opening reception from 5:30-7 PM, at which time you can speak with some of the filmmakers, take part in direct actions at RMW's Citizens Action Hub, and visit with other local non-profits, like Wild Connections!

For more information, tickets, and a complete list of films that will be showing, please visit <http://rockymountainwild.org/wsff>.

**McIntyre Hills Day Hike, a BLM Wild Lands Outing**  
**Saturday, January 27, 2018**  
**10 AM - 3 PM (Trailhead to Trailhead time)**

Join members of Wild Connections, the Pikes Peak Group of The Sierra Club, and Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition for a moderate hike in the McIntyre Hills Wilderness Study Area, a low-elevation area along the Arkansas River west of Royal Gorge that is filled with rocky canyons and teeming with wildlife.

Learn how areas such as this serve as connecting links for wildlife.

This five mile moderate hike along a dry canyon bottom will involve elevation gain of approximately 600 feet.

Bring lunch, water, boots suitable for off-trail hiking, and clothing suitable for the weather conditions.

Snow is possible this time of the year and may make some change of route or location necessary.

A carpool from Colorado Springs will meet at 8:30 a.m.

For details or to sign up, call Jim Lockhart at 385-0045 or e-mail [jlock@datawest.net](mailto:jlock@datawest.net).



**Welcome to Wild Connections...**



Wild Connections is excited to welcome Karl Ford, Ph.D. Environmental Scientist, to our board of directors!

Karl is retired in Denver from the Bureau of Land Management. His interests are in natural history, public lands conservation and climate change.

Of interesting note, he will complete the triple crown of the Appalachian Trail, Pacific Crest Trail, and Continental Divide Trail; also the Colorado Trail.

Karl is also active in the Colorado Mountain Club as an instructor and in conservation.

We look forward to having his experience, expertise, and enthusiasm joining Wild

Connections.

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*Jim, Misi, John, Kristin, Alison, Claude, Deb, Karl and John*  
- All of us at Wild Connections

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