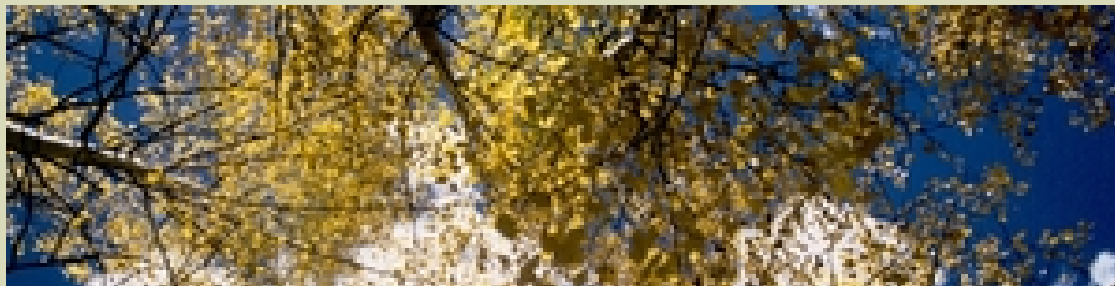




# Wild Connections

FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE PRAIRIES

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



Wild Connections News

September 2018

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

Happy September! Interested in a volunteer project, climate webinar, and/or public hike? Well we have you covered! Take a look below to see the great events that Wild Connections has planned for this month.

## Upcoming Events...

### USFS South Park Alpine Restoration Projects

Part 1: COMPLETE!

Part 2: September 08-09, 2018



We have another great opportunity to volunteer in your own backyard wilderness this summer, helping to restore damaged ecosystems. The USFS South Park Ranger District, working with Wild Connections, Wildlands Restoration Volunteers, and the Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative, have another upcoming volunteer stewardship project in the spectacular high country within 10 miles of Fairplay, CO.

Thanks to all of you that helped make Part I of our South Park Alpine Restoration Project such a great success! In mid-August, with the help of many volunteers the USFS South Park Ranger District, and our partner organizations, we succeeded in restoring areas in the headwaters of North Tarryall Creek and Beaver Creek that were negatively impacted by illegal motorized activity.

Please join us on the weekend of September 8 & 9 in the beautiful high country along Beaver Creek, on the south slopes of Mt. Silverheels and just minutes from the town of Fairplay, CO.

During this two-day project, we will be building a single track trail that will join into a larger network of existing trails, eventually connecting Fairplay to Breckenridge for non-motorized travel.

This is the second event in our South Park Alpine Restoration Project, which will extend through 2019. Wild Connections is pleased to be working again with long-time partners: USFS South Park Ranger District, Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative (MRHI), and Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WRV).

Volunteers will camp out near the project site (exact details will be e-mailed about a week prior to the projects), all meals and tools will be provided. **You can volunteer for just 1 or both of the volunteer days. No experience necessary!**



[Register Here](#)

## Colorado Conservation Climate Future Online Webinar

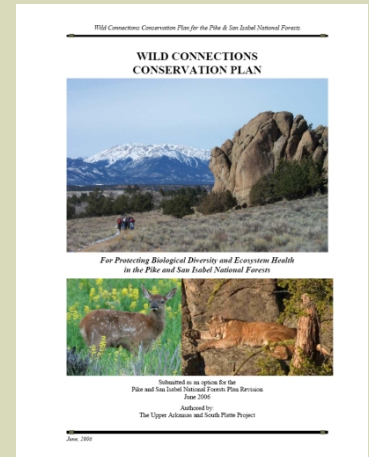
September 17, 2018

Time: 7:00 PM

Wild Connections is hosting an upcoming webinar on revising our 2006 [Wild Connections' Conservation Plan \(WCCP\)](#).

This plan guides our recommendations to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land managers on conserving wildlife habitat and quiet use recreation in the central Colorado mountains.

Upcoming WCCP revisions will include re-inventorying select USFS roadless areas, updating BLM inventories and decisions, and adding a climate change analysis to identify climate refugia where flora and fauna can persist with a changing climate.



This webinar is scheduled for September 17, 2018 at 7:00 PM. If interested, or for more info, please contact Karl Ford at [earthford@aol.com](mailto:earthford@aol.com).

## Celebrate National Public Lands Day with Wild Connections

Thompson Point Hike, a BLM Wildlands Outing

Saturday, September 22

9:00 AM to 3:30 PM



Come celebrate National Public Lands Day 2018 with Wild Connections on a beautiful hike and learn more about your local public lands. Join us on an escape to the scent and shade of ponderosa pines in this multiple mountain complex that comprises Thompson point and surrounding BLM wild lands of BLM's Eightmile Mountain Lands with Wilderness Characteristics unit. Located northwest of Canon City, near Highway 9 and High Park Road, Thompson Point provides postcard quality scenery of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains draped above central Colorado's rugged canyon country.

This moderate 7-mile hike will begin at Deer Haven Trailhead and traverse the higher elevations of Thompson

Mountain up to Thompson Point. We will then loop back to the trailhead via an alternate route. The overall elevation gain for this hike is approximately 750 feet.

Plan on packing a lunch and snacks, plenty of water, layers of clothing, rain gear, sturdy boots, and your standard hiking essentials. This trip is sponsored by Wild Connections, Pikes Peak Group Sierra Club, and Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition. Maximum 15 participants. For more trip and carpool information and to register, contact John Sztukowski at 817-939-4239 or [john@wildconnections.org](mailto:john@wildconnections.org), by 5:00 PM, Friday, September 21.

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

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