



September 3, 2024

Dear Colleague,

Today marks the 60th anniversary of the Wilderness Act! Celebrate with us tonight at Seven's Gate in Colorado Springs to "Raise Hell for a Reason", a Charity Pint Night benefitting Wild Connections!

You can also enjoy this historic anniversary by rewatching our 2020 virtual event on the subject: [Celebrating Wilderness with Prose and Poetry](#).

And read below to see what else we have upcoming, including our Puma Hills volunteer restoration project on October 5 and a newly announced climate education hike at Beaver Creek on October 13.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Wild Connections Pint Night at Seven's Gate **TONIGHT: Tuesday, September 3, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

Join the Wild Connections team this evening at [Seven's Gate Taproom](#) in Old Colorado City to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Wilderness Act!

By attending, you're not only supporting a local taproom but also contributing to the mission of Wild Connections. Celebrate the legacy of wilderness protection with us and raise a glass to more wild and scenic adventures ahead!

Don't worry if you can't make it - we'll be back for another Charity Pint Night on October 3.



[Register Here!](#)

National Old-Growth Amendment Comment Workshop (Virtual) **Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

The U.S. Forest Service has proposed a policy that could reduce the logging and destruction of old-growth trees in national forests. [Join Rocky Mountain Wild, Environment Colorado, and Wild Connections to learn about this opportunity to protect mature and old-growth forests.](#)

Rocky Mountain Wild has more info, including how to comment on this plan by the **Sep 20 public comment deadline**, at rockymountainwild.org/protect-climate-forests.

And our friends at [Great Old Broads for Wilderness](#) are also doing a webinar on this important subject, this Thursday, Sep 5 at 4 PM.



*WC 2019 North Tarryall
Creek/Red Mountain Monitoring.
Photo John Sztukowski*

[More Info Here!](#)

North Tarryall Creek Project Monitoring Hike
National Public Lands Day
Saturday, September 28, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Join us as we revisit our 2018 restoration project site at the headwaters of the North Tarryall Creek in South Park, just west of Boreas Pass Road. We will monitor for revegetation of the project site and illegal motorized use. The 5-6 mile round trip hike has approximately 900 feet of elevation gain, taking us just beneath the Continental Divide!

There will be optional camping the night before at the Selkirk Campground, home of our 2016 restoration project site and just below where our N. Tarryall Creek monitoring hike will begin.

For details or to sign up, contact John Sztukowski at [817-939-4239](tel:817-939-4239) or john@wildconnections.org.



*WC 2024 Puma Hills RA project
scouting with FS SRPD - viewing
illegal route into RA to be closed.
Photo John Sztukowski.*

[More Info Here!](#)

Volunteer Seeding Restoration Project
at the FS Puma Hills Roadless Area
Saturday, October 5, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Wild Connections is excited to partner once again with the USFS' South Park Ranger District. We will be closing about two and a half miles of illegal motorized routes that enter the Puma Hills Roadless Area just north of Elevenmile Canyon Reservoir.

The FS will be prepping the area for us, where we will seed and rake two large sections of illegal routes, stemming from adjacent BLM public lands. The FS will rewire the boundary fence and install signs to keep out illegal motorized use in the future.

For details or to sign up, contact John Sztukowski at [817-939-4239](tel:817-939-4239) or john@wildconnections.org.



*BLM's Beaver Creek Wilderness
Study Area, rated "best" for
climate refugia.*

Beaver Creek Climate Educational Hike
Saturday, October 12, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Join us for a hike into the wild Beaver Creek Wilderness Study Area, located between Colorado Springs and Cañon City, to retrieve data loggers that have been recording temperature and humidity data. Beaver Creek was identified as being on the of "Best" areas for Climate Refugia in [Wild Connections Climate Corridor and Refugia Analysis](#).

This will be a strenuous hike of about 7.5 miles and 1,600 feet total ascent, rated strenuous for the distance, elevation gain, cliff-edged trails and creek crossings.

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[More Info Here!](#)

Public Comment Opportunities



"No Shooting" sign (with bullet holes) off of Mount Herman Road. Photo The Gazette.

[Click Here to Comment](#)

FS Pike National Forest - Target Shooting Plan **Public Comments due September 4**

On Aug 5, the Forest Service released their preliminary environmental assessment for their [Integrated Management of Target Shooting on the Pike National Forest](#), which consists of the Forest Service's Pikes Peak, South Park, and South Platte Ranger Districts.

This project addresses the need for public target shooting opportunities on the forest, IDs areas that are unsuitable for dispersed target shooting as well as locations to develop shooting ranges.

Support Wild Connections!



Support Wild Connections on Earth Day! **October 1**

We are excited to participate in our first [Earth Gives Day](#) on October 1!

This nationwide event brings together communities in support of environmental nonprofits like Wild Connections. Earth Gives Day raises vital funds and amplifies awareness of our critical work to protect our natural landscapes. Powered by Earth Givers, this initiative helps nonprofits like ours expand their capacity and connect with new supporters. Together, we can make a lasting impact on our Colorado wildlands.



Give! Pikes Peak **November 1 - December 31**

From November 1st to December 31st, Wild Connections is participating in the [Give! Campaign](#) alongside other amazing local nonprofits. We are thrilled to share our mission and passion with you. Your support will help us work towards a brighter future for the Pikes Peak Region. Join us in making a difference!



Colorado's alleged largest Douglas Fir - 22 ft in circumference – located in the FS Chipeta Roadless Area. Photo Wild Connections.

MONEY DOESN'T GROW ON TREES

but trees can thrive where Wild Connections spends time and money!

[Help us](#) protect Colorado's wildlands and wildlife by supporting Wild Connections! Our team is dedicated to forging coalitions and taking action to create a network of connected wildlands.

With your generous donation, you will contribute to our organization's financial strength and ensure that Colorado's wild areas remain intact and untrammelled. Your support is crucial in helping us continue our mission. Together, let's help those trees grow wild and tall.

[Donate today](#) to make a difference for our wildlands and wildlife. Thank you for your consideration and support!

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From all of us,
John, India, Jim, Alison, Claude and Kristin
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We recognize our area as the ancestral lands of the Ute, Cheyenne, Jicarilla Apache, Arapaho and other indigenous peoples.