



May 6, 2025

Dear Colleague,

May is looking to be a busy month, and an important one for our public lands. We hope you can join us on May 17 for Colorado Public Lands Day or we can help you find an event near you. And we have other ways that you can stand up for our public lands in the face of the multi-pronged attack by the Trump administration.

Stand Up for Our Public Lands!



Take Action!

A new website, keepitpublic.co, was recently created by the broader community of public lands conservation organizations in Colorado as your central hub for staying informed and taking effective action to prevent the sell-off our public lands!

The Trump administration is working alongside lawmakers and special interest groups to sell off federally-managed public lands, which could open millions of acres in Colorado to privatization and development. Learn and track our public lands threats at keepitpublic.co/learn.

And speak up for our Public Lands at keepitpublic.co/take-action!

Colorado Public Lands Day Fountain Creek Clean-up Saturday, May 17, 9:00 - 11:15 AM



Fountain Creek Regional Park by Colorado Springs Trails and Open Space.

As part of Colorado Public Lands Day, May 17th, Wild Connections and the Pikes Peak Sierra Club Group invite you to join them for a cleanup of the Sierra Club's Adopt-A-Waterway section of Fountain Creek, adjacent to El Pomar Youth Sports Center along the Pikes Peak Greenway Trail in Colorado Springs.

This is an opportunity to help the environment and also learn more about our waterways and their importance to wildlife and to wildlife movement. Dress for the weather, including work gloves, long pants, and sturdy shoes or boots. Wear sunscreen and bring drinking water.

Park in the northeast corner of the Kohl's parking lot at 2725 Janitell Rd, Colorado Springs, where we will meet for a short safety briefing and provide information on items that should not be picked up, but left for a special crew. **Pre-event registration is required. Please sign up no later than Thursday, May 15th.** For more info and to register, contact Chuck Donachy at 719-330-5580 or donachy834@aol.com.

Find a Colorado Public Lands Day Event Near You!

Can't join us in Colorado Springs for May 17 Colorado Public Lands Day but still want to participate in an event near you and connect with fellow public lands advocates? Then check out keepitpublic.co/find-an-event for other events around the state!

Wild Connections Pint Night at Seven's Gate Tuesday, May 14, 4:00 - 7:00 PM



Support local conservation and enjoy a great brew! Join the Wild Connections team at Seven's Gate Taproom in Colorado Springs for an evening of community, education, and action.

By attending, you'll support a local brewery and contribute to Wild Connections' mission.

Support Conservation: Every pint sold donates \$1 to Wild Connections, directly contributing to the protection and restoration of our local wildlands. Learn About Local Public Lands: Engage with Wild Connections' representatives and learn about our efforts to conserve wildland areas in the Upper Arkansas and South Platte watersheds.

Community Impact: Join fellow nature lovers and conservation enthusiasts in supporting a cause that helps sustain our beautiful Colorado wild areas.

[Find more info here!](#)

Colorado Endangered Species Week May 11 - 17



Our friends at Rocky Mountain Wild are hosting the 9th annual Colorado Endangered Species Week, dedicated to providing educational events and advocacy opportunities to protect our planet and Colorado species at risk.

Learn more at rockymountainwild.org/cesw.

Pikes Peak Birding and Nature Festival May 15 - 18



[Sign up today](#) to attend the Pikes Peak Birding and Nature Festival! As the festival heads into 2025, birders can look forward to another amazing array of bird species. The festival motto is “prairie to peak” and it lives up to that billing.

Wild Connection's is sponsoring the festival and we will be celebrating with fellow bird and nature lovers at the festival's Birds, Bites & Brews social event on May 17 from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Spring migration along Colorado's Front Range is often full of surprises and the festival weekend is peak migration time. The Pikes Peak region has much to offer, with the short-grass prairie rising to meet the forested foothills and deep canyons of the southern Front Range, and rich, riparian forests providing for countless birds, insects, and other wildlife. The Pikes Peak Birding & Nature Festival can be very special for visitors and locals alike. They have recorded 10 out of 12 woodpecker species which regularly occur in Colorado. And there have been over 15 species of flycatchers and shorebirds, 20 species of sparrows, and that one lone White Ibis.

[Register Here!](#)

Cerberus Brewing Co. Spring Shelter Fair

Saturday May 24, 1:00 - 4:00 PM



Cerberus Brewing Co. is hosting their second annual Spring Shelter Fair on May 24 in their beer garden, at 702 W Colorado Ave. in Colorado Springs.

This event is all about bringing together local animal rescues and non-profits to highlight the amazing work being done in our community—and how people can get involved.

Say hello to Wild Connections who be be tabling on behalf of local wildlife. [Find more info here.](#)

Regional Plan Releases...



On April 17, the Outdoor Pikes Peak Initiative (OPPI) released their Vision Plan, detailing what plans and projects the group will be pursuing to preserve the region's rich natural heritage while enhancing access to outdoor recreation, ensuring that future generations can enjoy and steward these cherished landscapes.

OPPI is one of the CPW Regional Partnership Initiatives for Colorado, now moving into the implementation stages.

Find more about OPPI, their vision plan and story map at ppora.org/oppi.

And you can provide feedback to the group at ppora.org/oppi#feedback.



On April 23, Colorado Parks and Wildlife released their Colorado's Outdoors Strategy, a statewide vision that elevates common goals, amplifies regionally rooted efforts, provides data and tools to inform local decision making, and advances coordinated, statewide strategies and funding for conservation, outdoor recreation and climate resilience.

Find more info, including the downloadable strategy, at cpw.state.co.us/coloradosoutdoorsstrategy.

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We recognize our area as the ancestral lands of the Ute, Cheyenne, Jicarilla Apache, Arapaho and other indigenous peoples.