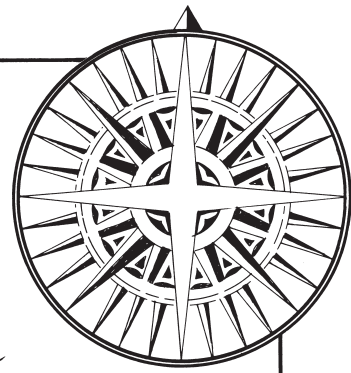




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**Report on CFI Restoration of Mount Massive Trail**

The Colorado Fourteeners Initiative (CFI) began Peak Preservation work on the North Halfmoon approach to Mount Massive in 2003. With an average hike time of one-and-a-half-hours to the worksite, side slopes 70% or greater, three miles of new trail construction, and two major restoration areas, Mt. Massive posed some of the most challenging work in CFI's 11-year history. The result of CFI's ambitious three-year project on this mountain is 11,400 feet of new trail construction to the summit ridge of Mt. Massive and 95,000 sq. ft. of restoration completed.

Generous funding from the Boulder chapter of the Colorado Mountain Club was used to finish restoration of an extensive erosion gully on the approach to Mt. Massive this year. Reconstruction of the gully began in 2004, continued into 2005 on two separate projects. Prior to restoration work, some of the trail was a steep, unstable, eroded gully. A spring restoration project focused on constructing a series of rock and wooden retaining walls that were backfilled in order to recontour and stabilize the loose and eroding slope. Revegetation work, completed in the fall, included seeding, willow cuttings, willow wattles, and some vegetation transplants. Willow stakes installed in 2004 have proven highly successful, and sections of the trail that were seeded in 2004 are recovering very quickly with about 80% cover (in just 4 months, or one growing season).

CFI's mission is to protect and preserve the natural integrity of Colorado's

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**This Month's Profile: Sheila Delamere**

*Editor's Note: Sheila is the most dedicated volunteer in the club that I know of. This is her own description of how she came to be so involved and so attached to the club activities. Thank you Sheila for all you do!*

Sheila is "the voice" most of you have heard on the phone giving out information and answering as many questions as possible. She started climbing in the English Lake District at the age of 16, learned to ski on icy slopes in Eastern Canada and moved to Boulder in 1967. Climbing Green Mountain a couple of weeks later she met Kurt Gerstle and Don Kava. Don had a CMC patch on his pack. Kurt invited Alan and Sheila to the Annual Dinner. She had only missed one Annual Dinner since. She dropped out of the BMS in 1968 when she saw a climber fall on an adjacent climb. She graduated from BMS years later after having climbed all the 14ers. She has been involved in trail

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**Monthly Program, March 8**

**Colorado Images: An Everyman's Travelogue**

Jim Groh will show images from his 35 years in Colorado on Wednesday evening, March 8, at 7:30 PM at the clubroom. You'll see familiar places and obscure, vistas and closeups, with emphasis on a few his favorite places. No 8000-meter peaks or 5.14 climbing, just special moments of light and line and form that we all have experienced on hikes, climbs, backpack trips, and car trips.

The clubroom is in the Table Mesa shopping center, just upstairs from the Movie Gallery, or around the corner and through the tunnel from Neptune's.

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### **Profile: Sheila Delamere**

building, cabin maintenance, leading climbs, hosted the Brainard cabin and skied for miles. She is still up in the mountains a few times a week – skiing or hiking.

She became clubroom secretary in 1974 and remained with the job for six years. During that time the office moved from a building on Broadway to the AYH on 12th and College. A six month work assignment in Germany caused her to resign. Twenty years flew by and she was asked if she would fill the position for a few months while council could find another secretary. That was in 1999 and she is still here with good reason. “I am surrounded by teams of dedicated people who volunteer their time for the CMC Boulder Group. They are trip leaders, instructors, council members or special committee members. I enjoy working with volunteers who help me to maintain the clubroom office hours and to mail the Compass.”

Steve Priem, Gene Ellis and Ken Nolan have been the regular cadre for years labeling 1,200 newsletters each month.” Sheila’s knowledge of the mountains is essential for dealing with the myriads of different questions. “The new Clubroom has changed the nature of the job very significantly. I am much more involved with schools, clinics and meetings because they take place in the clubroom. It has become the social center with people dropping in to chat about activities in the mountains. I now do a lot of my administrative work outside normal clubroom hours. The most enjoyable aspect of working in the clubroom is seeing the enthusiasm of students signing up for schools or clinics and talking to prospective new members.” We asked Sheila her opinion about ways of improving the Group’s activities: “I often hear ‘I want to be in the mountains with other people’. I think the Boulder Group should have more hikes that were geared towards people with average hiking abilities and at the same time teaching them how to preserve the beauty of Colorado.”

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### **Mt Massive Restoration**

14,000-foot Peaks (Fourteeners) through active stewardship and public education. On behalf of CFI’s staff, volunteers, and

### **Gary Neptune Receives Award**

Gary Neptune was awarded CMC’s most prestigious award, The Ellingwood Award, on January 5, 2006 by our Chairperson Tonya Riggs. Gary has been a longtime and generous supporter of the Boulder CMC. Here’s a shot of Gary showing off the “big prize”!



board of directors, please accept our sincere thanks to the CMC Boulder Chapter for contributing \$2,000 in March of 2005 to support our restoration efforts on Mt. Massive.

Restoration and sustainable trail construction work will take place on Pyramid Peak, Mt. Evans, and the east side of Mt. Massive in 2006. Additionally, trail maintenance projects will take place on 20 Fourteeners in 2006 through our Adopt-a-Peak Program. If you are interested in volunteering with CFI in 2006, please refer to our spring newsletter or call Del Rae Heiser, Office and Volunteer Manager, at 303.996.2755. You can also find volunteer opportunities listed on our website at [www.14ers.org](http://www.14ers.org).

### **Volunteers Needed!**

### **Mailing party March 23**

Come to the Clubroom and help mail out the March Compass! This is a relaxed way to meet people and give something back to your favorite club. The next issue will be ready to mail on Thursday, March 23, at 5:30pm, so please just drop in. Phone Sheila at 303-554-7688 for more information.

### **Publicity Chair Open**

Effective publicity is an important current goal for the Boulder Group. We have a pressing need for someone with experience and vision to chair the Publicity Committee. The position involves setting the general direction of the Group’s publicity efforts, coordinating the efforts of several members who are already doing publicity tasks, and attending the Boulder Group Council meetings on the second Monday of each month to report on the committee’s doings and relay ideas from the Council to the committee. This is a great opportunity for the right

person who wants to get experience with public relations, marketing, the outdoor sports industry and managing a non-profit organization — as well as have fun with a great outdoor organization! Please contact Tonya Riggs at [chair@cmcboulder.org](mailto:chair@cmcboulder.org), or call the Clubroom at 303-554-7688.

### **Kristian Ferguson Memorial Fund established**

A fund has been set up to receive donations to assist with the costs associated with bringing Kris home from Tanzania. If you would like to help, please send your contribution to Wells Fargo Bank - account number 2016269454. The family appreciates your kind thoughts and care. If you have questions, please contact Kristy Judd at 303-996-2742.

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We welcome announcements, articles, letters, artwork, and photos, especially from recent CMC trips and events.

**DEADLINE:** Please submit material to the Editor by the first Friday of the month for inclusion in the following month’s issue.

**April deadline: March 10**

## School Applications Begin Soon

Applications are now being accepted for our spring and summer schools, on a first-come first-serve basis. Call the clubroom at 303-554-6788 for applications. The spring/summer schools are:

- \* Hiking I: Basic Wilderness Survival: Starts March 28
- \* Basic Rock School (BRS): Starts April 11
- \* Basic Snow School: Starts May 2
- \* Hiking II: Navigation and Route-finding: Starts May 9
- \* Intermediate Snow School: Starts June 6
- \* Rock Leading School: Starts June 7
- \* Backpacking School: Starts June 13

Prices range from \$20 to \$80 for each school, or you can sign up for BHS or BMS "bundles" for a discount. See the website at [www.cmcboulder.org](http://www.cmcboulder.org), or contact [bms@cmcboulder.org](mailto:bms@cmcboulder.org) or [bhs@cmcboulder.org](mailto:bhs@cmcboulder.org) for more information.

As announced in the previous *Compass*, an orientation meeting will be held at the clubroom at 6:30 pm Tuesday, February 28.

## Calling All Summer Leaders: Time for Trips

Trip leaders, once again it's time to submit trips for the Summer Activity Schedule. This schedule will include trips from May 1st, 2006 through Oct 31st, 2006. Trips must be submitted to the Trip Schedulers no later than Friday, March 3rd, and if you can get them in earlier it is always helpful. Trip Schedulers are:

A,B trips: Ruth Eastman, [ruthanneastman@msn.com](mailto:ruthanneastman@msn.com), 303-652-3097

C,D trips: Ann Keane, [a\\_keane@indra.com](mailto:a_keane@indra.com), 303-258-9390

Rock climbs: Chris Glascock, [the14er-climber@comcast.net](mailto:the14er-climber@comcast.net), 720-887-5964

Snow/Ice Climbs: Andrew Halperin, [ahalper@cisco.com](mailto:ahalper@cisco.com), 720-562-6740

Ski trips: Patricia Butler, [butler@csd.net](mailto:butler@csd.net), 303-440-0586

If you have other questions about leading or scheduling trips, please contact [outings@cmcboulder.org](mailto:outings@cmcboulder.org) or 303-554-5546.

— contributed by Seth Allen

## Freeheelers' Spring Party and Retro Ski Day

Remember the long, skinny skis, tennis-shoe boots, and cane poles some of us tried to learn to telemark with? Remember wearing wool sweaters, knickers, and even blue jeans? Think you could still make those great turns with the old equipment?

Join the Colorado Mountain Club for the Fourth Annual Freeheelers' Spring Party at the Loveland Ski Area on Saturday, April 8. We'll have a barbeque at the Ptarmigan Roost cabin, located next to the top of Chair #2. Bring your appetite and \$5 for burgers, dogs, veggie burgers, salad, beer, and soda (exact change appreciated). Food will be served from 11:30 until 1:00.

In addition to the barbeque, we're inviting people to show up in their old ski gear. There will be a contest for the best outfit and best skiing technique on old-timey equipment. Of course, retro gear is optional. Come however you want and join us for the party. This event is open to all CMC members. Lift tickets for a group rate of \$27 will be available if we can get at least 20 people to purchase. Please RSVP by March 30 so we know how much food to bring. We'll also need volunteers to help with hauling food and supplies up the chair lift, as well as with cooking and setup. To RSVP or for more information, go to <http://cmc.org/freeheel> or contact Mike Miller at 303-279-8152 or e-mail [miller866@comcast.net](mailto:miller866@comcast.net).

## Raptor Closures in Effect

Raptor closures in these climbing areas were closed February 1 until July 31:

- Lefthand Canyon Palisades
- Mount Sanitas First Buttress--no closures to the popular bouldering areas along the ridge
- The 3rd Flatiron, including the East and West Ironing Boards, Queen Anne's Head and Jaws
- Skunk Canyon including all areas west of Ridge of 1 and the

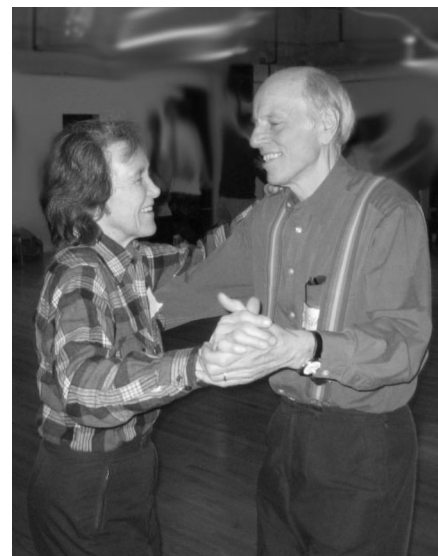
- Entirety of the Sacred Cliffs
- Bear Creek Spire
- Fern Canyon --The designated Fern Canyon Hiking Trail remains open
- Shadow Canyon--the designated Shadow Canyon Hiking Trail remains open
- The Matron
- The Mickey Mouse Wall

Gregory Canyon Amphitheater is not currently closed, but will be monitored for nesting activity. For more information, see website [osmp.org](http://osmp.org).



## XL Event Well Attended

The XL skiing event last January 21<sup>st</sup> was a great success. An estimated 65 people skied up the CMC hut and over 100 folks attended the après-ski party in town.



Ingvar Sodal and ex-wife Jofrid are shown here at the dance; both are CMC legends. It was Ingvar who gave a huge boost to popularize cross-country skiing in the Boulder area forty years ago by importing 100 wooden skis from Norway and designing the Brainard Lake trails. Jofrid designed the Boulder Group's lovely little ski cabin up on Guinn Mountain, the Årestua Hut.



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## March 2006 Trips

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### Wednesday, March 1

Tele/AT Backcountry Ski clinic Lecture (Ski) Lecture #3

Navigation & Peak Planning

For registered participants in the Tele/AT Backcountry Ski Clinic. (See 2/6/06 for more details.) Planning trip for the final 3-day Tele/AT Backcountry Ski clinic trip. Participants will rely on all the things learned in the prior lectures and field trips to plan a trip that climb and descend a high peak with skis. Participants will be responsible for the selection, plan and execution. Meet at Boulder Group club room, 633 S. Broadway, Unit N 7:00 pm.

Cynthia L Gagnon, (303) 938-8564. (Trip#31580)

### Saturday, March 4

Deer Mtn 10,013' Difficult A

From Deer Ridge Junction, meander up switchback trail to ridge crest. Take side trail to summit, which has views of Front Range. Estes Park. 6/1,083'. Todd Nelson, (303) 417-9166. (Trip#31621)

Deer Creek Mod. III Ski Tour

From the end of the plowed road near Montezuma, follow the snow covered 4WD roadbed along Deer Creek above timberline toward Radical Hill at about 12,360 ft. Skins suggested for the last pitch to the divide. Good tele terrain at the top. Montezuma. 9/1,800'. 140 mi. Register with leader. Peter Gowen, (303) 494-5420. (Trip#31685)

Rock Creek Glades Telemark Adv. II Ski Tour

Climb steadily to treeline. Enjoy a 1100 foot tree and powder run back to a steep and very fast trail.

Climbing skins and good tele/downhill skills required. Avalanche gear. Call leader between 9 am and 9 pm only. Allens Park. 7/2,700'. 40 mi. Register with leader. Steven Haymes, (303) 444-4765. (Trip#31672)

St Vrain Mtn

Adv. II Ski Tour

From Allens Park trailhead, ski the St. Vrain Mtn trail toward Meadow Mtn.

Ascend to the saddle and return via Rock Creek. Tele opportunities on the descent. Allens Park. 7/2,800'. 60 mi. Register with leader. Ronald Spoerl, (303) 494-7977. (Trip#31681)

### Sunday, March 5

Commando Run Adv. II Ski Tour

A grueling 15 mile ski tour with 5000' of climbing and several great telemark runs. Starts before dawn at Vail Pass, ends late in the day at Vail with a taxi ride back to the cars. Limited number of participants. Ski Mountaineering School or equivalent, recent B/C trips, intermediate or better telemark skills. Skins and avalanche gear. Call at least a week before. 5 March, 2006 Fees. Willy Gully, (303) 939-8382. (Trip#31727)

### Tuesday, March 7

Eco-Ski in Eldora Area

Mod. Ski Tour

We will take the RTD bus to ski from the Eldora Mtn. Resort. (This could be the only scheduled bus service to a ski area in the USA!) Where we go will depend on snow conditions and the trip will be of easy to moderate difficulty. Options include Jenny Creek to Yankee Doodle Lake (10 miles, 1500 ft gain) or up Jenny Creek to the RR grade and then west, depending on wind conditions. Our only deadline is to catch a bus back to Boulder. 10/1,500'. Register with leader. Peter Birkeland, (303) 442-0304. (Trip#31666)

AT/Ski Mountaineering School

Lecture #1(Ski)

For registered participants of AT/Ski Mountaineering School. Lecture includes Intro to school, gear and equipment. (See 2/15/06 listing for details on the school) Meet at AMC. 710 10th St, Golden, Co 7:00 pm. Cynthia L Gagnon, (303) 938-8564. John Raich, (970) 482-8977. (Trip#31605)

### Thursday, March 9

CMC South or Peaceful Valley Ski Easy II Ski Tour

We'll ski CMC South trail to Brainard

Lake or Peaceful Valley, depending on snow conditions.

Ward/Allens Park. 6/600'. 50 mi. Register with leader. Tom Walker, (303) 666-7199. (Trip#31692)

### Saturday, March 11

Tolland to American City

Mod. III Ski Tour

Spectacular views of James Peak!

11/1,900'. 50 mi. Register with leader. Steve Priem, (303) 499-9024.

(Trip#31690)

Woods Mtn 12,940'

Difficult Snowshoe

Watrous Gulch

Follow Watrous Gulch north into valley between Mt. Parnassus and Peak 12,805.

Climb into saddle

between Woods Mtn. and Mt. Parnassus.

Weather permitting, complete climb to top of Woods Mtn. Grays Pk. 5/2,700'.

140 mi. Phillip Congdon, (303) 926-1408. (Trip#31625)

### Saturday–Sunday, March 11–12

Tele/AT Backcountry Ski clinic Field Trip (Ski)

Field Trip #3: Skiing a Peak

For registered participants in the Tele/AT Backcountry Ski Clinic. (See 2/6/06 for more details.) Participants in this one or two-day field trip will rely on all the things learned in the prior lectures and field trips to climb and descend a high peak with skis. Cynthia L Gagnon, (303) 938-8564.

(Trip#31581)

### Sunday, March 12

Lake Helene

Mod. Snowshoe

From Bear Lake trailhead snowshoe past Marigold Pond and Two Rivers Lake to Lake Helene nestled below dramatic Notchtop. McHenry's Pk. 6/1,200'. Louie Genduso, (303) 518-8948. (Trip#31639)

### Tuesday, March 14

AT/Ski Mountaineering School Lecture (Ski)

Lecture #2

For registered participants of AT/Ski

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## March 2006 Trips

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Mountaineering School. Lecture focuses on avalanche assessment. (See 2/15/06 listing for details on the school) Meet at AMC. 710 10th St, Golden, Co 7:00 pm. Cynthia L Gagnon, (303) 938-8564. John Raich, (970) 482-8977. (Trip#31606)

### Wednesday, March 15

Mt. Sanitas 6,863' Difficult A Full Moon Meditation Hike Hike up the South ridge at sunset. Moderate pace. Short meditation on the top. Hike down the East side in the moonlight. Refreshment stop at the Hungry Toad afterwards. 3/1,200'. Rada Perovic, (303) 985-3263. (Trip#31630)

### Friday, March 17

South Trail to Easy II Ski Tour Brainard Cabin We'll ski the easy South Trail to Brainard Lake and possibly return via the Little Raven Trail if conditions and skills permit. Ward. 6/400'. 50 mi. Register with leader. Tom Walker, (303) 666-7199. (Trip#31693)

### Friday–Sunday March 17–19

Blue Lake (Indian Pks) Mod. III Ski Tour Ski by moonlight to the Brainard Cabin Friday evening. Saturday climb to Blue Lake via Mitchell Lake and maybe find some tele slopes on the way back. (My inaugural trip as a CMC leader) Ward. 10/1,140'. 45 mi. Register with leader. Jason Kintzel, (303) 776-1218. Patrick M. Coppinger, (303) 876-1719. (Trip#31695)

### Tuesday, March 21

AT/Ski Mountaineering School Lecture (Ski) Lecture #3 For registered participants of AT/Ski Mountaineering School. Lecture focuses on ascent and descent route selection and mountain terrain techniques. (See 2/15/06 listing for details on the school) Meet at AMC. 710 10th St, Golden, Co 7:00 pm. Cynthia L Gagnon, (303) 938-8564. John Raich, (970) 482-8977. (Trip#31608)

### Wednesday, March 22

CMC South or Peaceful Valley Ski Easy II Ski Tour We'll ski CMC South trail to Brainard Lake or Peaceful Valley, depending on snow conditions. Ward/Allens Park. 6/600'. 50 mi. Register with leader. Tom Walker, (303) 666-7199. (Trip#31694)

### Saturday, March 25

Big Thompson Canyon Top Roping (5.8) Experience some lesser known but excellent climbs in this scenic canyon. We'll start at Practice rock with some nice face climbing in the 5.6 to 5.10 range and move up the canyon to Cyclops and practice our friction work in the 5.6 to 5.9 range. Gary Schmidt, (970) 613-0396. (Trip#31710)

### Sunday, March 26

AT/Ski Mountaineering School Field Trip (Ski) Filed Trip #1 For registered participants of AT/Ski Mountaineering School. Field trip #1 A 1-day ski tour and field instruction. Tentative location: Cameron Pass. Topics: avalanche assessment and beacon searches. May add a trip on Saturday, March 25, if sufficient demand (participants will only attend one day). (See 2/15/06 listing for details on the school). Cynthia L Gagnon, (303) 938-8564. John Raich, (970) 482-8977. (Trip#31609)

### Tuesday, March 28

Hiking 1 - Basic Wilderness Survival Lecture #1 Have you ever wanted to take a hike or go backpacking somewhere but didn't know where to go or what to bring along? Ever wondered how to read a trail map or use a compass to find your way? Concerned about what to do if you have to spend the night in the wilderness? There are now a series of classes, Hiking 1 & Hiking 2, which will teach you those specific skills and more or provide you with the opportunity to review your skills. These classes concentrates on the non-technical skills

that will increase your enjoyment of the mountains and help you deal with unexpected situations that may arise. It will also allow you to meet other hikers with the same interests. Sign-ups begin at the Feb 28 Boulder Mountain School Overview and Sign-up (See 2/28/06 listing). Hiking 1 focuses on wilderness survival, trip planning, nutrition and safety. Participants must attend 2 lectures ( 3/28, 4/4) and one field trip (4/8). Note : Hiking 1 is also part of both BMS and BHS. Meet at Boulder Group club room, 633 S. Broadway, Unit N. 6:30 pm.

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### Canoeing the Green River

Labyrinth Canyon, Utah  
May 28-June 2, 2006  
(Memorial Day Week)  
\$935 per person

This 6 day canoe route in Labyrinth Canyon, on the Green River, in Utah, pioneered by John Wesley Powell, will ignite you in the spirit of the early explorers. We put in the river at Crystal Geyser, in Utah. During the next days, we will paddle through Labyrinth Canyon, exploring the side canyons that John Wesley Powell visited and read from his journals. Camping in primitive settings, on the beaches of the Green River. Take out at Mineral Bottom. Easy level canoeing, no experience needed. Canoe this flat section of the Green River and view ever deepening canyons, accented red buttes, mesas and spires. Abundant rock art, inscriptions of early explorers, prospectors and ranchers compliment your daily float in the many spectacular side canyons. John Wesley Powell wrote in 1869: "No words, nor pictures can describe the beauty and grandeur of this area..." Canoeing Labyrinth Canyon provides an excellent opportunity for retracing a section of the expedition route. History of Powell and other explorers, geology, plants and ancient civilizations are subjects that will find their way into the nightly campfire discussions and lectures. Knowledgeable river-guides will introduce you to canoeing, rock art and cowboy poetry.

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## OSMP Open for Comments on Implementation

The Boulder Open Space committee is in the process of implementing the Open Space Master Plan that was passed last year. The following changes were made in response to public input (in the words of the plan authors): “1) a low fee, 2) a reduced fee for non-profits, 3) an even lower fee for businesses with less than 50 visits that meet “low-impact” requirements, 4) not requiring certification for climbing and hang and paragliding instruction, 5) expanding group size from 12 to 16 people with an opportunity for more with special review, 6) a letter of credit option for the damage deposit, 7) not requiring Leave No Trace Training, but strongly recommending it and offering training opportunities, and 8) working to build a convenient web-based application and reporting. We did not: 1) waive the fee entirely for non-profits, nor 2) waive the \$500 damage deposit. Staff believes the modifications made during the process created a product that is reasonable, realistic and effective.”

Whether you agree or not with that

assessment, your comments are being sought in the implementation phase. There doesn't seem to be any deadline about submitting comments since the implementation is ongoing. The FAQ page is a helpful summary of the more controversial issues. All information can be found at the following website (email and online communication preferred; address broken for ease of cut and paste): [http://www.ci.boulder.co.us/openspace/visitor\\_plan/commercial\\_use/commercial-use.htm](http://www.ci.boulder.co.us/openspace/visitor_plan/commercial_use/commercial-use.htm)

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### **Green River Trip**

Trip includes: transportation from and return to Moab, canoes and camping gear, guides, all meals (lunch day 1 through day 6), camping and park entrance fees, portable toilets. Not included: travel to and from Moab, sleeping bag and pad. For information contact the leader

Jim Cullen at 303,420-6651 or jimcullen123@msn.com

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