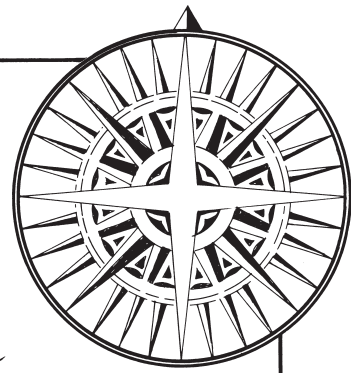




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### Monthly Program, May 10

### Colorado Images: An Everyman's Travelogue

Jim Groh will show images from his 35 years in Colorado on Wednesday evening, Wednesday, May 10, at 7:30 PM at the clubroom. (Jim had originally planned to do his show in March, but had to postpone.) You'll see familiar places and obscure, vistas and closeups — plus a few of his “secret” places that will only be shown here! 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.

### Conservation Projects Making Every Dollar Count

Your Boulder CMC Council has voted to spend your conservation donations to fund three really great projects this year. As you may remember, five dollars of your Boulder dues goes to fund conservation grants. We are the only group in CMC to allocate this funding.

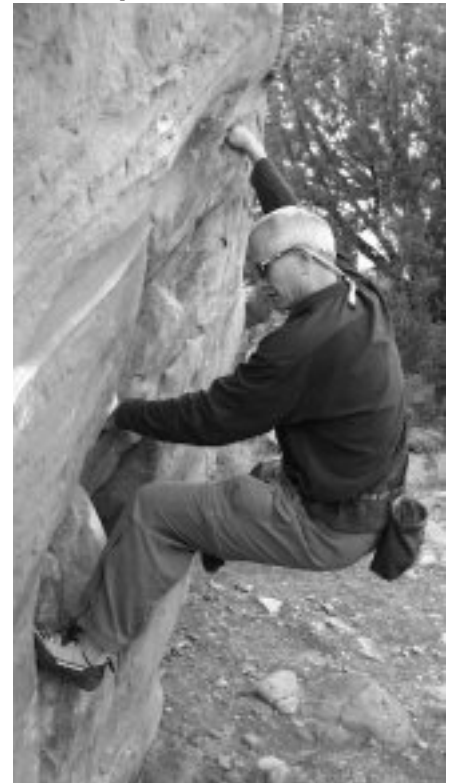
We are giving \$435 to the Indian Peaks Forest Watch, a small Nederland based volunteer group whose primary focus is fire prevention and user education in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest. They take small amounts of money and large volunteer dedication and use it to produce and distribute informational pamphlets on fire safety and low-impact camping practices. They will also be distributing trash bags and trash disposal permits to promote proper campsite cleanup.

The Colorado Fourteeners Initiative is receiving \$2100 which will be leveraged into almost \$10,000 in matching grants and in-kind contributions for major restoration work on Pyramid Peak. CMC members are encouraged to contribute directly by working on this and other projects with CFI by calling their Volunteer Manager at 303-278-7525.

Our last, but most consistent conservation partner, is Wildlands Restoration Volunteers. We are granting them \$2500 in cash, as well as in-kind contributions of the Brainard cabin for one project and our newsletter space for project advertising. We are funding \$1000 for training

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### New Website Under Development!



*Tom Crosman enjoying bouldering in Zion*

A new club website is under development, thanks largely to the efforts of the man in the photo above: Tom Crosman. Tom answered my notice for volunteer help with the website and has done an amazing job of redesigning the site using content from the exiting website, while adding a host of exciting new features.

A professional programmer, Tom was first a member of the CMC back in the Seventies with the Denver Group, making many ascents of Fourteeners, camping and rock climbing. After a long

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and community development and \$1500 for trail work on the Arapaho Lakes trail in the James Peak Wilderness. They hope to leverage this grant threefold with matching grants. WRV also has exciting opportunities for CMC members to participate in fieldwork. See their website at [www.wlrv.org](http://www.wlrv.org) or call 303-543-1411 for more information.

On behalf of our conservation project partners, I want to thank all of our members for supporting these worthwhile endeavors. Although we practice Leave No Trace ethics in our hiking, our presence does make an impact and I am so thankful that these organizations are stepping up to be good stewards of our precious lands. If you want to make additional donations to our conservation grant program, you can send them to the Boulder CMC and they would be most appreciated. □

— *contributed by Beverly Gholson,  
Conservation and Trails Chair*

## Volunteers Needed

### Represent the CMC at the Boulder Creek Festival

Every Memorial Day weekend, the Boulder Group has a booth at the Boulder Creek Festival. Boulder Group members traditionally volunteer time in the booth to represent the CMC and answer questions about the Group. The job is easier this year because we have a nifty new color brochure that sells itself, and a revised detailed description of the Group's functions and activities. The more volunteers we get, the shorter the shifts for everyone, and the more time we get to hang out, watch the color, the pageantry, and the interesting people. Call Jim Groh at 303-604-0024 if you're interested. Call soon so he can put together a list and a schedule of volunteers. □

### Mailing party May 18

Come to the Clubroom and help mail out the June 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, May 18, at 5:30pm, so please just drop in. Phone

Sheila at 303-554-7688 for more information. □

### Website Volunteers Urgently Needed!

Help make the new club website a success! It is under active development (see story on page 1) but needs help with updating of material from the various club activities. We also need lots of great photographs from recent activities. Web skills are helpful but not as necessary as attention to detail and a desire to help. Graphic artists, web programmers, photographers and anyone wanting to learn more about website organization are encouraged to apply. Please contact Rick Casey at [compass@cmcboulder.org](mailto:compass@cmcboulder.org). □

### 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 Jim Groh at [publicity@cmcboulder.org](mailto:publicity@cmcboulder.org), or call the Clubroom at 303-554-7688. □

### New Member Orientation May 17

Discover other outdoor enthusiasts for hiking, camping, peak bagging, rock climbing, mountain biking and more; free; 7 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, every other month on following dates: May 17, July 19, Sept 20, Nov. 15; Colorado Mountain Club, Boulder chapter, 633 S. Broadway (around left from Neptunes). Details: (303) 554-7688; or see [bcmc.crosman.org/events.html](http://bcmc.crosman.org/events.html). □

### Boulder Prairie Restoration

Celebrate spring on Saturday, April 29, by helping to restore prairie lands north of Boulder. Wildlands Restoration Volunteers will continue the urgent quest to remove Mediterranean Sage from Boulder County. Left unchecked, this weed aggressively invades grasslands, reduces native plant populations, and degrades wildlife habitat and the overall health of prairie ecosystems. Your efforts will protect prairie habitat and take us one more critical step toward eradicating Mediterranean Sage from Colorado. END OF DAY PARTY at historic Altona Grange. To sign up or get more information, please visit our website at [www.wlrv.org](http://www.wlrv.org), and click on "Projects." You can also send email to [edself@wlrv.org](mailto:edself@wlrv.org) or call 303-543-1411. □



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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 Friday before the second Monday of the month.

**June deadline: May 5**

## Heard On The Trail...

### CMC President Resigns

On April 6, 2006, CMC President Lon Carpenter resigned from the state board of the CMC. He stated the cause was personal reasons based on need to devote more time to his family and job. According to Kristy Judd, the executive director, Janice Heidel, the Vice President, will take over the role of president for the remainder of the calendar year. She has been the chair of the Denver Group and director of Wilderness Trekking School. David Hite, currently serving as the chair of the CMC Press Advisory Board Committee and a past chair of the Denver Group, was to be presented by the Nominating Committee to take over the role of secretary at the state board meeting on April 15. It was expected that the two empty director positions, for Treasurer and Secretary, would be filled at that meeting. Per the constitution and bylaws, the board elects officers and appoints directors to fill vacancies until the State Council meets again which will be September 30th. Peter Gowan is the Boulder Council's liaison to the state board and will give his report of the state meeting at the next BCBC council meeting. □

The following email addresses can be used for questions or correspondence on different aspects of the BCBC; the email addressee should be obvious; the actual respondent will be the volunteer currently serving in that position:

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bhs@cmcboulder.org  
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compass@cmcboulder.org  
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mapsales@cmcboulder.org  
outings@cmcboulder.org  
publicity@cmcboulder.org  
safety@cmcboulder.org  
snow@cmcboulder.org  
vicechair@cmcboulder.org □

Did you know that your CMC membership gets you a 10 per cent discount at the Neptune's Mountaineering Shop on all non-sale items? Your membership is also valid for a 20 per cent discount on a membership at the Boulder Rock Club (though not on day passes). Just present your CMC membership card. □



### Hike to Help Youth

CMC members are invited to hike the trails at Golden Gate Canyon State Park with the 2006 Hike for Youth. This community Hike-A-Thon, slated for June 10, will raise essential funding for the CMC's Youth Education Program, and five great other youth organizations, as well.

Since 1999, YEP has provided 29,000 at-risk youth with experiences in the mountains and school field trips teaching math, science and art through mountain topics. YEP is recognized throughout Colorado as an outstanding environmental education program. The Hike for Youth is an annual outdoor community event. CMC members can sign up individually or as a team with friends, family, or even with co-workers who are new to hiking. There are prizes for top fund raisers, a great after-hike party with music, food, and free give-a-ways.

For more information and to register, see [www.hikeforyouth.org](http://www.hikeforyouth.org). To volunteer as a Hike Volunteer, or more information about sponsorship, contact Brenda Porter at [porteb@cmc.org](mailto:porteb@cmc.org). □

### Families: Hike With An Expert This Summer!

Philip Ferranti, the inspiration and sponsor for the Hike For Youth and author of numerous hiking books, is leading hikes in the Front Range on Saturdays throughout the summer. He is thrilled to share

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hiatus from the state (in some flat region I believe he referred to as Minnesota), he and his family moved back to the area in 2001, and became very active in the club once more, climbing often and teaching his son to climb as well. This spring, Tom will be assisting with Basic Rock and Snow classes, and has taught climbing with the Boy Scouts. He also helped his son's local Scout troop develop their website.

The new website is still in a 'design and development' phase, but there was enough of it in place to show to the April Council meeting. After the presentation, using the wireless network and digital projector, I can confidently say the Council was sufficiently 'wowed' and voted unanimously to fund hosting of the website at [Page-Zone.com](http://Page-Zone.com) for a modest annual fee.

The URL for the temporary site is at

**[bcmc.crosman.org](http://bcmc.crosman.org)**

There is also a forum for giving feedback about the site at

**[bcmc.crosman.org/forums](http://bcmc.crosman.org/forums)**

I would encourage everyone — and I do mean everyone! — who is interested to look over the new design, then go and register yourself in the forum and give us your feedback. Once you check out the Calendar and revolving photos in the Schools section, I think you'll agree the site is pretty cool and has much potential. We will have the capability of developing a database backend and creating online surveys. This represents a significant opportunity to improve internal communications and increase our marketing potential to bring in new members.

However, this is a project much too large for just one person. Volunteers are very much needed, particularly for furnishing non-copywrited photographs, and then later for helping to keep the website content updated with fresh material. I will be helping Tom coordinate the organization of volunteers with a big To Do list on the forum, and soon we should be able to 'go live' and make the site the official one for [cmcboulder.org](http://cmcboulder.org).

See you soon on the new forum!

— contributed by Rick Casey

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# May 2006 Trips

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## Saturday, April 29

Werk Supp to March of Dimes  
III Climb, The Bastille, 5.9-5.10  
Eldorado Canyon  
Carol Kotchek, cchinker1@comcast.net.  
720-304-6343 . (720)304-6343.  
(Trip#33392)

## Tuesday, May 2

BMS Basic Snow Lecture  
Lecture (5/2), field trip (5/13). BCMC  
Clubroom, 6:30 pm. Richard Munro,  
(303) 499-1489. (Trip#31602)

## Wednesday, May 3

Afterwork Social Hike Easy A  
1-2 hour hike in Boulder Open Space.  
6:00 p.m. BCMC Clubroom.  
Steven Haymes, (303)444-4765.

## Friday, May 5

East of the Sun II Climb  
The Dome 5.7, Boulder Canyon.  
gsch@frii.net . Gary Schmidt, (970)613-  
0396. (Trip#33408)

## Saturday–Sunday May 6–7

BRS Field Trip #3  
Prussik and Rappel  
Registered BRS or BMS students will  
practice rappelling and prussiking tech-  
niques. Dawn M DuPriest,  
(970) 223-2621. (Trip#31598)

## Sunday, May 7

St. Vrain Mtn. 12,162'  
Adv. II Ski Tour  
Free Heel Skiing Section  
Good telemark/downhill skills. Skins,  
shovels and beacons required. Optional  
after-ski dinner. Register with leader  
between 9 AM - 9 PM only.  
Steven Haymes, (303)444-4765.

Tagger III Climb  
Wind Tower, 5.10, Eldorado Canyon  
mamato1577@comcast.net  
Mike Amato, (303)665-6370.  
(Trip#33414)

## Tuesday, May 9

Hiking 2 - Navigation and Route Finding  
Lecture #1  
Lectures 5/9 and 5/16. Field trip 5/20  
or 5/21. For information email bhs@  
cmcboulder.org. Phil Congdon 303-926-  
1408 (trip #33444)

## Wednesday, May 10

Afterwork Social Hike Easy A  
1-2 hour hike in Boulder Open Space.  
6:00 p.m. BCMC Clubroom.  
Natalie Mack, (303)543-8305.  
(Trip#33357)

Boulder Direct I Climb  
Wind Tower, 5.5, Eldorado Canyon  
Excellent beginners climb. Start at 3:30.  
Jean Aschenbrenner, (303)786-9411.  
(Trip#33402)

## Thursday, May 11

Werk Supp III Climb  
The Bastille, 5.9, Eldorado Canyon  
First Pitch only. Time permitting,  
toprope the first pitch of March of  
Dimes. After work climb. Brenda  
Leach, (303)525-3660. (Trip#33374)

## Saturday, May 13

Basic Snow Field Trip  
Field Trip  
BMS students only. Self arrest and snow  
travel techniques. Richard Munro,  
(303) 499-1489. (Trip#31601)

Radiobeacon Mtn  
Adv. III Ski Tour  
From East Portal trailhead, climb via  
Forest Lks trail. to Radiobeacon Mtn  
(12,072) or nearby depending on condi-  
tions. Avalanche beacon, shovel, and  
probe as well as AT/tele equipment and  
skins required. Carla Farsi,  
h:(303)581-0066, w:(303)492-7422,  
carla.farsi@colorado.edu. (Trip#33468)

## Saturday - Monday May 13 - May 15

Mother's Day Backpack  
Easy Backpack On Trail  
Mothers/daughters and mothers/sons  
weekend event. Join my mother and

myself for a casual pace and enjoyable  
weekend backpack. Saturday, B hike,  
hike out on Monday. Guests welcome  
with mother-daughter/son combina-  
tions. Minimum age 18. Location will  
be RMNP or Indian Peaks area in a dry  
campsite; final decision will be made  
as date nears. Backpacking newbies  
welcome. Jill Yarger, (303)541-9481.  
(Trip#33348)

## Sunday, May 14

Basic Snow Field Trip  
Field Trip Snow Practice  
Basic Snow School field trip. See List-  
ing on 5/2/2006 for details. Richard  
Munro, (303)499-1489. (Trip#33436)

## Monday, May 15

Cosmosis  
III Climb, Boulder Canyon, 5.9  
Bell Buttress  
Mike Amato, mamato1577@comcast.  
net 303-665-6370. (Trip#33415)

## Tuesday, May 16

Hiking 2 - Navigation and Weather  
Lecture #2  
Registered Hiking 2, BMS or BHS  
participants. Participants must attend 2  
lectures ( 5/9, 5/16) and one field trip  
(5/20). Note : Hiking 2 is also part of  
both BMS and BHS. BCMC Clubroom.,  
6:30 pm. Phillip Congdon,  
(303) 926-1408. (Trip#31603)

## Wednesday, May 17

Afterwork Social Hike Easy A  
1-2 hour hike in Boulder Open Space.  
6:00 p.m. BCMC Clubroom.  
Rada Perovic, (303)985-3263.  
(Trip#33359)

## Saturday, May 20

S. Arapaho Pk. 13,397' Difficult C-E  
via Skywalker Couloir Semi-tech  
From the Fourth of July Trailhead, climb  
this Indian Peak via the Skywalker  
Couloir on the south face of the peak.  
Crampons, ice axe, helmet and harness  
required. BMS required. Monarch Lake/  
Ward. 8/3,300'. 100 mi. Cleve Arm-

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# May 2006 Trips

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strong, (303)427-0845. (Trip#33424)

**Hiking II Field Trip**  
Field trip for Hiking II School, Navigation and Routefinding. See listing on 5/9/2006 for details. Phillip Congdon, (303)926-1408. (Trip#33446)

**Chianti III Climb**  
West Ridge 5.8  
Eldorado Canyon  
Brenda Leach, (303)525-3660.  
(Trip#33375)

## Sunday, May 21

Black Lake, RMNP, Moderate B Hike  
Louie Genduso, (303)518-8948.  
(Trip#33334)

**Hiking II Field Trip**  
Hiking II School students only, Navigation and Routefinding. See listing on 5/9/2006 for details. Phillip Congdon, (303)926-1408. (Trip#33447)

Supremacy Rock Top Roping, 5.6-5.10  
Eldorado Canyon  
Tom Walker, (303)666-7199.  
(Trip#33396)

**East Face I Climb**  
Dinosaur Rock, 5.4, Flatirons  
Flatiron classic. Bruce Immele,  
(303)903-4517. (Trip#33384)

Mt. Bancroft 13,250'  
Adv. II Ski Tour  
Strong telemark/downhill skills, climbing skins and full avalanche gear required. 4WD's welcome. Optional after ski dinner. Register with leader between 9 AM and 9 PM only. Empire. 7/2,800'. 140 mi. Register with leader. Steven Haymes, (303)444-4765. (Trip#33313)

## Saturday, May 20

**Hiking 2 - Navigation and Weather Field Trip**  
For registered Hiking 2, BMS or BHS participants. Participants must attend 2 lectures (5/9, 5/16) and one field trip (5/20). Note : Hiking 2 is also part of both BMS and BHS. Phillip Congdon, (303) 926-1408. (Trip#31604)

## Tuesday, May 23

Beyond the Basics of BMS  
Special Lectures & Guest Speakers  
For any participants of Hiking 1, Hiking 2, BRS, BMS or BHS participants. Please bring your checkbook if you plan on signing up for any of the summer clinics or schools. BCMC Clubroom, 6:30 pm. Phillip Congdon, (303) 926-1408. Cynthia L Gagnon, (303) 938-8564. (Trip#31613)

Boulder Mountain Schools - Summer Session Special  
Overview and Sign-ups  
An overview of the intermediate schools that will be offered in the summer will be provided. This overview will follow a few short presentations that tie together everything that you've learned so far in the basic schools and clinics. Please bring your checkbook if you plan on signing up for any of the summer clinics or schools, including backpacking, Intermediate rock, intermediate snow, and rock leading school. BCMC Clubroom, 6:30 pm. Phillip Congdon, (303)926-1408. Cynthia L Gagnon, (303) 938-8564. (Trip#31617)

## Wednesday, May 24

Afterwork Social Hike Easy A  
1-2 hour hike in Boulder Open Space.  
6:00 p.m. BCMC Clubroom.  
Marilyn Fellows, (303)499-6099.

**Breezy I Climb**  
Wind Tower, 5.5, Eldorado Canyon  
Meet at 3:30. Gail Blandford,  
(303)604-0024. (Trip#33382)

## Friday, May 26

**Breezy I Climb**  
Wind Tower, 5.5, Eldorado canyon  
Bruce Immele, (303)903-4517.  
(Trip#33385)

## Wednesday, May 31

Afterwork Social Hike Easy A  
1-2 hour hike in Boulder Open Space.  
6:00 p.m. BCMC Clubroom.

Gail Blandford, (303)604-0024.

## Friday, June 2

**The Dome Area Climb**  
Boulder Canyon II Climb  
Moderate route to be decided based on participants. Larry A. Pedigo,  
(720)938-5178. (Trip#33394)



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## Attention Trip Leaders and Potential Trip Leaders!

Did you want to submit trips in August, September, and October but found the February deadline too early to know your late summer schedule? Well you're in luck! We're trying something new by having a mid-summer call for trips to give leaders another chance to lead trips in those months. Of course, trips you submit in mid July will not appear in the summer activity schedule - they will only be advertised electronically in the GPS (and possibly on-line). Please submit new trips on 8/1/2006 through 10/31/2006 to the Trip Schedulers no later than Saturday, July 15, and if you can get them in earlier, it's always helpful. Trip Schedulers are:  
AB Trips: Ruth Eastman, ruthanestman@msn.com, 303-652-3097;  
CD Trips: Ann Keane, a\_keane@indra.com, 303-258-9390;  
Rock Climbs: Chris Glascock, the14erclimber@comcast.net, 720-887-5964;  
If you want to become a leader to submit trips in August, September, or October, please turn in a completed leadership application on or before June 15th. If you have other questions about leading or scheduling trips, please email outings@cmcboulder.org or call 303-554-5546.

— contributed by Seth Allen

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his favorite hikes, especially by encouraging young people to explore the outdoors. These are not official CMC hikes. Call or e-mail Philip directly, PFerran1@aol.com or call 303- 772-5455. □

## Share Your Love of the Mountains With Tomorrow's Climbers

The CMC offers a variety of summer programs for individual kids, from day hikes to 3- and 5-day rock climbing courses for youth 10-16 years old. Our Campership program allows youth to participate who would otherwise not be able to afford the fees, transportation, and equipment costs. Your contribution of \$275 enables a needy youth to experience five days of indoor and outdoor rock climbing, with all expenses paid. Please contribute as much as you can today – you'll feel good! Contribute on-line at [www.cmc.org/campership](http://www.cmc.org/campership) or contact Brenda Porter 303-996-2748, [porteb@cmc.org](mailto:porteb@cmc.org) for more info. □

## Summer Adventures in Learning for Adults

Wild Plant School – Montane Life Zone (elevation 8,000-10,000 feet) lecturer: June 1, Field courses: June 3 & 17, \$35/CMC members. Wild Plant School-Subalpine and Alpine lecture: June 24 & July 8, &15, Bristle Cone Pine. □

## Pyramid Peak Trail Work

The Central Rockies Section of the American Alpine Club is seeking 6 hearty volunteers for high altitude trail and restoration work on Pyramid Peak, August 25-27, 2006, in cooperation with the Colorado Fourteeners Initiative (CFI). Volunteers are required to backpack in from Maroon Lake to the CFI basecamp located at Crater Lake. CFI provides all food, water, instruction, safety equipment, and tools for the project. Volunteers provide their own backpacking/camping gear.

AAC-CRS will award each volunteer an AAC T-shirt and embroidered zip shirt. To sign up contact: Del Rae Heiser, Of-

## Compass ad rates

\$245 full page  
\$150 half page  
\$90 quarter page  
\$55 eighth page  
\$45 business card (2"x3")  
- all ads are black and white  
- ads must be prepaid and ready for printing; pdf format preferred.  
- contact Editor with ad before deadline.

Office and Volunteer Manager, Colorado Fourteeners Initiative, 710 10th St., #220 Golden, CO 80401, ph: 303.996.2755, [www.14ers.org](http://www.14ers.org). □

## RMNP and Lumpy Ridge Closures

Some questioned whether the closures stated in the April Compass were accurate in stating the closures ended April 30th; they do. For full details, see [www.nps.gov/romo/planning/areaclosures.html](http://www.nps.gov/romo/planning/areaclosures.html)