

STATE OF THE ROCKIES PROJECT

2008-2009 FALL-WINTER SPEAKER SERIES:

THE WILD ROCKIES: MAINTAINING WILDLIFE AND RIVERS IN THE WEST



Monday, September 8, 2008: Hunting: Blood Sport or Wildlife Management Tool?

Kent Ingram is Past President and current Board Member of Colorado Wildlife Federation, present Co-Chair of the Sportsmen's Advisory Group (SAG), and member of Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and Trout Unlimited. Kent has often found testified before the Colorado State Legislature on wildlife and other natural resource matters, championing what is best for wildlife, and Colorado citizen public interests in our natural resources. Currently, Kent is Vice President at Colorado Business bank, and has for 20 years served on numerous Colorado non-profit boards and volunteered for many others. Recent involvement has been with Brothers Redevelopment Inc., Latin American Education Foundation, South West Improvement Council, Inc., Applewood Business Association, and Jefferson County Open Space. Kent is a Denver native, and received a B.A., M.A. in Business at Western State College in Gunnison.



Bob Goodnough has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Colorado Wildlife Federation for the past three years, and co-chair of the CWF Issues and Advocacy Committee. In addition is his a member of the National Wildlife Federation and National Rifle Association. Bob is retired after 34 years of service in Colorado state governor, including nine years as Controller of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. He has a B.A. and MBA in Accounting and Business Administration from Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado. Bob has been an avid hunter and fisherman since childhood, and has hunted and fished in Colorado for nearly 45 years.



David Crawford is co-founder of Rocky Mountain Animal Defense and served as the organization's executive director from 1994 to 2007. David has served on the RMAD board since the organization's inception. In 1993 he shot the country's first video inside an intensive egg facility. In 2001 he played a major role in forming the Prairie Dog Coalition. David was awarded Activist of the Year in 2002 by the Colorado Daily newspaper for his extensive work to protect animals and educate the public about animal issues in the Rockies. David holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mass communication and computer science from the University of Iowa.

Monday, October 6, 2008:

Can We Save Colorado's Rivers? The Future of the Cache la Poudre of Northern Colorado

Gary Wockner, PhD, is a spokesperson for the Save The Poudre Coalition. Gary is a writer and ecologist, and has been involved with conservation issues for over 20 years. Gary lives a few blocks from the Poudre River in downtown Fort Collins. He earned his masters and doctorate degrees from CU-Boulder, and currently works as an ecological scientist at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. He has written numerous articles for newspapers and magazines, as well as several books. In 2006, Gary won the Colorado Book Award for Comeback Wolves. Gary's most recent work, Pulse of the River, was recently nominated as a finalist for the 2008 Colorado Book Award. Gary's advocacy work includes sitting on the boards of literary, conservation, and education organizations.



Brian Werner is currently Public Information Officer for the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District in Berthoud. He also currently serves as the Public Affairs Coordinator for the Northern Integrated Supply Project. He was chairman of the Poudre River Trust for five years and helped lead successful efforts to pass county-wide open space taxes in 1995 and 1999. He is on the Board of Directors of the Four States Irrigation Council, a commissioner for the Poudre Heritage Alliance, a member of the Public Affairs Committee of the Colorado River Water Users Association and member of the American Water Resources Association, National Water Resources Association, and Society for American Baseball Research. A Colorado native, Brian was born and raised in Colorado Springs. His father, Ray, taught economics at Colorado College for 38 years. He graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a degree in history and followed with a M.A. in history from Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Brian has been able to continue his academic training by researching and giving presentations on the history of water development in Colorado and the American West. He has written extensively about water development and related issues.



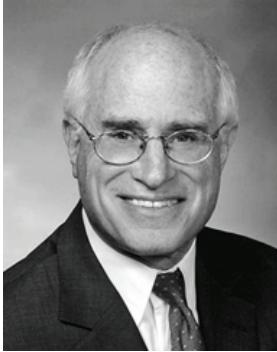
Monday, December 1, 2008:

Wolves on the Range: Threat to Ranching or Essential Wildlife Management Force?



Jon and Deb Robinett are Ranch Managers and the Diamond G Ranch in Dubois, Wyoming. Situated in the Dunoir Valley, near the Southeast corner of Yellowstone National Park, the Diamond G Ranch has been the epicenter controversy surrounding wolves on the range. In 2001, the Diamond G was the plaintiff in a law suit against Gale Norton and the USFWS regarding the wolf reintroduction. In March 2008, Stephen Gordon, the owner of the Diamond G, worked with the Forest Service and National Wildlife Federation to retire a 49,000 acre grazing allotment to create a buffer zone. As ranch mangers at the Diamond G, Jon and Deb have a unique perspective on the difficulties of not only raising cattle, but also protecting horses and pets amidst wolves and grizzly bears.

Wednesday, January 28, 2009: Colorado's Roan Plateau: Can We Balance Energy and Wildlife?



Harris Sherman is the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. He is a member of Governor Ritter's Cabinet and also serves as the Director of Compact Negotiations for the Colorado Interbasin Compact Commission. This is the second time in his career that he has been DNR director, earlier serving under Governor Richard Lamm. As Director, he oversees Colorado's energy, water, wildlife, parks, and state lands programs. Harris also serves as chairman of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission and as a member of the Colorado Wildlife Commission, the Colorado Ground Water Commission and the Colorado Water Conservation Board. Harris received his B.A. degree from Colorado College and his law degree from Columbia University Law School. He has also served on a wide variety of public and private agencies and organizations including Chairman of the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission; Chair of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board; Chair of the Denver Regional Air Quality Council; Commissioner of Mines; Commissioner of the Denver Water Board; Trustee of the Boettcher Foundation; and Trustee of Colorado College.



Sally Wisely is Bureau of Land Management State Director for Colorado. The BLM manages 8.4 million acres of public lands in Colorado. These lands are managed for a multitude of uses including, recreation, energy development, mining, wildlife habitat and livestock grazing. Along with managing the public lands, BLM oversees 27.1 million subsurface-acres for mineral development in the state. On her approach to managing the office, Wisely said, "I want us to maintain and enhance those partnerships by emphasizing our willingness to listen to the concerns of others and engaging in productive two-way communication avenues. I believe that open, honest, proactive communication is critical for us to efficiently manage our resources while maintaining a healthy environment and strong economy." Prior to taking the position as State Director in Colorado Wisely was the BLM Utah State Director since May 1999. Prior to that, she served as the BLM Alaska Associate State Director from November 1994 to May 1999. She also served as the BLM Area Manager in Durango, Colorado from 1987 to 1994. She has a Master's Degree in Outdoor Recreation from the University of New Mexico and is from Atchison, Kansas.

Monday, February 23, 2009: Bison in Yellowstone: Pests or Natural Icons?



Amy McNamara directs the National Park Program for Greater Yellowstone Coalition in Bozeman, Montana. GYC, established in 1983, has offices in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming and is dedicated to protecting the lands, waters, and wildlife of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, now and for future generations. With Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks at the heart of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, Amy has worked since 2004 with local residents, businesses, and elected officials to ensure Greater Yellowstone's national parks continue to be the crown jewels of the region and the National Park System. GYC's National Parks Program has three pillars: Setting the Standard for Stewardship in the GYE, Connecting Communities to Parks and Sustaining Healthy Wildlife Populations. Before joining GYC's staff, Amy worked for the Appalachian Mountain Club where she worked on private land conservation issues, public funding for land protection, and forest planning. Amy has an MS in Biology from the University of Louisville and a BA in Biology from Colgate University. In her free time, you will likely find Amy hiking, backpacking, biking or skiing in the Greater Yellowstone. Her favorite local residents are moose.

All talks will be in Gates Common Room at Colorado College at 7 pm with refreshments following

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