



# The State of the Rockies Project Annual Spring Conference: 2011

“Envisioning and Managing Rockies’ Unique Landscapes and Resources”

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**Monday April 4th, 2011**

7:30-9:45PM Armstrong Theatre, Armstrong Hall, Colorado College Campus

-Rockies Project Introduction and *2011 Report Card* unveiling

-Rockies Awards Recognition

President Richard Celeste presenting citation to: Terry Tempest Williams, 2010-2011 “Champion of the Rockies”

-Readings by Conservationist, Advocate for Free Speech and Author of *Refuge*, Terry Tempest Williams

-Book Signing and Refreshments to follow

Terry Tempest Williams has been called “a citizen writer,” a writer who speaks and speaks out eloquently on behalf of an ethical stance toward life. A naturalist and fierce advocate for freedom of speech, she has consistently shown us how environmental issues are social issues that ultimately become matters of justice. “So here is my question,” she asks, “what might a different kind of power look like, feel like, and can power be redistributed equitably even beyond our own species?”

Williams, like her writing, cannot be categorized. She has testified before Congress on women’s health issues, been a guest at the White House, has camped in the remote regions of Utah and Alaska wildernesses and worked as “a barefoot artist” in Rwanda.

Known for her impassioned and lyrical prose, Terry Tempest Williams is the author of the environmental literature classic, *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place*; *An Unspoken Hunger: Stories from the Field*; *Desert Quartet*; *Leap*; *Red: Passion and Patience in the Desert*; and *The Open Space of Democracy*. Her book, *Finding Beauty in a Broken World*, was published in October 2008 by Pantheon Books.

In 2006, Williams received the Robert Marshall Award from The Wilderness Society, their highest honor given to an American citizen. She also received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Western American Literature Association and the Wallace Stegner Award given by The Center for the American West. She is the recipient of a Lannan Literary Fellowship and a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship in creative nonfiction.

Terry Tempest Williams is currently the Annie Clark Tanner Scholar in Environmental Humanities at the University of Utah. Her writing has appeared in The New Yorker, The New York Times, Orion Magazine, and numerous anthologies worldwide as a crucial voice for ecological consciousness and social change. She and her husband, Brooke Williams, divide their time between Castle Valley, Utah and Jackson Hole, Wyoming.



# Tuesday April 5th, 2011

7:30-9:00PM South Theatre, Cornerstone Arts Building, Colorado College Campus

## -Rockies Report Section Overview

A brief overview of the findings from the *2011 State of the Rockies Report Card's* section on Recreation

### -Presentation by Mike Kaplan, CEO of Aspen Skiing Company

“What Do We Want To Be? Business and Community Coming of Age in the Rockies”

-Question and Answers Session

-Refreshments to follow

### -Optional Screening of **Carbon Nation: A climate solutions movie (82min)**



Mike is President/CEO of Aspen Skiing Company, which includes oversight of the four mountains of Snowmass, Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk, as well as the hotel division, including The Little Nell hotel, Limelight Lodge, and the Snowmass Club. Mike started with the company in 1993 after spending six years in Taos, New Mexico. After earning an MBA at the University of Denver, he and his wife Laura arrived in Aspen where Mike started in the ski/snowboard school. He spent four years as managing director of the Ski & Snowboard Schools of Aspen/Snowmass, was promoted to VP of ski operations in 1999, Chief Operating Officer in 2005, and to President/CEO in November of 2006. Mike learned the ski business under the tutelage of the Blake Family, Jean Mayer, and the rest of the crew in Taos, New Mexico, where he worked from 1986-1992. As Ernie Blake predicted to Mike during his interview, he met his wife Laura in Taos, while teaching her the finer points of steep skiing technique. Mike grew up outside of Chicago and spent his youth as a ski racer on the Wilmot Junior Race Team, and two years of high school at Stratton Mountain School. He is very active in the community as Treasurer of Aspen Valley Community Foundation. He and Laura have four children.

# Wednesday April 6th, 2011

7:00-9:30PM South Theatre, Cornerstone Arts Building, Colorado College Campus

## -Rockies Report Section Overview

A brief overview of the findings from the *2011 State of the Rockies Report Card's* section on the Eastern Plains

### -Authorized Screening of National Geographic's *American Serengeti (50min)*

### -Presentation by Ms. Martha Kauffman, Managing Director, World Wildlife Fund Northern Great Plains Program

“The Northern Great Plains: Conservation Opportunity of the Century”

### -Presentation by Mr. Dick Dolan, Managing Director, American Prairie Foundation

“Building America's Serengeti: The Effort to Assemble a Multi-Million Acre Grassland Reserve in Northeast Montana”

-Question and Answer Session

-Refreshments to follow



Martha Kauffman started as Managing Director for WWF's Northern Great Plains Program in November 2008. Prior to that she was a WWF Fellow working on prairie stream research and restoration, her focus for the previous 9 years. She is the former president of Oxbow, Inc., a consulting firm specializing in water resources. She is a co-founder of the Montana Outdoor Science School, a Bozeman, Montana-based non-profit that utilizes field-based inquiry to teach K-12 youth about natural sciences. Martha currently serves on the Montana Conservation Corps board of directors and is a past member of the Gallatin County Planning Board. Martha has worked in private industry (as a financial analyst), government (EPA), and the non-profit sectors. Martha moved with her husband and 2 young daughters from San Francisco to Montana in 1993. She has an undergraduate degree in Earth Science from Stanford University and a Master's degree from Montana State University.

Dick was born and raised in Billings, Montana and graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in Finance. He later attended the University of Washington School of Law where he earned his J.D. degree in 1990. Dick worked as a law clerk to the Hon. Alan C. Kay in the Hawaii Federal District Court and then joined the Bozeman law firm of Goetz, Gallik, Baldwin and Dolan, where he was a partner for 10 years. From 2003-2006 he served as Program Director for the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, and then joined APF as a Managing Director in January of 2007. Dick is no stranger to the prairies, mountains, rivers of Montana and he currently lives in Bozeman with his wife and two children.



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