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February 2019 Newsletter



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Project information will be updated with each newsletter

February

27: Monthly Meeting at Evergreen Fire & Rescue , 1802 Bergen Parkway, Evergreen 6:30-8pm

"Wilderness in the Anthropocene"

Speaker: Peter Vrolijk, Ph.D. Geology, UC Santa Cruz

March:

27: Monthly Meeting at Evergreen Fire & Rescue , 1802 Bergen Parkway, Evergreen 6:30-8pm

Jim Ramey, State Director of The Wilderness Society.

He will discuss the new legislations protecting another 400,000 acres of Colorado wild lands including new wilderness.

April:

24: Monthly Meeting at Evergreen Fire & Rescue , 1802 Bergen Parkway, Evergreen 6:30-8pm

Mario Padilla, Chief Entomologist at the Butterfly Pavillion

Will introduce us to the role of invertebrates in the ecologies of Mt Evans and Lost Creek Wildernesses and will discuss the alarming losses of insect populations around the globe.

May:

18-19: Spring Training & Monthly Meeting- Shawnee, Colorado

June:

8: Trail Project - North Ben Tyler Trail (Lost Creek Wilderness) Corridor Work

22-23: Crosscut Saw Certification Class for A & B Sawyers, Buffalo Creek

29: Trail Project: ALL HANDS DAY & Monthly Meeting BBQ Upper Rolling Creek Trail (Lost Creek Wilderness) Corridor Work and Weed Control

July:

31: Monthly Meeting at Evergreen Fire & Rescue , 1802 Bergen Parkway, Evergreen 6:30-8pm

August:

10: Trail Project- ALL HANDS DAY & Monthly Meeting BBQ (Mt Evans Wilderness) Beaver Meadows and Beartracks Lakes Trail Work and Weed Control

September:

25: Monthly Meeting at Evergreen Fire & Rescue , 1802 Bergen Parkway, Evergreen 6:30-8pm

FOMELC 2019 GOALS

- Working with the Forest Service to continue the 10 year plan for Campsite Inventory and Remediation in Mt Evans & Lost Creek Wildernesses.
- Establish trailhead hosts and more trail patrols at the Goose Creek Trailhead (Lost Creek Wilderness).

FOMELC Marketing

By Gordon Brown

In 2019, FOMELC plans to exhibit in the following shows and events. We will need volunteers to help with booth participation for 2-4 hours as your schedule allows. Objectives will be to raise the organization's visibility, recruit additional members and fund raising. Please mark your calendars. Looking forward to a great turnout.

Mountain Area Home and Garden Show. Location: Conifer High School. Date: March 30-31, 2019

Bailey Day.	Location: Bailey.	Date: June 2019.
Evergreen Rodeo.	Location: Evergreen.	Date: TBD 2019.

Contact Gordon to volunteer for the upcoming Home and Garden Show - Brownny327@yahoo.com

FOMELC NEW WEBSITE DESIGN

FOMELC has been accepted for a program at the College of Media and Digital Design at the University of Colorado at Denver for total redesign and implementation of a new webpage. This program with advanced standing students is available only to Non-Profit Organizations and is overseen by Professor Carrie Osgood. Ms. Osgood has extensive design and media experience with international NGOs, small businesses and nonprofit organizations. The project will be complete by May 17, 2019. An ad hoc committee of FOMELC volunteers including Deb Black, Ralph Bradt, Deb Grass, Jason Kaza, Matt Metcalf, Wyatt Stanland and Alan Rockwood will work with the student design team. The committee has prepared a “guidance outline” of introductory and reference materials to help the student design team understand wilderness values and role of stewardship organizations like FOMELC. The guide also describes our “audiences” and functionalities needed in our website. Work will begin by the design team the last week of February. Key points of review will be:

Week of 2/15	Initial conference call with student team
March 18	Presentation and review of design concepts at UCD
March 22	Revised unified concept completed by students
March 29	FOMELC sends comments and approval, define deliverables
April 15	Review “Storyboard and wireframe plans”
May 6	Review completed work products at UCD
May 17	All deliverables completed, webpages files uploaded and tested



Hawkweed

FOMELC WEED ERADICATION PROGRAM

From the weed corner – Alan:

"Late Monday, February 25th, FOMELC learned that our 2019 weed grant application had been fully funded (\$13,815) by the Colorado Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed program. Competition for funding was very competitive this year with a decrease in funds available. Total applications statewide for funding came to \$1.2 million compared to a budget of only \$700,000. This grant will enable FOMELC and our contractor, Foothills Vegetation Management to expand treatments to priority

areas in the Lost Creek Wilderness and still maintain our program in Mount Evans Wilderness. The fact that our proposal was fully funded this year is a reflection of the successful efforts of FOMELC volunteers in achieving dramatic reductions of weed populations at well-established infestations and our initiative to identify new small infestations for immediate treatments. It has taken a lot of dedicated volunteers to build this outstanding track record -- it's a team effort. "

The National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance has recently announced their 2019 WSP Grant program. The application period will close April 15th and awards will be made by May 1st. The typical grant will be \$8,000 to \$10,000 with a maximum award of \$20,000. FOMELC plans to submit an application to complete a comprehensive invasive species inventory for the Lost Creek Wilderness. This would include a paid intern to support the project. FOMELC volunteers will begin treatments of invasive weeds in Lost Creek Wilderness.

Colorado Wilderness Conference

May 10-11, 2019 Buena Vista, Colorado

Colorado Mountain Club is returning to Buena Vista to discuss the state's most pressing Wilderness topics such as new designations, current management strategies, and grassroots organizing skills.

- Advocacy, Stewardship and Protections for Colorado's Wildest Landscapes
- Workshops, Speaker Panels, Networking & Field Trips
- Volunteers, Staff and Wilderness Lovers Welcome!
- Food, Drinks & Entertainment

Register at: <https://www.cmc.org/wild>

PRESERVATION OF WILDERNESS – DID YOU KNOW...

ANTHROPOCENE – An·thro·po·cene - The proposed current geological epoch in which humans are the primary cause of permanent planetary change.

Various different start dates for the Anthropocene have been proposed, ranging from the beginning of the Agricultural Revolution 12,000–15,000 years ago, to as recent as the Trinity test in 1945. As of February 2018, the ratification process continues and thus a date remains to be decided definitively, but the latter date has been more favoured than others.

The most recent period of the Anthropocene has been referred to by several authors as the Great Acceleration during which the socioeconomic and earth system trends are increasing dramatically, especially after the Second World War. For instance, the Geological Society termed the year 1945 as *The Great Acceleration*.

Come Join Us for our program on February 27th 6:30-8:00PM
Evergreen Fire & Rescue, 1802 Bergen Parkway, Evergreen

"Wilderness in the Anthropocene"

Speaker: Peter Vrolijk, Ph.D. Geology, UC Santa Cruz

This promises to be a very thought provoking evening. One you do not want to miss. As active stewards of the land, we tend to focus on the next project - a trail patrol, a bridge to rebuild, corridor to clear or a weed infestation to treat. Peter will lead us through a macro view of American wilderness 50 to 100 years in the future based on trends already observable.

Want to learn more? For a 2018 documentary film see [Anthropocene: The Human Epoch](#).

Do you know your **Leave No Trace Principles?**

(Part 3 of a 7 Part FOMELC Newsletter Series)

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The **Seven Principles** of Leave No Trace were developed to help educate and guide recreationists in sustainable minimum impact practices that mitigate or avoid recreation-related impacts. These Principles are the most robust and widely utilized minimum impact outdoor practices. The Principles are based not only on a respect for nature and on other visitors.

Dispose of Waste Properly

- Pack it in, pack it out.
 - Trash
 - Food waste
 - Toilet paper and hygiene products
- Deposit solid human waste in catholes
 - 15 to 20 cm's deep
 - 60 meters from water, camp and trails.
- Avoid contaminating water
 - Wash yourself and your dishes 60 meters away
 - Use small amounts of biodegradable soap
 - Scatter strained dishwater





FOMELC Mission Statement:

The Mount Evans and Lost Creek Wildernesses encompass 194,400 acres with over 170 miles of trails in Colorado's Pike and Arapaho National Forests.

We work in partnership with the US Forest Service, engaging in education, outreach and stewardship activities to preserve the wilderness character of these lands for current and future generations.

I Have a Question!

Got a general or specific trail question? Admin@fomelc.org email will go to all board members and one of us will get back to you.

How do I become a volunteer with FOMELC?

Check out our website to sign up. www.fomelc.org

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