



Pikes Pique

The Newsletter of the CMC Pikes Peak Group

Pikes Peak Group Monthly Program – February 16th

Jeff Soulliere Presents: *From Space Shuttles to Grizzly Bears*

Please join us in welcoming Jeff Soulliere to our monthly program at 6:30 on February 16th at the Mountain Chalet, 226 N. Tejon St.

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After running with astronauts and living inside America's theater of human spaceflight while working on the space shuttle program at Kennedy Space Center in Florida, the day came when America decided it was no longer going to launch Americans or any other humans into space from US soil. The space shuttle retired, leaving our guest speaker with a new mission: Bears!

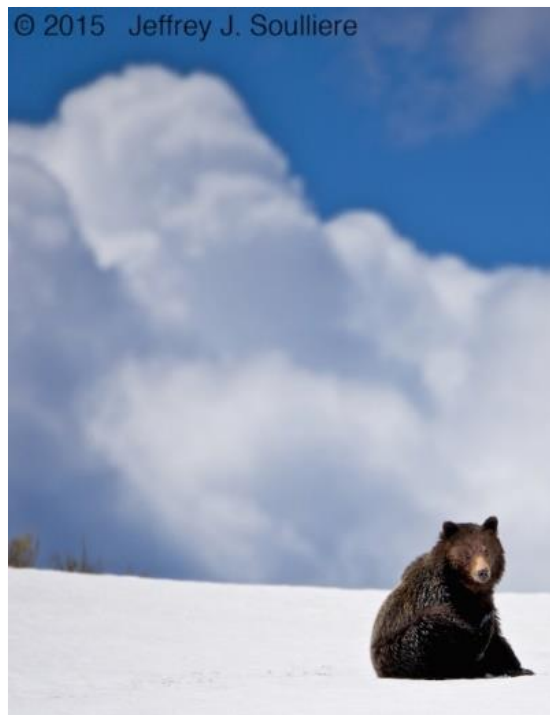


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From never being alone in the woods with a black bear to safely and professionally photographically tracking grizzly bears in the remote backcountry. How does one accomplish this? What does one need to learn about bear-safety, bear-ethics, and backcountry bear reality? From how to find bears, attack survival skills, communicating (with the bears),

understanding the differences between bear species (black vs. grizzly vs. polar), to what color of tent is best to use in pristine bear habitat. All in order to capture the art of wildlife. Jeff says, "If you think you're alive now, wait until you're alone in the bush, with a grizzly family, and no other humans around for miles."

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From Rocky Mountain National Park to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, Glacier National Park to Denali, on down to Katmai National Preserve and back to the Great Smoky Mountains, bears are curious, intelligent and everywhere. We just have to learn to live with, hike with, and respect them. So... Let's talk bear!

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Welcome New PPG Members!

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Fourth annual RRCOS hike and lunch at Rudy's Barbecue – Nov 19

Mountaineering Program 2016

For those of you who climbed high mountains last year as leaders or as climbers, now is the time to be planning for this year. To the leaders, we say thank you for taking on the challenge of the higher mountains requiring extra special leading skills. A lot of preparation goes into every trip the Pikes Peak Group does, but going high has big risks, and weather doesn't always cooperate in delicate moments on class 3.

For climbers, last year was the first season to emphasize what constitutes the CMC namesake: mountaineering. Hopefully, participants were able to enjoy a climb or two in the high country that met or exceeded their expectations. Last year, I asked participants to fill out forms to determine capability. This year, I want to simplify the program. If you wish to climb in this program, send me an email with your climbing category (Class 1, 2, or 3/4). I will collect your names and addresses and put all like climbers in an address group. Groups will be sent to leaders who desire to lead a climb in that class of difficulty.

I am excited about this coming season and I hope you are, too! If you have questions, email is the best way to contact me! Thanks,

Chris Mattingly, Outings Chair

CMC Council Member Profile

DAVID ANDERSON



Why Dave always wears a helmet while mountaineering

What is your role in the CMC?

I am currently the editor of the *Pikes Pique* newsletter and the team leader for the BMS Ice Climbing class.

What CMC activities do you teach?

I have been an instructor for all of the BMS and HAMS classes, along with the backcountry skiing and canyoneering clinics.

How long have you been a member?

I have been a member since 2005.

What is your career?

I am a college professor at UCCS, with an emphasis in organic chemistry.

Favorite outdoor activities?

Wow. All of it: hiking, mountaineering, skiing, ice climbing, rock climbing, biking.

What is your favorite local hike or local crag?

While for many years my endeavors have been “out in the mountains”, I have fairly recently discovered all the great hiking and climbing in Cheyenne Canyon.

What is your favorite place in Colorado?

The San Juans are the most spectacular mountains in the state.

What's your #1 best camp food?

Whiskey. 'Nough said.

What is your worst experience camping or climbing, where everything that could go wrong did?

This is a story that could fill pages. To attempt to make it short: After I joined the CMC and took the BMS classes I learned how ignorant I had been climbing 14ers for many years. A climb of Crestone Peak in 1992 was epic. Getting off route on a less-frequented trail, ascending the wrong couloir, traversing an ice field with nothing more than sharp rocks in our hands, being knocked unconscious by a lightning strike, descending a Class 3 couloir in three inches of sleet, and travelling the last couple miles of pitch black trail with only one pen-light between us—pretty well sums it up.

What is your dream hike or dream climb?

The Via Ferrata in the Dolomites.

What piece of gear have you been drooling over but can't justify buying?

I donated a bunch of stuff to the porters in Tanzania when we climbed Kilimanjaro, and one of the more expensive things I need to replace is a good hard shell jacket. I'm waiting for my REI dividend in March.

Where are places you want to hike, or climbs you want to do this summer?

I completed the 14ers in 2010, but my wife is now working on them. We'll probably climb a few this summer.

You have a free month to go anywhere in the world and hike or climb. Where would you go?

Italy – the Via Ferrata.

Best CMC trip you've been on?

Kilimanjaro, with my wife and the rest of the climbing team.

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PPG Basic Mountaineering School – 2016

Are you seeking to increase your skills and safety in backpacking and climbing 14ers, perhaps even thinking about moving up to the more challenging aspects of snow, rock, and ice climbing? Then consider the courses we have to offer in the 2016 Basic Mountaineering School. This is the perfect way to develop the alpine mountaineering skills you need to tackle anything the Colorado Rocky Mountains can throw at you!

Our Pikes Peak Group offers two tracks, depending on your level of adventure:

PPG BMS Wilderness Trekking Certificate

Wilderness Fundamentals (March, 2016)

Wilderness Land Navigation (March–April, 2016)

Wilderness Backpacking (June, 2016)

PPG BMS Alpine Mountaineering Certificate

Alpine Snow Mountaineering (April–May, 2016)

Rock Climbing (May, 2016)

Ice Climbing (February, 2017)

(You must earn the Wilderness Trekking Certificate and complete a recognized Avalanche Awareness course to be eligible to graduate from the Alpine Mountaineering sequence.)



Taught by volunteer instructors who have a passion for sharing their knowledge and skills, each module focuses on a different aspect of Colorado mountaineering. We cover gear, nutrition, weather, trip planning, and all the detailed information pertinent to the activity. Courses usually consist of two to three evening classroom sessions, and one or two field sessions (the backpacking class includes an overnight trip). Our instructor–student ratios are typically 1:2 to 1:3. Best of all, BMS introduces you to a fine group of like-minded folks who share the same love of mountaineering that you do. Think new climbing buddies!

With these certificates under your belt, you will open yourself to a world of new mountaineering possibilities. As well, you will be eligible for CMC trips that have a BMS prerequisite. If you have even higher aspirations, the Alpine Mountaineering Certificate gives you the credentials to enroll in our High Altitude Mountaineering School (HAMS).

You can find more course details on the cmc.org web site under Calendar, Classes. Don't delay!

For further information, email BMS Director [Mike Erickson](mailto:Mike.Erickson@cmc.org) or Co-director [Tony Eichstadt](mailto:Tony.Eichstadt@cmc.org).



PPG Classes

Avalanche Level 1 Class

Starts January 26, 2016

This is the level of avalanche training now required for HAMS and BMS students. This is also a great level of knowledge for those who have only completed Introduction to Avalanches in the past. This course will teach you about proper gear, proper route selection, and making safe decisions by providing an understanding of terrain, snow pack, weather, and triggers. You will practice evaluating terrain, doing a beacon search, probing and digging for a “victim,” and digging evaluation pits. This is the course to make all the other winter activities safer. Classroom dates are 26 and 28 Jan. The field sessions are 30 and 31 Jan. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$150. For more details, please contact [Eric Hunter](#).

Technical Ice Climbing School (TICS)

Starts January 27, 2016

Have you been ice climbing easy routes for a few seasons since your BMS Ice Climbing module and wondered what’s next? Have you seen some of the annual Ouray Festival clips and wondered about mixed routes or leading? Have you thought you just don’t possibly own enough gear yet and want to get even more? Here is your chance. Come to Ouray for an event sure to improve your ice climbing skills as well as adding to your skills with leading and anchor building knowledge. Some gear purchasing is required for this course. The classroom session is on 27 Jan. The weekend Ouray trip is 06-07 Feb. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$175. For more details and to sign up, please contact [Grant Wilson](#).

Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) – Ice Climbing

Starts February 1, 2016

This is the continuation of the 2015 BMS series. Completing this course will be the completion of BMS certification for many students this year. Congratulations! This course has a pre-requisite of BMS Rock Climbing or proven skills similar to those provided by that class. Classroom dates are 01 and 03 Feb. The field session is 07 Feb. There will be an optional extra trip to Ouray on 13-15 Feb. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$70. Going on the optional overnight trip will include additional hotel and travel expenses. For more details and to sign up, please contact [Dave Anderson](#).

Intermediate Ice Climbing School

Starts February 8, 2016

Have you only completed BMS Ice and are not quite ready for TICS yet? Have you wanted to improve your skills before taking an advanced class and just need more time on the ice with supervision and direction while developing what you have already learned? Come to this class to improve your ice climbing skills to a level making you ready for an advanced class. Some gear purchasing is required for this course. The classroom session is on 08 Feb. The weekend Ouray trip is 13-14 Feb. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$150. For more details and to sign up, please contact [Kristen Buckland](#).

Winter Wilderness Survival Skills Class

Starts February 24, 2016

So now you have learned from the other classes how to get out and play in the winter wilderness, but what do you do if you get stuck out there for the night? This course will discuss the gear requirements and concepts of survival in the winter wilderness of Colorado. We will then spend a night in the wilderness to put those concepts to practice. We will build several types of winter shelters and you will have the chance to spend the night in them using just what you carry on a winter day trip, or a bit more if you are concerned. The classroom session is on 24 Feb. The overnight is 27-28 Feb. All field sessions are scheduled as CMC trips. The cost for this class is \$40. For more details, please contact [Eric Hunter](#).

Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) – Wilderness Fundamentals

Starts March 9

There are three class lectures covering the topics of gear, trip planning, nutrition, conditioning, conservation practices such as Leave No Trace, the Ten Essentials, weather evaluation, safety, emergency planning protocol, and case studies of wilderness accidents. Class dates are 09, 10, and 16 Mar. There is a CMC Rating Trip on 19 Mar designed to reinforce principals and techniques discussed in class. The cost for this class is \$38. For more details, please contact [Tony Eichstadt](#).

ARCPro Gear and Anchors Class

Starts March 8

For those climbers who have taken BMS Rock and are wanting to expand their rock climbing skills, the PPG Advanced Rock Program is offering its first class of the year in March- our Gear and Anchors Class. This class provides the foundation for most other ARCPro classes, and covers traditional gear placement and anchor building. The class will be beneficial for any climbers interested in traditional climbing and those climbers interested in building and evaluating anchors of all types, such as top-rope, rappel, and multi-pitch belay anchors. The class includes one classroom evening session on March 8th, and two full day field sessions on the weekend of March 12 and 13. See the online CMC calendar for more details and to register, or contact [Scott Kime](#) or [Collin Powers](#) with any questions.



To register for classes or trips,
go to www.cmc.org



PPG Classes (continued)

Pikes Peak Trip Leader Training

Starts March 24

This course provides the necessary training and satisfies part of the requirement of becoming a CMC trip leader for the Pikes Peak Group. (Completion of a Wilderness First Aid course and CPR course are the other requirements for becoming a trip leader.) The classroom sessions are on 24 and 31 Mar from 6:30p to 9:00p. The field session on the morning of 3 Apr will be scheduled as a CMC trip. **Prerequisite:** Must have taken Wilderness Fundamentals and Land Navigation or their equivalents and attended at least four CMC activities (two of which were trips) plus have a PPG trip leader's recommendation. The cost for this class is \$25. For more details, please contact [Paul Schoell](#).

Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) – Wilderness Land Navigation

Starts March 30

There are two class lectures. Our discussions include maps, compass, orienteering, estimating distance, interpreting map symbols, properly reading topo contour lines, learning about declination, sighting, taking a bearing, and technologies such as GPS. You'll also participate in class exercises using a map and compass. Classroom dates are 30 Mar and 06 Apr. There is a CMC Rating Trip on 09 Apr which is designed to reinforce principals and techniques discussed in class. You'll be given a map with markers. Your team's job will be to find them. There will be an optional CMC Wilderness Trip to hone your orienteering skills. The cost for this class is \$38. For more details, please contact [Tony Eichstadt](#).

Pikes Peak Wilderness First Aid (WFA)

Starts April 7

This sixteen-hour ECSI accredited course consists of instruction devoted to medical evaluation and treatment in the wilderness setting where definitive medical care is not readily available. Two evening presentations on the variety of situations you might encounter in the backcountry and wilderness areas followed by a full day of practical, hands-on training in the field make up this course. This course satisfies a requirement for trip leaders. The classroom sessions are on 7 and 14 Apr from 6:30p to 9:30p. The field session is on 16 Apr from 8:00a to 3:00p. A comprehensive textbook is included and you will receive your WFA card. Note: This course does not teach CPR, which is taught in a separate two-hour class (with separate sign up required) right after the WFA field session. The cost for this class is \$50. For more details, please contact [Paul Schoell](#).

Pikes Peak CPR Training

April 16

Knowing CPR can be live saving! If you've never had CPR training or it's been a while, then this two-hour American Heart Association accredited training is for you. It includes the latest classroom instruction and hands-on training in CPR/AED for the Adult/Child/Infant (choking conscious and unconscious). This class taught at 3:00 pm on 16 Apr satisfies a requirement for trip leaders. A CPR card good for two years will be issued upon completion. The cost for this class is \$25. For more details, please contact [Paul Schoell](#).

Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) – Alpine Snow Mountaineering

Starts April 26

There are two class lectures. Our discussions include evaluating weather and snow conditions, terrain and avalanche risk assessment, gear, trip planning, using crampons and proper climbing techniques, snow travel including proper use of ice axe, self-arrest, glissading, determining slope angles, and route finding. We will demonstrate and practice snow anchors and rope techniques if time allows. Classroom dates are 26 and 28 Apr. There are CMC Rating Trips on 30 Apr and 01 May which we typically do at Pikes Peak Glen Cove which is designed to reinforce principals and techniques discussed in class. You will attend both days. There will be an optional CMC Wilderness Trip to hone your snow travel skills. The cost for this class is \$58. For more details, please contact [Mike Erickson](#).

Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) – Rock Climbing

Starts May 19

There is one class lecture and one indoor climbing session. Our discussions include climbing gear, rating a climb, the different types of rock climbing, reviewing climbing knots, rope management including coiling, care and inspection, anchors, communications, climbing techniques, belaying, rappelling, and building an auto-block. The classroom date is 19 May and the indoor climbing session is 25 May. There are two CMC Rating Trips on 28 and 29 May which we typically do at Red Rock Canyon Open Space and Castlewood Canyon. There will be optional CMC Wilderness Trips to hone your rock climbing skills. The cost for this class is \$58. For more details, please contact [Mike Erickson](#).

Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) – Wilderness Backpacking

Starts June 8

Pre-Requisites: PPG BMS Colorado Wilderness Fundamentals & Colorado Wilderness Land Navigation. There are two class lectures. Our discussions include finding the right backpack, systems review including sleeping systems, cooking systems, clothing systems, ultra-light techniques, tents, trip planning, team composition, group dynamics, and site selection. We will do a gear check prior to the overnight to make sure you are properly equipped. Classroom dates are 08 and 15 Jun. There is a CMC Rating Trip (overnight) on 18 and 19 Jun that is designed to reinforce principals and techniques discussed in class. The cost for this class is \$38. For more details, please contact [Tony Eichstadt](#).

Hut to Hut Clinic

This year's PPG Hut to Hut clinic was a huge success. Taught again by Paul Schoell; there were thirty in attendance for the session held at Mountain Chalet on December 3rd. There was also an option to take a trip to an actual Hut. Three brave, curious souls took the ride to Broome Hut near Berthoud Pass with two leaders.



Broome Hut is part of the 10th Mountain Division managed huts and owned/operated by Grand Huts Assoc. It has four sleeping rooms with a capacity of sixteen, and like only two other huts it has indoor composting toilets. Also very unique among huts; there is an area where non-reservation holders can enter, eat lunch, warm up, and use the restroom.

When the five neared Berthoud Pass it was snowing and continued to snow with intermittent bursts of sunshine as they snowshoed up the moderate 1 mile, 800 ft. elevation gain trail to the hut.



L-R: Paul, Chris, Ling, Mary, and Dean

A brief lunch, visit with other folks (several of whom were skiing and snowboarding near the hut), and a snowshoe tour up and around the hut was followed by the drive back to Colorado Springs. It was another wonderful day to be in the mountains. Thanks Paul for putting this clinic and trip together.

Member Contributions



Barr Camp Overnight. L-R Front: Robin, Dean (leader), Chris
Back: Mark, Barbara, Lauren, Nicolle, Karl Scott



Raspberry Mountain. L-R: Barb, Jan, Doug, Rebecca, Maria and Christie (leader)



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February PPG Trips

Mt Herman - Limbaugh Canyon Loop

Saturday, 2/6/2016

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Leader: Dean Waits, 719-445-0263, dwaits24@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 7, Elevation Gain 1200, Driving Distance 30. Location: Monument Park and Ride at the N/E corner of I-25 and Hwy 105 at exit 161 at 7:20am, we'll form carpools and drive to the TH at 7:30. From Denver take Exit 161 and cross over I-25, take first left, P&R is on the left. Leader will be in a dark blue Toyota 4Runner. Details: We'll hike up Mt Herman (9,036 ft), overlooking Monument and with panoramic views of Pikes Peak and mountains to the west. Starting from the Mt Herman Rd on Trl 716 and out to Inspiration Point overlooking beautiful Palmer Lake and looping back thru Limbaugh Canyon. It's about a 7 mi r/t hike with the elevation gain around 1,200 ft most of which is up the 1.1 mi to Mt Herman. Snowshoes and microspikes may be needed. Leader will advise. Hike up Mt Herman is fairly steep; we'll be taking breaks. Bring snacks, water and a lunch.

Barr Camp via Barr Trail

Sunday, 2/7/2016

Moderate C

Leader: Andy Lyon, 719-630-1523, andyslyon@msn.com

Trail Mileage 14, Elevation Gain 3700, Driving Distance 7. Location: Meet at Westside Safeway at 7:30 to carpool to Manitou or meet at the trail head at 7:50. [Map to Safeway](#). Details: It's Superbowl Sunday sure, but why not earn those nachos with rousing hike up America's Mountain? Expect the trail to be snow packed and icy, at least in the shade, so spikes or tracks will be a must. Gaiters if we get new snow. We'll break for lunch at Barr Camp and have a cup of coffee (just a buck) and then we'll return the way we came. If everyone is feeling frisky we could shave a mile by going up the Incline at the start. Depending on pace, we'll be back at the cars around 4 p.m. There is paid parking available but (optional) carpooling is suggested to share costs and minimize impacts on the good folks who live near the Incline. [More information on Barr Camp](#).

PPG BMS Ice Climbing Field Session

Sunday, 2/7/2016

Ice Climbing

Leader: David Anderson, 719-484-9069, danderso@uccs.edu

Trail Mileage 1, Elevation Gain 200, Driving Distance 80. Location: Camp Alexander. Details: This is the field session for students completing the PPG BMS Ice Climbing course. The focus will be on developing skills for safe travel on low-angle ice and for climbing higher-angle waterfall ice. Further details will be announced in the classroom session.

Intermediate Ice Climbing Field Trip

Saturday, 2/13/2016

Ice Climbing

Leader: Kristen Buckland, 419-260-7807, buckie06@hotmail.com

Trail Mileage 1, Driving Distance 440. Location: Ouray, Colorado. Details: This is the field trip for the Intermediate Ice Climbing Class.

PPG BMS Ice Climbing Ouray Trip

Saturday, 2/13/2016

Ice Climbing

Leader: David Anderson, 719-484-9069, danderso@uccs.edu

Trail Mileage 2, Elevation Gain 500, Driving Distance 550. Details: This is the optional trip for graduates of the PPG BMS Ice Climbing Module. For more details, contact the leader.

Freckenridge Trail Snowshoe

Saturday, 2/20/2016

Moderate B

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-243-1821, Christie80905@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 10. Details: Freckenridge Trail snowshoe trip from Breckenridge to Frisco. 10 miles and then shuttle to ice sculptures and back to cars. Leaving Colorado Springs at 7 a.m. Return to COS around 6 p.m. Call the leader at least 5 days prior for confirmation of space.

BC Ski Crag/Putney Gulch

Saturday, 2/20/2016

Moderate II

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-273-1018, ehunter67@yahoo.com

Trail Mileage 9, Elevation Gain 1000, Driving Distance 60. Location: Fourmile Creek to Putney Gulch TH, near Divide, CO. Details: This is a moderate out and back ski into the Crag and Putney Gulch area near Harvey Carter Gulch. We will stay to the main road and side trails up Fourmile Creek from the Mennonite Camp to the Putney Gulch Trailhead. We will then explore some of the side roads and easy slopes near there. NNN-BC cross-country gear will be fine, but cable binding backcountry gear will be better. We will avoid avalanche terrain.

Winter Wilderness Survival Skills Overnight

Saturday, 2/27/2016

Moderate

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-273-1018, ehunter67@yahoo.com

Trail Mileage 2, Elevation Gain 100, Driving Distance 200. Details: This field session is for those who have completed the required classroom session with the Pikes Peak Group. This trip will focus on building shelters in winter conditions to stay overnight with just day hiking gear, water procurement, and team skills.

February PPG Trips (continued)

Peak to Peak Snowshoe

Saturday, 2/27/2016

Moderate B

Leader: Debbie Sheinman, 719-635-7720, sheindk@yahoo.com

Trail Mileage 10, Elevation Gain 500, Driving Distance 200. Location: We'll begin our snowshoe near Peak 7 on Ski Hill Road in Breckenridge at the Peak to Peak ("Freckenridge") trailhead. The start time at the trailhead is approximately 9:00 a.m. We'll snowshoe north to Frisco on the Peak to Peak or old Freckenridge trail, and we will have lunch on the trail. Beautiful views of mountains including Grays and Torreys along with the Gore Range are sure to be had. We'll return to the trailhead in Breckenridge via the Summit County bus and gondola up to Peak 7. We'll then walk 1/10 of a mile back to our vehicles at the trailhead. Participants will need to have some experience snowshoeing. While the terrain is fairly easy with rolling hills, the distance is still 10 miles. If this is your first time snowshoeing, please consider another, easier trip. Details: Please contact the leader should you have any questions. If you'd like to meet the group at the trailhead, please call me or email me before the trip.

Tincup Pass Snowshoe/Ski

Saturday, 2/27/2016

Moderate B

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-243-1821, Christie80905@gmail.com

Details: Snowshoe up and cross country ski down. Meet at Mt Princeton Hot Springs Lodge lobby at 9 a.m. No cell phone access so call the lodge if unable to make it so group won't wait for you. Call the leader by Wednesday, February 24th to confirm plans.



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Broadmoor—Colorado Springs Land Swap

The Broadmoor and Colorado Springs Parks have proposed a land swap, as described below. There will be a **public meeting** on the proposal on Thursday, January 28, 6 pm to 8 pm at the Bear Creek Nature Center. Full information, including a pdf map with detailed explanation, is [here](#).

Summary: The public would get:

- ♦ 155 acres that include the Incline and almost all of Barr Trail, with an easement for the remaining part of Barr Trail—this would greatly simplify a north return trail from the Incline, separate from Barr.
- ♦ 208 acres in South Cheyenne Canon, including the full summit of Mt Muscoco, the Daniels Pass Trail, and the land on both sides of Gold Camp Road where it crosses private property. This would not appear to include Greenwood Park or the Green cabin ruins.
- ♦ An easement for access to Hully Gully from Old Stage Road.
- ♦ 9 acres south of Bear Creek Park east of 21st street, currently zoned residential.
- ♦ Easements for the proposed Chamberlain Trail in the foothills.

The Broadmoor would get:

- ♦ 190 acres of the Strawberry Hill section of North Cheyenne Canon Park, south of Mesa and east of Hully Gully, for a stable and riding area, leaving an easement for the South Canon Trail.
- ♦ A half-acre parking lot on Ruxton Ave for the Cog Railway.

The Pikes Peak Group has no opinion on this proposal, but we encourage you to attend the public meeting on January 28, and ask questions. If you have any comments for the council to consider at its February meeting, please send them to [Tom Mowle](#).

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Pikes Pique is the monthly newsletter of the Pikes Peak Group of the Colorado Mountain Club. It is a forum for enhancing skills for backcountry travel in the Colorado mountains and communicating information, news, and upcoming events to members and interested parties.

The purpose of the CMC is to unite the energy, interest, and knowledge of the students and lovers of the mountains of Colorado; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains on behalf of science, literature, art, recreation; to stimulate public interest in our mountain areas; to encourage the preservation of flora, fauna, and natural scenery; and to render readily accessible the alpine attractions of this region.

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