



A Desert Bighorn Sheep looking down on our CMC group at the CO National Monument. Photo by John Broadbooks.

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## Canyon to Crest Call

Western Slope Group

December 2021

## Leader Spotlight: Lynda Law

"I moved from Iowa after college and have lived, worked, and played the last 41 years in Colorado, hiking, backpacking, fishing and winter sports too.

While backpacking the CO Trail with friend and CMC leader, Jan Dudley, she encouraged me to join CMC. The CT is my most memorable backpack (2nd to Peak Uruhu in Kilimanjaro NP) doing it in sections of around 32-78 miles per trip! I soloed a large portion of the mileage, which was extremely rewarding! We also included the Collegiate West side of the trail bringing total mileage to 567, and total vertical feet of 109,102'. I did this over approximately 3 summer's time.

I have been with CMC around 5 years and a Gore Range Group leader just before the infamous pandemic started, 2018-ish!"



Lynda recently moved to the Western Slope and we are excited to have her leading trips for the WSG!

## GMUG - Draft Forest Plan Needs

### Recreation Input

**New Comment Deadline:** November 26, 2021

On August 13 2021, the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) released its [Draft Forest Plan](#) for public comment. **If you adventure in the San Juans, West Elks or on Grand Mesa, now is your chance to help preserve high-quality recreation on these landscapes.**



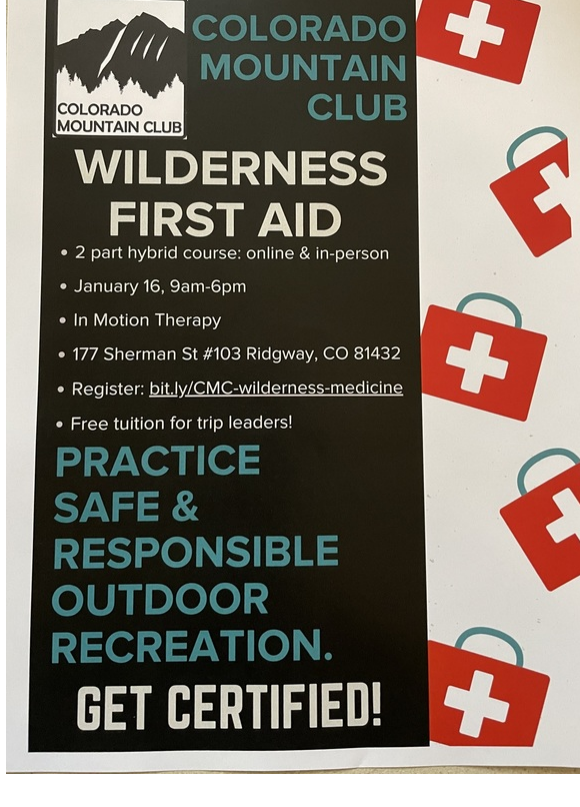
Right now, the plan falls short on strong recreation policy and new wilderness recommendations - your feedback will help direct the forest to make important changes benefiting recreation and conservation for the next 20-30 years. Go to the [CMC website](#) and scroll down for more information and how to take action.

## Wilderness First Aid

Sunday, January 16

### Ridgway Field Day

This course is open to both CMC members and non-members. WFA is required for CMC trip leaders. The CMC is offering a hybrid 16-hour course: 1-day of reading, Zoom lectures and watching short videos AND 1-day of an in-person field class in Ridgway. This serves as both an initial and renewal certification. Click to register [\\$225 members, \\$245 nonmembers](#). Click to register [FREE for leaders or potential leaders](#) with online application and 6-trip commitment in 2 years. For more info, see [this CMC webpage](#). Contact [roberta@cmc.org](mailto:roberta@cmc.org) with questions. Register by January 8.



## Backcountry Snow Rangers

The Colorado Mountain Club is accepting applications for a Backcountry Snow Ranger position in the Ouray & Grand Valley Districts of the GMUG National Forest. The purpose of this position is to support the forest in making public contacts with winter recreationists. For more info and to apply, see this [job description](#).

## ALL OUTINGS LINK: [The CMC Calendar](#)

Nonmember guests can attend up to 2 trips and must sign the guest liability waiver.

**TRIPS\*\* (click on titles for more info and to sign up):**

[Thursday 12/2, Rattlesnake Arches](#). Mod C. Lynda Law (Register with leader)

[Sunday 12/5, Electric Hills](#). Mod A. Anne Keil

[Saturday 12/11, Bighorn Loop, Gunnison Gorge](#). Mod B. Paul Sheya

[Monday, 12/13, Potter Creek Trail](#). Mod A. Brenda Leach

[Sunday, 12/19, Spring Creek Shuttle](#). Mod B. John Broadbooks

[Thursday 1/6, Devil's Canyon Loop](#). Mod B. Lynda Law

[Friday 1/28-30, Lake City Ice Climbing](#). Pikes Peak Group

[Friday 2/25, Grand Mesa/Skyway XC Ski](#). Lynda Law

[Friday, 3/25, Pollock Bench Loop Trail & Pollock Arch](#). Mod B. Lynda Law

[Thursday, 4/14, Flume Canyon from Pollock Bench TH](#), Easy B. Lynda Law

[7/24-29 & 7/31-8/5 2022, CMC In State Outing, Kebler Pass](#). Fee

[July 16-22, 2022 Alta Via I](#). Adventure Travel, fee.

[12/20/22-1/10/23 Patagonia 0 circle trek](#). Adventure Travel, fee.

\*\*All members and guests must sign a new [liability waiver \(effective March 2020\)](#).

**COVID policy for trips:** [COVID-19 and CMC Programming, updated NOVEMBER 15, 2021](#)

### PRESENTATIONS

[Anytime: Day Hiker School](#). Online, 5 modules, field days to be scheduled if interest (fee).

[Tuesday 12/7, Project Olympus \(new CMC website\) Feedback](#). Webinar 5:30-6:30pm. State CMC.

[Saturday 12/11, RIMS App Training](#), in Crested Butte 2-3pm. State CMC.

[Wednesday 1/12, Snowshoe and Ski Touring](#), 6-7:30pm Webinar. State CMC.

[Sunday 1/16, Hybrid Wilderness First Aid Field Day, Ridgway](#). Fee. See notice above. Contact [roberta@cmc.org](mailto:roberta@cmc.org) if you are a leader or interested leader for the FREE discount code. Pre-work required 1 week before field day.

**CMC Classes & Schools Webpage:** \*\*For some classes and schools that are offered on the full CMC calendar (typically on the front range or via ZOOM), we can arrange field days on this side of the state but need a minimum number of participants between the various CMC groups. Please let us know if something interests you.

**Trip Leader Training:** We are seeking new trip leaders! The free training consists of self paced online modules and one training hike plus Wilderness First Aid. This is also available to current leaders as a refresher. Also see [Trip Leader & Instructor Resources \(cmc.org\)](#). If you are interested, please contact [WSGofCMC@gmail.com](mailto:WSGofCMC@gmail.com).

## Seeking Monthly Newsletter Volunteers

We'd like your help! If you have requests for newsletter content or would like to contribute, let us know! Deadline to submit information, articles or photos is the **25th of each month** for the following month's newsletter. Email us at [WSGofCMC@gmail.com](mailto:WSGofCMC@gmail.com).

We are also looking for a volunteer **Newsletter Editor**. For more info, click here: [Newsletter Editor volunteer job description](#). We use myEmma, a tool which has many features that facilitate creating our monthly newsletter.

Click on these links to see past issues of our monthly *Canyon to Crest Call* newsletter.

2021: [January](#), [February](#), [March](#), [April](#), [May](#), [June](#), [July](#), [August](#), [September](#), [October](#), [November](#).

2020: [July](#), [August](#), [September](#), [October](#), [November](#), [December](#).

## 2021 Western Slope Group Council

**Chair:** Brenda Leach (Ridgway)

**Vice Chair & Outings Chair:** Anne Keil (Montrose)

**Treasurer:** John Broadbooks (Montrose)

**Secretary:** Karen Mann (Montrose)

**Conservation Chair:** Ross Mittelman (Palisade)

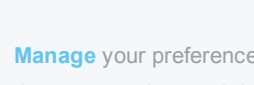
We're on the CMC website at [Western Slope Group, CMC Groups - Colorado Mountain Club](#).

Council meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of odd-numbered months, 5:30 - 7pm. The upcoming meetings are on January 11, March 8, May 10, July 12, September 13 and November 8. Zoom availability and location will be determined closer to the meeting date. WSG members are welcome to attend.

**CMC connects Coloradans with more than 3,000 trips, hikes and activities annually. Members also receive huge deals on outdoor gear, lodging, events and more.**

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