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New Officers

The 2008 officers were elected at the December 6 meeting.

President, Peggy Durham; **Vice President**, Brad Andres; **Treasurer**, Karen Knutson; **Secretary**, Kay Niyo; **Assistant Secretary**, Sylvia Robertson.

Directors: David Wald, Ginny Boschen, Heather Johnson, Michael Stills, Jane Conrad, Marilyn Kaussner.

No Meeting

The next chapter meeting will be Feb. 7.

Dipper Online

The Dipper is available online for those who wish to minimize paper clutter. The online edition is available several days before the hard copy reaches you. If you wish to get your *Dipper* through e-mail, notify Margaret McDole, mem2@earthlink.net and Kent Simon at ksimonbib@earthlink.net.

Teaching Outside the Box

An environmental education conference will be held at Snow Mt. Ranch on April 25-27. There is a discount on registrations received by March 7. See www.dipper.org for details.

Local Author Shares Adventures

Terry Grosz is an award-winning author who has written seven books about his 32-year career as a conservation law enforcement officer. Terry worked as a conservation officer for the state of California and for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, throughout the Mountain-Prairie and Midwest regions and in Washington, D.C.

He also traveled throughout Asia assisting foreign governments in curtailing the smuggling of wildlife and assisting with import and export issues for species such as the Asian rhino, Bengal tiger and Asian turtles.

To capture those adventures, Terry wrote a series of action-packed books that leave you in stitches with laughter one moment, outraged at the human capacity for killing and greed, and then in tears over the touching moments Terry experienced throughout his career.

Terry is a captivating writer; he has received many distinguished book awards for his law enforcement book series. In addition to these successes, Terry has written three novels about mountain men and the fur trade.

We are pleased to have Terry as the keynote speaker for the upcoming banquet. In addition to Terry being a famous author, he is an amazing storyteller.

Terry will give us a dynamic slide presentation about his action-packed adventures, filled with his love of wildlife and the great outdoors. These adventures of rescue and danger and the stories of his life will no doubt touch our lives, as they have touched thousands of lives throughout the country and abroad.

Terry will be joined at the meeting by his wife, Donna, who is the behind-the-scenes champion that supported Terry through years of working around the clock for conservation.

Terry's books will be available for purchase and signing at the banquet.

(Banquet details and reservation form on Page 5)

Feb. Program: Pike-San Isabel NF

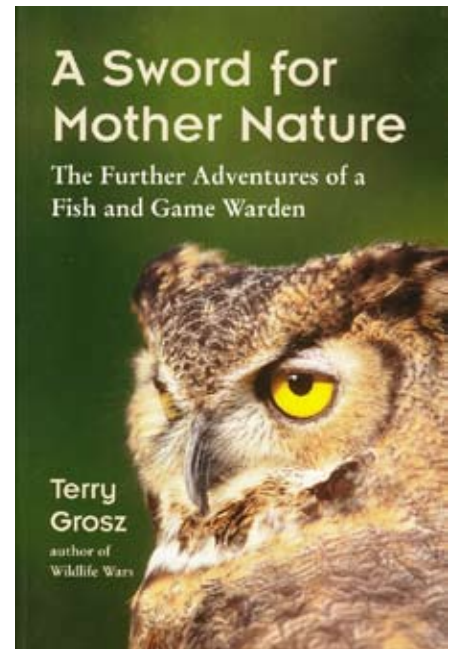
Come and see a slide show of stunning mountain peaks, lush valleys and tumbling streams that are found in the Pike-San Isabel National Forest. Hear how citizens banded together to inventory 100 roadless areas and apply the best science to create the Wild Connections Conservation Plan.

Explore Wild Connection's management recommendations for wildlife habitat and

linkages, new wilderness, quiet use areas, research areas and sustainable human uses of these 2.2 million acres of national forest.

Discover how local people can participate in shaping the future of the Pike-San Isabel and advocate for strong protection of priceless wild lands, watersheds and native species.

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The cover of Terry Grosz' book ("Owl") is self-explanatory.



President's Message

I would like to remind the membership of our Mission Statement and Vision Statement.

TENAS Vision Statement

The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society envisions a local and world community that embraces reverence for life and conservation of natural resources. A global culture shall exist in which the natural world is respected and nurtured.

TENAS Mission Statement

The Evergreen Naturalists Audubon Society's mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems and to inspire and educate our community for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity.

Now that I've been through a full calendar year as president of TENAS, I finally have an idea of what the job is about. I'd like to do a year-end review for you.

Each spring, our board has an annual planning session at which we look at our accomplishments in the last year and how they matched our previously established goals. Then we determine our goals for the next year.

We are required to report these findings to Audubon Colorado and NAS. As we make our plans for the future, we bear in mind our mission and vision.

Over the past year, we have accomplished much: 4,517 hours of volunteered time, 95 people volunteering, 12 monthly programs with an average attendance of 40, 26 field trips and 10 newsletters.

We sponsored bluebird-box construction and sales, Earth Day, Dawn Chorus, weed day and weed education, Birds in the Balance, wreath sales, the Christmas Bird Count and naturalists on the boardwalk at the lake.

As readers of this newsletter know, we have spent a great deal of time preparing for the establishment of the nature center in the old warming hut. As we envision this project, we will have many opportunities to work toward our stated goals of education, environmental protection, conservation and preservation of natural resources.

We will be looking for members to come forward with their ideas and help as we continue the existing successful programs and develop new ones connected with the nature center. Please feel free to contact any board member.

- Peggy Durham

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• To **Brad Andres** and **Sylvia Brockner** for presenting a program to prepare us for the Christmas Bird Count. They presented 86 slides of birds, followed by a quiz. Everyone had fun and learned a lot. Thanks to **Dick Williams** for supplying many of the slides.

• To **Brad Andres** and **Tom Van Erp** for organizing and coordinating the Christmas Bird Count.

• To **Marge Peterson** for filling in for Jane Conrad for the December meeting hospitality. And to **John Kaussner** and **Ruth Salter** for providing the delicious cookies.

• To **Warren Roske** for organizing and leading the Turkey Trot. The trip was successful, as our stalwart birders spotted a flock of turkeys from the comfort and warmth of **Marge Peterson's** living room off Upper Bear Creek.

• Our grateful thanks to the outgoing officers and directors for their hard work, helpful guidance, cheerful humor and dedication in the past year(s): **Walt Phillips, Carolyn Fraker, Dave Balogh, Jeff Geiger** and **Bud Weare**.

• To **Kathanne Lynch** for her help at the Gravel Pit site for Birds in the Balance.



Sylvia Brockner Honored

Recently, Sylvia Brockner was given an award by the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce for her extraordinary efforts for the preservation of wildlife, nature and open spaces during her years in Colorado.

She was presented with a memento for her trophy shelf, recognition in the Congressional Record from Congressman Ed Perlmutter and a check for \$50 that she donated to the Nature Center fund.

We in our community have long revered Sylvia for her knowledge, energy, guidance and leadership. It is gratifying to know that her accomplishments are recognized beyond Evergreen.

2008 Bear Creek Atlas

While the full name of TENAS' new birding project is Bear Creek Watershed Breeding Bird Atlas, BCA will be our working title. Like other breeding bird atlas programs, ours will select a large number of sites and survey them at regular intervals.

Brad Andres has decided to base our survey on an extensive swath of public lands, representing each of the major habitats in the Bear Creek Watershed.

This will include 12 open space locations in Jefferson County (JCOS), 29 Denver Mountain Parks sites (DMP), five locations in the city of Lakewood (LAK), two State Wildlife Areas (SWA), and at least 14 locations in the Arapahoe National Forest (NF).

We will divide these 62 locations into five groups of approximately 12 sites each, and survey all sites in each group every five years. Each year's group will consist of locations below 7,500' (Plains and Foothills life zones), 7,500'-9,000' (Montane), and above 9,000' (Subalpine and Alpine).

Emphasis will be on the breeding

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PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 110th CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

House of Representatives

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Sylvia Brockner for her service to our community.

Wildlife, nature and open spaces are the focus of Sylvia Brockner's community leadership. "Anytime I help save land, I'm pleased," she states. "It's a legacy for future generations."

Sylvia Brockner brought with her the conservation and naturalist leadership expertise she honed as chairperson of the Western New York Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. She was instrumental in organizing the Mountain Area Land Trust, which she likens to a local Nature Conservancy. A lifelong bird watcher, she helped establish the annual Christmas Bird Count, and in 1978 she and her husband founded the local Audubon Society.

Ms. Brockner successfully lobbied the Army Corps of Engineers to protect the wetlands at Evergreen Lake. She also helped convince JeffCo Open Space to preserve Lair O' The Bear Park in Bear Creek Canyon.

For 30 years, she has written and illustrated the Canyon Courier's weekly feature about nature, instilling her passion in her readers.

Thank you.

Ed Perlmutter

Member of Congress

Congressional Record honoring Sylvia Brockner

Notification of Meeting Cancellation

As winter sets in for real, we may have to cancel or postpone a meeting. We will do so if road conditions are hazardous for members or the speaker. In case we need to cancel a meeting or trip, we will notify regular attendees in any or all of the following ways.

Telephone Tree. We have set up a telephone tree so board members will call everyone who has requested to be included.

E-mail. We will send e-mails to the e-mail addresses we have.

Website. We will post any changes or cancellations on the website.

Please inform Kent Simon (ksimonbib@earthlink.net or 303-674-3017) of any e-mail, phone number or mailing address changes. To be included in the telephone tree, call Peggy Durham at 303-674-8648, Sylvia Robertson at 303-674-1715 or Walt Phillips at 303-674-7744.



Bird Business

November was a slow bird activity month. Some days the weather was actually too nice for visiting northern birds. Not much snow fell in a month normally noted for big snowstorms.

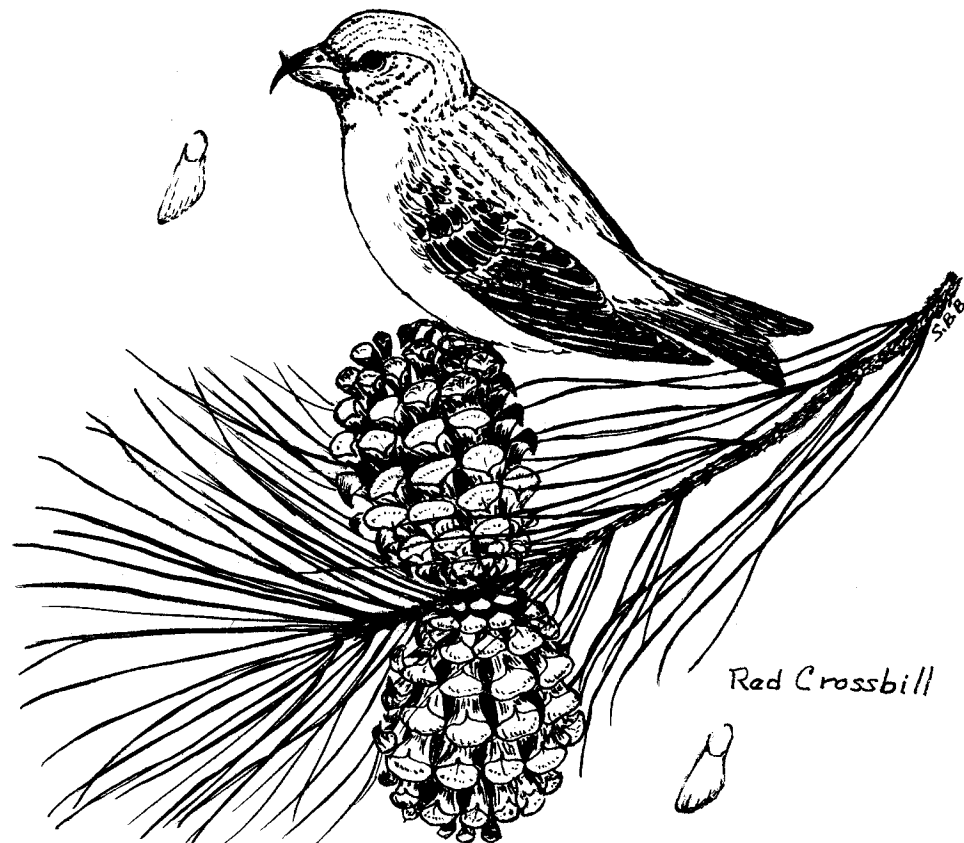
Mrs. Camcer saw a Pine Grosbeak near King-Murphy School on Nov. 1. They sometimes nest in this area. Watch for them!

Dick Williams studied a Pine Warbler on Nov. 8 in his yard. It was hanging around the bird feeders. On the 4th, Dick hosted more than 50 Evening Grosbeaks in his yard. This is the largest flock seen in some time and is one of the birds disappearing in North America. National Audubon reports that this bird has decreased 78%.

The day before Thanksgiving, Marilyn Rhodes welcomed a flock of six Red Crossbills to her yard. Did they like the wreaths, Marilyn?

Early in the morning of Thanksgiving Day, Warren Roske led a successful Turkey Trot. In the 4 degrees-above-zero weather the turkeys saw Warren and flew out of a tree to greet him.

To old-timers, I must report the passing of Max Folsom, husband of Else Folsom, on Nov. 1 in Santa Fe, N.M. The Folsoms were early members of TENAS



Red Crossbill

and lived next to the Nortons on Fairway Drive.

Kathane Lynch had a great trip to Utah in November. She enjoyed Great Bear Lake National Wildlife Reserve where she saw more than 115,000 ducks and more than 400 White Pelicans.

We all congratulate Sylvia Brockner

on her award from the West Jefferson Chamber of Commerce. Keep up the good work, Sylvia!

Start the New Year out right by going birding on Jan. 1. Come up with a bigger list in 2008!

Happy Holidays to all of you.

- Bill Brockner

Membership

We thank the new and renewing TENAS local members for their support.

New Family

Elizabeth & Jerry Emmer—Evergreen

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Banquet Reservations Due Jan. 4

There are still spaces open for our annual banquet on Friday, Jan. 18, at Mt. Vernon Country Club.

The social hour will begin at 6 p.m. along with the silent auction. Several notable books await the most generous of spenders this night.

Dinner will be a buffet beginning at 7 p.m. Our menu this year is Beef Bourguignonne, Tilapia fish filet with lemon herb sauce, Eggplant Parmesan, Chef's Vegetable Medley, Salad Bar, along with Egg Noodles, Wild Rice, Pasta and assorted rolls, flatbreads and butter.

Dessert will include rainbow sherbet with cookie and either coffee or tea. Even the most fastidious eater will be satisfied, we hope.

Mt. Vernon wait staff will plate and serve any guests who prefer not to stand in the buffet lines.

Reservations are due by Friday, Jan. 4. Dinner is \$32 per guest and a check must accompany the adjacent reservation form.

For more information, contact Irma Wolf, 303-670-3402, or Ginny Boschen, 303-674-3438.

Here's My Reservation for the Banquet

Names: (Print first and last names clearly for each guest attending.)

The Country Club will plate meals for any guests who prefer to be served at their table.

_____ I request that my meal be served. _____ I need a ride to the banquet.

Name _____ Phone _____

Cost is \$32 per person. Enclosed is my check for \$ _____.
Make check payable to TENAS Banquet. Payment must be included with your reservation.

Reservations must be received by Friday, January 4, 2008 – Mail to:
TENAS Banquet, P.O. Box 523, Evergreen, CO 80437-0523

Feb. Program: Vision for the Pike-San Isabel NF

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Citizens from across central Colorado, including many from TENAS, helped create the Wild Connections Conservation Plan for the Pike-San Isabel National Forest and adjacent BLM lands.

The U.S. Forest Service is revising its forest-wide management plan during 2008-2009, and Wild Connections has been submitted to the Pike-San Isabel planning team as part of the agency's public collaboration process.

Upper Arkansas and South Platte Project is encouraging stakeholders to learn more about the Pike-San Isabel, how it might be managed for future generations, and how people can make a difference in the national forest's management.

Don't miss this program, on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. at Church of the Hills, 28628 Buffalo Park Road (across



Hiking in Brown's Canyon proposed wilderness area. Photo by Kurt Kunkle

from Evergreen Library) in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. Refreshments and

a business meeting will follow the program.



Demeter's Torch: Let There be CFLs

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What can one person do that would make any difference for the environment? Installing compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) is one answer.

A traditional 100 watt incandescent bulb uses 100 watts of energy, but the equivalent CFL produces the same light using only 26 watts of energy. It takes about 80 pounds of coal to power one incandescent bulb over its lifetime; to power the equivalent CFL requires less than a pound of coal.

CFLs save you money. Despite a higher initial cost CFLs last up to ten times longer than incandescent bulbs, and they use less energy while they work. How long they last depends on how much you use them, the wattage, and the type.

CFLs have caught up with the times: they no longer hum or flicker. They come in a variety of styles, sizes, and shapes. There are even dimmers, flood lamps, and 3-stage bulbs.

Here are some things I learned while converting to CFLs. Generally, replace those bulbs first that will be "on" the most. You will even save energy on those you turn on briefly, but you will use up the bulb faster.

CFLs may not appear to be as bright as traditional bulbs. I found it depends on the circumstances. I used to have two 100 watt incandescent bulbs in the laundry room, which I replaced with two 26 watt CFLs. Though the room seemed less bright, it was plenty bright enough for my purposes. But the situation was reversed in the master bathroom, where the three 13 watt CFLs I substituted for three 60 watt incandescent bulbs were too bright. By unscrewing the middle bulb I found the lighting perfect, and I saved the \$6.99 cost of one bulb.

If the equivalent CFL does not give you enough light, you can safely use the next highest wattage. For example, if a fixture warns you not to exceed 60 watts, remember a CFL 100 watt

equivalent only uses 26 watts. CFLs can be slightly longer than traditional bulbs, which could be a problem if bulbs are behind a tight glass or plastic cover. A lower wattage CFL will be shorter.

I have three lamps that take a 3-stage bulb. The 3-stage CFLs worked fine in two lamps, providing as much brightness as the old bulbs, but in the third lamp the narrow metal shade supports, which attach near where the bulb inserts, prevented the CFL from fitting due to its thicker base. So I kept the old 3-stage incandescent on this lamp.

Use only dimming bulbs in dimming fixtures. Dimwit me, I put a regular CFL in a dimmer socket, and it promptly burned out, even though I never used the sliding dimmer.

CFLs take a few seconds to come on, and some require up to three minutes to achieve maximum brightness. So I kept the old bulbs over the only stairway in my house. I found a CFL would not work in the overhead garage door opener, so I kept the 75 watt incandescent. In replacing outdoor bulbs, be sure they are protected from the weather.

If your favorite store doesn't have the bulbs you want, try Wal-Mart, or go online at: www.bulbs.com or www.1000bulbs.com. You can save money by ordering in bulk, but be warned that quality is not always the same, especially when ordering online. The Energy Star label is an indication of quality.

What to do with old incandescent bulbs? Habitat for Humanity in Wheat Ridge will accept them as donations;

it is located along the Frontage Road paralleling I-70 (north side) between Kipling and Ward (303-421-5300).

There are as yet no rules for recycling just a few CFLs; Consumer Reports suggests wrapping them in two plastic bags and placing them in the trash. (A CFL contains less than 1% of the mercury in a traditional thermometer.) If you have a business or a facility that uses lots of CFLs, go to www.epa.gov/bulbrecycling, try www.EasyPak.com, or your trash collector may accept them. Waste Management does, for example, though it is costly for just the odd bulb or two (wmlamptracker.com).

What was my total cost? \$218.93 for 30 CFLs at Ace Hardware. Sounds like a lot, but the Worldwatch Institute estimates savings between \$50 and \$135 per CFL over the four to nine years they last. At that rate I'll save between \$1,500 and \$4,050.

Finally, here are a few quotes to motivate you:

"If every household [in the U.S.] replaced just one bulb, the energy savings could light more than 3 million households for a year."

"Lighting accounts for a third of U.S. electricity use, more than half of which is generated by coal—the primary source of our carbon dioxide emissions."

"Despite having less than 5 percent of the world's population, the United States is responsible for almost a quarter of global carbon emissions."

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Field Trips and Outings

Note: If you are even remotely interested in getting involved with the new birding program, send Mike Foster your e-mail address. He is building an e-mail tree for announcements in between *Dippers*, and to reschedule any trips that have to be canceled.

Saturday, January 12

Red Rocks Park

Leader: Brad Andres, 303-670-0101

This trip is the first of a series that will provide a reconnaissance of one of the areas we will be surveying for breeding birds in the spring of 2008. Besides searching for winter birds, we will test field methods for determining abundance and breeding status in the atlas project. Meet at the Jefferson County Library at 8 a.m. and we will car pool to Morrison. Approximately three hours.

Saturday, January 26

Bear Creek Lake Park

Leader: Mike Foster, 303-456-2647

Second in the series, with practice in some different habitats. Meet at 9 a.m. at Skunk Hollow: after entrance station, take first right, cross Bear Creek, then turn right into first parking area. Dress for the weather, bring water and snacks. Half-day trip.

Saturday, February 2, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Conference on the Economic Aspects
of Preserving Open Space Lands

The keynote speaker will be Dr. John Crompton, distinguished professor of recreation, park and tourism sciences at Texas A&M University, followed by panels discussing open space impacts on the economy on a regional and local basis. Colorado Mountaineering Center, 10th and Washington in Golden. Details will be posted on the PLAN Jeffco website, www.planjeffco.org, as they become available.

Saturday, February 9

O'Fallon Park

Leader: Brad Andres, 303-670-0101

This is another trip to check out a site slated to be surveyed for breeding birds in 2008. Besides searching for winter birds, we will test field methods for determining abundance and breeding status in the atlas project. Meet at the O'Fallon-Pence Park parking lot 3 miles south on Meyers Gulch Road at 8 a.m. Plan on three hours.

Saturday, February 23

Lair o' the Bear

Leader: Mike Foster, 303-456-2647

Fourth in the series. Meet at 9 a.m. in parking lot of park just off Highway 74, west of Idledale. Dress for the weather, bring water and snacks. Half-day trip.

Always call the leader on the Thursday before the trip to confirm arrangements!

2008 Bear Creek Atlas

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season, roughly early May through end of July, but the starting and ending times will vary with elevation. Ideally, we will visit each site five times during the breeding season.

During each visit surveyors will record each species identified and their abundance, the route taken and the time spent in the field. For habitats and breeding categories we will use the general protocols of the Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas.

Brad and Mike Foster will be leading instructional hikes during the next several months, to demonstrate the appropriate field techniques. Brad, Mike

and Kay Niyo (the Steering Committee) are investigating ways of recording data electronically, hopefully on a website. Leaders also should continue to record their field data on eBird.

Trip leaders, former Birds in the Balance leaders and Christmas Count leaders are encouraged to take primary responsibility for one or more sites. But anyone can visit any of these sites, at any time during the year, and send in their reports electronically. The more records the better.

Here are the sites for 2008. A complete list for the next five years will be printed later. If you are familiar with any of these sites, and/or you would like to

lead the 2008 trips to one or more of them, please contact Mike Foster, who will be coordinating our surveys under "Field Trips and Outings."

Plains/Foothills: Bear Creek Lake Park (LAK), Dinosaur Ridge North (JCOS), Dinosaur Ridge South (JCOS), Mount Glennon (JCOS), Thunder Valley (LAK), Lair o' the Bear (JCOS), Little Park (DMP).

Montane: Bergen Peak (DMP), Bergen Peak (SWA), Elk Meadow (JCOS).

Subalpine/Alpine: Captain Mountain/Lincoln Lake Trail (NF), Summit Lake (NF), Beaver Meadows/Mount Evans Shelter House (NF).

Calendar

January 4	Deadline for banquet reservations
January 12	Red Rocks Park Field Trip
January 18	TENAS Banquet
January 26	Bear Creek Lake Park Field Trip
February 2	Conference on Economic Aspects of Open Space
February 7	Chapter Meeting
February 9	O'Fallon Park Field Trip
February 23	Lair o' the Bear Field Trip

Monthly Meetings (except January and July)

First Thursday at 7 p.m.
Church of the Hills, 28628 Buffalo Park Road, 7 p.m.

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