CMC Hosted Successful Wilderness Conference in Buena Vista, May 10-11, 2019

BUENA VISTA, CO – Over 80 advocates, volunteers, land managers, and wilderness enthusiasts gathered in Buena Vista last weekend to discuss science, art, stewardship and the politics of wild landscapes at the 2019 Colorado Wilderness Conference.

Sessions covered new Wilderness campaigns, bighorn sheep, chainsaw authorization, recreation impact monitoring, gateway communities, art as a tool to activate, grassroots organizing and much more.

A key focus of the conference was the CORE Act which was introduced in January and protects over 400,000 acres in Colorado through a combination of new Wilderness, Special Management Areas and other land designations.

In addition to incredible conversations and idea-sharing, the group shared stories and built friendships over delicious meals and crisp beers from Eddyline Brewing! Friday night also included a screening of Wild Hope, a film about the intersection between economics and the environment.

The weekend would not have been complete without some time in the outdoors, so the group spent a beautiful Sunday exploring Browns Canyon National Monument and Camp Hale which is the proposed site of the first National Historic Landscape.

If you missed the event this year, be sure to keep an eye out for our 2020 conference next spring!

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conservation, and education. Founded in 1912, the CMC acts as a gateway to the mountains for novices and experts alike, offering over 3,000 year-round activities, events, and schools centered on outdoor recreation for its 6,600 members. The Colorado Mountain Club helps individuals maximize living in an outdoor playground and connects people with other adventure-loving outdoor enthusiasts creating a tight-knit community of responsible outdoorists ready to play in and protect the beautiful Colorado wilderness.