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Canyon to Crest Call Western Slope Group July 2026



WSG members on Doug Hemken's Rim Trail hike on the Uncompahgre Plateau. Photo taken by Julie Winters.



WSG Annual Dinner, Saturday, November 7, "Mommas Don't Let Your Babies Grow up to Be Alpinists"

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Join us for the CMC WSG Annual Dinner at the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose featuring our WSG Marketing & Membership Chair, Tom Maceyka! Socializing: 4:30pm, Dinner/Potluck: 5pm, Annual Meeting: 6pm, Tom's Presentation: 6:30pm, Evening Conclusion: 7:30pm. Sign-ups will start this summer. Stay tuned!

Tom Maceyka grew up in Colorado. After doing his first 14er at age 12 with his dad, the experience propelled him on a life-time obsession of climbing rock, ice, alpinism, and mountaineering from Alaska to Peru, Nepal, Pakistan and many places in between. He will share serious and humorous times from his nearly 60 years in the pursuit of trying to always get better and emulate his heroes. The friendships that have been built and relied upon, have allowed Tom to continue enjoying the outdoors.

Come join us for a fun-filled evening of trivia and giveaways!

Fall Colors, Carbondale Area, 9/25-27

Join us for a Fall Colors trip, September 25-27, based in Carbondale. See below for the scheduled hiking trips. A choice is to drive home after or do a hike on the 28th. There is a [KOA campground](#) on the river which may be full, but other campgrounds are in the area. As of mid-June, [Bogan Flats CG](#) by Marble and the [Redstone CG](#) had campsite reservations available. There is a nice [Comfort Inn in Carbondale](#) along with other choices. More details will be coming, but it would be prudent to [sign up for the multi-day event here](#) and to get lodging/camping now. Trip leaders/planners are Jennifer Rhamy, Doug Hemken and Judy Mayne.



Fall Hiking Trip Organized by the Outings Committee, Moab Area, 10/22-25

Another fall hiking trip is planned for October 22-25, based in Moab. Details of the hikes are yet to be decided. There will be 2 hikes offered each day. Email WSGofCMC@gmail.com if you would like to suggest something. Participants are expected to take part in hikes on Friday and Saturday, with shorter options offered on Thursday and Sunday. Book your own lodging or campsite now as October is peak season for tourism. There will be no group camp site. Suggestions are on the [sign-up page](#).

Conservation Corner

by Claire McCullough, WSG Conservation Chair

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The Roan Plateau Needs our Help ... Again



The Roan Plateau rises nearly 4,000 feet above the Colorado River Valley in Garfield County. It is a popular area for hiking, hunting, camping, fishing and motorized recreation. Recently, several of our Western Slope Group members enjoyed a weekend of camping and hiking at Rifle Gap State Park which is near the Roan Plateau. The Colorado Natural Heritage Program ranks the Roan Plateau as one of the four most biologically rich areas in our state – genetically pure strains of cutthroat trout reside there as well as some of the state’s greatest herds of elk and deer. Along with a diversity of plant and animal species, this plateau also holds state-designated Outstanding Waters. But underneath the surface, there are reserves of oil and gas. For many years, communities have worked hard to protect this area. Almost two decades ago, Colorado Mountain Club was one of several plaintiffs including The Wilderness Society, The Sierra Club, Trout Unlimited, and National Wildlife Federation – all represented by Earthjustice – in a fight against the “drill, baby, drill” plans for the area. Our collective community prevailed in the case before a Denver U.S. District Court. Settlement negotiations were reached a couple of years later with a plan in place to be adopted by the BLM. Now, the BLM is considering new leases on the Roan Plateau. Wilderness Workshop has prepared a comment template asking the BLM to remove the proposed lease parcels. Please consider adding your name to the comment at <https://wildernessworkshop.org> using “Take Action” in the dropdown menu.

Photo credit: Atop the Roan Plateau, Scott Braden.

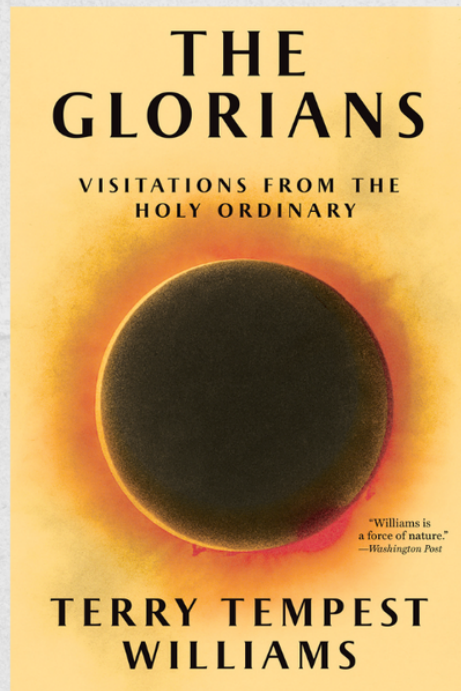
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TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS

Terry Tempest Williams is the award-winning author of over twenty books, including the environmental classic *Refuge*, *When Women Were Birds*, and *Erosion*. Her newest book is *The Glorians*.



Photo: Brooke Williams



The Glorians introduces us to visits with ordinary plants, animals and memories that demonstrate our interconnectedness to the natural world.

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Durango Area CMC Update

We're looking for Durango area volunteers to help plan activities (for which one does not have to be a leader) and we're also looking for trip leaders. Trip leader school is free and online!

Contact our Durango Area Chair, Dan King, at WSGofCMC@gmail.com for more info or to get involved!

[Join us on a hike in Durango area on Sunday, June 28.](#)

[Join us for a hike outside of Rico on Sunday, August 2.](#)

Guidelines for Dogs on WSG Trips

[Click here for the WSG's guidelines on bringing dogs on trips.](#)

WSG Facebook Group

We have a private Facebook group called "CMC Western Slope Group". This group is available to post photos, announce last minute trips, trip reminders or activities. If you're interested, send a request in Facebook to join the group. This Facebook group is for CMC members only.

How do I Find Out about New Trips after they're Posted?

Do you want to be notified about new trips as soon as they're posted? Did you know that the CMC website has a nice feature where you can get notified of new trips right after they're added? [Click here for the steps for setting that up.](#)

Where are the Trips that the WSG may Post?

TRIP LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS: [Click here for the WSG's list of places where we may lead trips, last updated on 6/25/2026.](#)

ALL CMC OUTINGS : [The CMC Trips List & Map](#)

GUESTS must create an account and sign a waiver before signing up for trips and may attend up to 2 trips.

If a trip is FULL, please sign up on the WAITLIST as participants may cancel!

TRIPS: All of our activities are in one place at [Western Slope Group Calendar](#)

Sunday, 6/28. [Hiking – Engineer Mountain Trailhead - Coal Creek](#). Moderate. Anne Keil.

Monday, 6/29. [Hiking – Weminuche Wilderness](#). Moderate. Paul Sheya.

Saturday, 7/4. [Hiking – Grand Mesa - Crane Lake](#). Social gathering at the Mesa Lakes Lodge afterwards at ~2:30pm. All are welcome whether on hike or not. Moderate. Jennifer Rhamy.

Saturday, 7/4. [Scramble – Mount Sneffels - Southwest Ridge](#). Challenging. FULL. Denver Group.

Sunday, 7/5. [Hiking – Uncompahgre National Forest - Little Creek #655](#). Moderate. Anne Keil / LIT hike for Mark Main.

7/11&12. [Hiking - Kings and South Kings Peak](#). Challenging. Denver Group.

Sunday, 7/12. [Scramble – Lone Cone Peak](#). Challenging. FULL. Doug Hemken.

Saturday, 7/25. [Scramble-Mt Wilson- El Diente Traverse](#). Challenging. Denver group.

Saturday, 8/1. [Summit 2026 – Mt Eolus - Northeast Ridge](#). Challenging. Doug Hemken.

Sunday, 8/2. [Hiking – West Rico Trails](#). Moderate. Anne Keil.

8/10-14. [BPX Trip – Chicago Basin 14ers \(Sunlight, Eolus, North Eolus and Windom\)](#). FULL. Difficult. Backpacking Section.

8/18-21. [Camp – Silver Jack Campground](#). Non-reservable sites and no cell service. Moderate. Judy Mayne.

Sunday, 8/23. [Hiking – Oh-Be-Joyful Trail](#). Moderate. Anne Keil.

9/4-7. [Camp – Vega State Park](#). Easy. Judy Mayne.

9/8-11. [Adventure Travel – In-State Outing](#). Near Princeton Hot Springs. Fee.

9/25-27. [WSG Fall Colors trip](#). Book your own camping/hotel. See above.

Friday, 9/25. [Hiking – Storm King Memorial Mountain Trail](#). Part of the "WSG: Fall Colors trip". FULL. Challenging. Jennifer Rhamy.

Saturday, 9/26. [Hiking – American Lake Trail](#). Preference will be given to "WSG: Fall Colors trip" participants. FULL. Moderate. Judy Mayne.

Saturday, 9.26. [Hiking – Avalanche Creek](#). Moderate. Jennifer Rhamy.

Sunday, 9/27. [Hiking – Thomas Lakes](#). Part of "WSG: Fall Colors trip". Moderate. Jennifer Rhamy.

Sunday, 9/27. [Hiking – Thomas Lakes - Mt. Sopris Trail](#). "WSG: Fall Colors trip" participants given preference. Challenging. Doug Hemken.

Sunday, 9/27. [Hiking – Cathedral Lake](#). "WSG: Fall Colors trip" participants given preference. Challenging. Claire McCullough.

Monday, 9/28. [Hiking – Capitol Ditch Trail](#). Part of the "WSG: Fall Colors trip". Moderate. Claire McCullough.

9/29-10/16. [Adventure Travel – Annapurna Basecamp](#). FULL. Fee.

10/22-25. [WSG Fall Canyons trip \(Moab\)](#). FULL. See above.

2/3-2/8/2027. [Adventure Travel – Yellowstone National Park](#). Fee.

2/14-2/22/2027. [Adventure Travel – Patagonia - Argentina](#). Fee.

PRESENTATIONS / COURSES / EVENTS

Saturday, 11/7. SAVE THE DATE! Join us at the 2026 WSG ANNUAL DINNER at the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose. Our featured speaker will be our WSG Marketing & Membership Chair, Tom Maceyka, with a subject of "Mommas Don't Let Your Babies Grow up to Be Alpinists". See above.

Interested in volunteering for the Ouray Trail Group? Also, check out their [volunteer activities through September](#).

[CMC Schools & Classes Course Catalog](#): **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 we need a minimum number of participants between the various CMC groups. Please contact our **new WSG Schools Chair, Daniel Glatter**, at WSGofCMC@gmail.com if something interests you.

[Trip Leader Training](#): **We are seeking trip leaders!** The free training consists of self paced online modules and one training hike plus Wilderness First Aid. Contact WSGofCMC@gmail.com or the WSG homepage for additional info.

[ATA and AIARE](#): Schedule for avalanche training, ATA courses & AIARE by CMC in other locations see Course Catalog link above.

Western Slope Group Council

Chair, State Council Rep: Anne Keil (Montrose)

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Durango Area Chair: Dan King (Durango)

Marketing & Membership Chair: Tom Maceyka (Ridgway)

Schools Director: Daniel Glatter (Grand Junction)

We're on the CMC website at [Western Slope Group](#), [CMC Groups - Colorado Mountain Club](#). The currently scheduled WSG Council meetings are 7/14, 9/10 & 11/?. Zoom availability, time and location will be determined closer to the meeting dates. WSG members are welcome to attend.



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