

According to the Greek philosopher Heraclitus, the only constant is change. And so it goes with the *Timberlines*. Beginning with this issue, we are implementing several changes designed to reduce the cost of publication while providing our members pertinent, up-to-date information. First, we will be publishing the newsletter four times a year rather than six. This change will save us about \$1200 per year in publication costs, as well as reduce the number of trees we use sending the newsletter out each month.

To ensure that our members continue to receive timely information, we will be relying more and more on our website (<http://www.rmc.sierraclub.org/ppg/>). We'll place stories, announcements, and other information that will not fit in the

quarterly newsletter on the website. If you haven't visited the site, I encourage you to do so.

We'll also be using the Pikes Peak Group announcement and alerts e-mail lists to update our members. You can sign up for one or both of these lists on the website. These lists are the best way to ensure that you receive timely notification of important events and activities.

Although a few folks encouraged us to eliminate the paper copy of the newsletter, the Executive Committee opted not to take that drastic step just yet. Several members rely exclusively on the paper copy and we want to meet that need as long as we are financially able to do so. We will, however, continue to encourage members to sign up for the electronic version of the newsletter – just send an e-mail to jane.ard-smith@lexisnexis.com to get your

name on that list.

Throughout 2006 we will be evaluating these changes to ensure that we are meeting our members' needs. If you have any thoughts or feedback on the changes or suggestions on how we might further improve the newsletter, the website, or other communication tools, please contact me (520-5381) or any Executive Committee member (see the back of the newsletter for the contact information).

Local Sierran's Book Release!

LeAnna DeAngelo, PhD, Program Chair for the Pikes Peak chapter, announces the release of her book, *Germes on Our Mind: The Psychology of Contagion*. It is about cultural, psychological, medical, and religious aspects of contagion, and does include the importance of maintaining ecological balance to maintain health. The book is available through the usual places – Barnes and Noble and Amazon, etc.

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Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition

Meetings:

- Thursday, January 12 , 2006 7-9pm
- Thursday, February 9 7-9pm
- Thursday, March 9 7-9pm

Take action to promote and protect wildlands in our region. The work of CCWC involves exploring and researching wild candidate areas and developing wilderness legislation for possible Congressional action. For more information, contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail jorcstan@juno.com

Timberlines Deadline: Fri., March 17, 2006

One of the ways you can help our local group use our limited funds more effectively is by opting to receive the newsletter electronically. Simply send an email to jane.ard-smith@lexisnexis.com to get started!

CCWC-Sierra co-sponsored Hike

**Saturday, February 18, 2006
Weston Peak Proposed Wilderness Full Day Ski/ Snowshoe**

Weston Peak includes some of the highest elevation and most scenic subalpine and alpine terrain in the Wild Ten proposal. This Sierra Club-CCWC sponsored trip will explore a riparian valley in Weston's lower eastern realm, below timberline. Participants need skis or snowshoes and intermediate skills in using them on this moderately strenuous six mile trip. We will learn about the wilderness potential of Weston Peak and other nearby Wild Ten areas. For more information and to register, contact John Stansfield, 303-660-5849 or e-mail jorcstan@juno.com by 5pm February 17.

NOTICE: New Wildlife Group Forming!

Are you interested in knowing what's REALLY going on with our wildlife, statewide and nationally? If so, I am starting up a local Wildlife Group within the Sierra Club to help educate people about our wildlife. For instance, *did you know that:*

1. The USDA's Wildlife Services each year kills, on average, about 85,000 coyotes on behalf of ranchers, even though the vast majority of these animals have never been around a calf, and Wildlife Services acknowledges that this "management practice" is ineffectual and inefficient (not to mention cruel)?
2. Our Colorado Wildlife Commissioners, who are the governing body for the CO Division of Wildlife, are comprised of mostly agricultural/hunting related people who are appointed by the Governor? Consequently, our management of wildlife benefits the agriculture crowd and hunters – NOT our wildlife.
3. Were you aware that there are many licensed game farms in Colorado, many of which allow "canned hunts"? Did you know that these game farms fence in thousands of acres of land, trapping wildlife illegally within the perimeters, or that these farms have been identified as hotbeds for Chronic Wasting Disease?

If you would like to get involved in helping change some rules and regulations affecting our wildlife, or would just like to learn more about wildlife management, I would love to have you join me. So, if you are interested, please let me know:

Jann Nance, phone 719-528-6443, or e-mail me at jann.nance@pcisys.net

Pikes Peak Group's Sierra Club Store is OPEN!

Have you checked out the Pikes Peak Group's website lately? If not, visit <http://www.rmc.sierraclub.org/ppg/PPGstore.html> to check out our new online store. In addition to T-Shirts and organic teas and coffee, you can now purchase prints from two local photographers who are also Sierra Club members: Bill Beaudin and Sherry Moldenhauer. We are also offering books by Terry Grosz, a former conservation law enforcement officer. The best part is: you can complete the entire transaction online!