

## ANWR Caribou Tell Their Own Story At May Special Meeting

## MEETINGS

**SPECIAL Fri., May 13th MEETING: Film 6:30pm**  
Come to our special showing of "Being Caribou" on Friday, May 13th at All Souls. See article at right →

### NO JUNE GENERAL MEETING

Have a happy summer and join us again on September 13th. Get out into nature!

**Online events calendar:**  
[www.rmc.sierraclub.org/ppg/calendar.html](http://www.rmc.sierraclub.org/ppg/calendar.html)

### Conservation and ExCom Meetings 6:30pm

Tuesday, May 17

Tuesday, June 21

Beidleman Environmental Center, 740 W. Caramillo St., COS  
All members are invited to participate in our monthly "business meeting."

### Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition Meetings:

Thursday, May 12 6-9 pm

Thursday, June 9 6-9 pm

Beidleman Environmental Center, 740 W. Caramillo St., COS  
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@bewellnet.com](mailto:jorcstan@bewellnet.com)

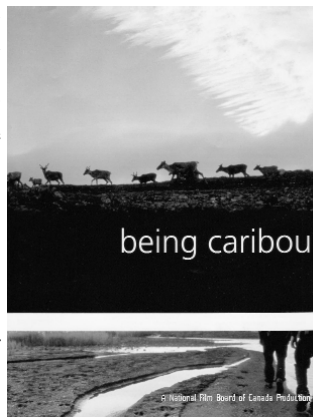
**Timberlines Deadline: June 15**

**Timberlines Mailing Potluck:**  
Sunday, June 26 5 pm

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**Colorado Springs Premiere of Arctic Wildlife Adventure Film Being Caribou May 13**

Oil drilling and the arctic? Find out what it really means when the film Being Caribou comes to Colorado Springs on Friday, May 13th. Being Caribou, a feature-length film, is the story of filmmaker Leanne Allison and wildlife biologist Karsten Heuer and their 900-mile migration on foot following the 120,000-member Porcupine Caribou Herd from the central Yukon to the summer caribou calving grounds on the coast of Alaska in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and back. This remarkable outdoor adventure was created from film foot-



age shot by Leanne during the five-month experience. Breath-taking, witty, heart-warming--this is a motion picture experience not to be missed.

Hosted by the Pikes Peak Sierra Club Group at their special May general meeting, the film will be shown at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 730 N. Tejon Street, on Friday, May 13 starting at 7 pm. Suggested donation is \$5. A silent auction, featuring items donated by local merchants, will begin at 6:30 pm. All donations and auction proceeds will benefit the local Sierra Club (Pikes Peak Group). For further details, call 719-520-5381 or 303-660-5849.

## Beaver Creek Proposed Wilderness Area Profile

*By John Stansfield, Wilderness Chair*

The Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition (CCWC), co-sponsored by Pikes Peak Sierra Club, is promoting ten pristine roadless areas, known as the Wild Ten, for congressional wilderness designation. Beaver Creek Roadless Area is one of the Wild Ten. For more information about this area or any of the Wild Ten, visit the CCWC website: [www.ccwcwilderness.org](http://www.ccwcwilderness.org). An outing to this area takes place on May 1 (see Outings calendar.)

**Location and Size :** On three sides the towering fastness of Pikes Peak is confined, to various degrees, by the works of humanity. But on one side, the south slope in the Beaver Creek watershed, the mountain retains much of the wildness of centuries past. In the heart of this rugged country of granite canyons and ridges sweeping downward to the Arkansas River valley lies the Beaver Creek Proposed Wilderness (BCPW). The area encompasses about 38,000 acres, primarily land administered by the Bureau of Land Management in a wilderness study area, with lesser amounts of U. S. Forest Service and state lands. BCPW lies within a rough triangle formed by Gold Camp Road on the north, Colorado Highway 115 to the east, and Phantom Canyon Road on the west. Access is best found at the Beaver Creek State Wildlife Area trailhead, northwest of Penrose.

**Wilderness Qualities:** Though within a short distance of more than 700,000 people, BCPW provides remarkable opportunities for solitude and nature observation. Recreation options include hiking, rock climbing, fishing, hunting, and horseback riding. The lower elevation southern reaches offer year-round access, with numerous off-trail challenges. BCPW is located at a significant ecological crossroads where prairie meets mountains and desert meets forest.

**Natural Features:** Elevations from 6,000 to 10,000 feet help make BCPW ecologically diverse, providing both summer and winter range for elk, deer, and bighorn. Mountain lion, black bear, and prairie rattlesnake hunt the isolated realm. Wild turkey, golden eagle, and numerous species of songbirds frequent the area, as do the rare peregrine falcon and the threatened Mexican spotted owl. Unusual southwestern species, such as ringtail and road runner are found here. Forest communities extend from foothills shrubland through riparian habitats along several streams to spruce and aspen forests. BCPW contains ecological connections linking the semi-desert prairie of the southeastern plains to Pikes Peak tundra.