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Upcoming General Meetings:

General meetings are held at the community room of the Gay and Lesbian Center, 315 E. Costilla Street, Colorado Springs, 80903

NO JULY OR AUGUST GENERAL MEETING Have a nice summer! Visit the Pikes Peak Group website: www.rmc.sierraclub.org/ppg/ to find out the latest about our summertime activities.

Tuesday, September 15

6:30 p.m.

Wine and Cheese Meeting. We invite new and seasoned members alike to join us for our first meeting of the Fall. Our focus this year will be on locally grown and organic products. We also have planned an audio-visual presentation on local trails. Come to meet other members and to learn and see more about outdoor recreational opportunities in the Pikes Peak region!

Upcoming Conservation Committee and ExCom Meetings:

Note: We have changed our date and meeting location. All members are welcome. ConsCom begins at 6:30 p.m. and ExCom at approximately 7:30 p.m. No July meeting unless warranted by developments.

Conservation and ExCom meetings are now being held on the **THIRD THURSDAY** of the month in the Academy Room at City Hall, 107 N. Nevada on the corner of Nevada and Kiowa. Use the entrance on Kiowa at the SE corner of the building on the ground floor. If doors appear to be locked, push the after-hours entry button to the right of the doors. Sign in at the guard desk just past the elevators.

Thursday, August 20 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 17 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Central Colorado Wilderness Coalition Meetings:

Location--Poor Richard's Bookstore, 320-324 N. Tejon, Colorado Springs

Meetings 6:30-8:30 p.m.

NO JULY MEETING, but join our Pikes Peak West Beginner Backpack, July 11 and 12
For details on August and September meetings, see our website at ccwcwilderness.org

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Does an "Online Only" Timberlines Make Sense? We Need Your Help!

Like most folks and nonprofit organizations in these challenging economic times, the Executive Committee (ExCom) of Pikes Peak Group (PPG) is looking for ways to tighten our belt. To that end, we've been discussing the option of moving toward an online only version of the Timberlines. We need your help in figuring out whether that option makes sense.

There are several advantages to moving toward an online only newsletter. First it's green. We are an environmental organization after all. Second, a paper newsletter is expensive. Last year the PPG spent a little more than \$2,500 producing four issues of the Timberlines. While volunteers write and edit the newsletter, we pay for the printing and mailing. We do receive some reimbursement from the national Sierra Club (about \$600 last year). But we have to raise the rest – which means that we are spending a lot of time fundraising. And in the last few years, raising money has become more difficult. Third, the lead time for an e-newsletter is much shorter than for a printed version. We believe that we can provide more timely information if we move toward an online only version.

There are also some outstanding questions about an online only version – how do we reach members who don't have online access? Do we offer an option to receive a paper copy? Do we send the newsletter electronically to members, or simply make it available on our website?

As the ExCom wrestles with these issues, we'd appreciate hearing from you. What do you think of an online only newsletter? Please contact Sheri Bauers, at colomtngirl@hotmail.com or 321-9839.