



Impact 2025

Working with our Community to Protect the Mosquito Range

CRITICAL LAND PROTECTED ON MT BROSS

Our amazing partnership protected more than 480 acres of critical land on Mount Bross – one of Colorado’s iconic 14ers, or 14,000-foot peaks. The acquisition marks a significant step toward securing long-term public access, safeguarding fragile alpine ecosystems, and preserving the sweeping viewsheds that define Colorado’s high country.

The newly conserved property ensures public hiking access on a section of the popular nearly eight-mile DeCaLiBron Loop Trail, named for the four peaks it traverses: Democrat, Cameron, Lincoln and Bross. The loop is one of Colorado’s most treasured alpine hikes, offering access to four distinct 14,000-foot peaks in a single route.

This effort was led by The Conservation Fund and supported by the USFS Forest Service, Colorado Fourteeners Initiative, Park County Land & Water Trust Fund, and of course, MRHI!



Our Stewardship Results Add Up!

- 26 Trails maintained
- 74 Miles trails improved
- 307 Trees cleared (Salt Creek)
- 477 drains cleared/constructed (Crooked Creek)
- 2515 ft lost tread recut (Nate Stultz)
- 150 ft new cut (Crooked Trout)
- 760 ft social/braided trail restored (Ute Cr)
- 12 signs installed (Sheep Creek/12 Mile)
- 35 ft/5 rock walls installed (Jefferson)
- 646 Fire rings cleaned (Badger Flats)
- 1.5 miles abandoned fencing removed
- 24 ft buck&rail fencing added/repaired

Major Trail Projects - Before & After

Hike in our area? We were there. Help us do more for the places you love. Local jobs. Local places. Thanks to Park Co Land & Water Trust Fund, National Forest Foundation, South Park National Heritage Area!



Lake Emma Trail -Rock Stairs



Bristlecone Pine Scenic Area - Turnpike



Sacramento Creek Ranch - Bridge



Youth: Our Conservation Future

WILD WEEK, Pirate Takeovers & So Much More!

Nearly 1,000 kids and adults participated in our outdoor science adventures in 2025! That included WILD Week Adventure Camp, WILD Wednesdays, Alma Pirate Adventures, and so much more.

We created wilderness shelters, searched for invertebrates, examined geologic formations, made mud castles, identified poop, tracked water paths, and explored other nature mysteries. The children challenge us at every turn and remind us of the joy of outdoor discovery (despite some sore muscles :). Based on our summer, our environmental future is in good hands with them.

- 2 South Park High School students worked for MRHI
- 2 South Park High School grads employed by MRHI
- Vo-Ag Students prepped picnic table materials
- Boys & Girls Club of the High Rockies did trail work for National Public Lands Day and cleared slash at the Alma Historic Buckskin Cemetery
- High Rockies Community School made & distributed seed balls at Pennsylvania Mountain Trailhead
- Valley to Valley Homeschoolers eliminated an illegal fire ring and dispersed wood at Alma Buckskin Cemetery

Thanks to CO Parks & Wildlife-Partners in the Outdoors, South Park National Heritage Area, & Summit Foundation for youth education support!



2025 JoAnn Dufty Memorial Scholarship Winner!



Fynn Cooper

Fynn Cooper was named MRHI's JoAnn Dufty Memorial Scholarship winner! Fynn is attending Adam's State College to major in music education. The scholarship includes \$1000 to use for college expenses.

"My goal is to become a music teacher who inspires students to find their voice through music, just like my teachers helped me do. I want to create a space where students feel seen, supported, and excited to learn," Fynn said. *"Through music, service, and a constant desire to grow, I believe I'm honoring Mrs. Dufty's legacy. Her life reminds me that creativity, kindness, and curiosity can leave a lasting impact and that's exactly what I hope to do."*

Be part of the solution. Become a member today!

Individual: \$25, Family \$60, Business \$100

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Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative

ANNUAL EVENTS 2026

JANUARY	01/03	PCSAR AVY AWARE @ ALMA TOWN HALL
	01/16	BACKCOUNTY FILM FESTIVAL @ ALMA TOWN HALL
	01/24	FAMILY SNOW SHOE HIKE @ SACRAMENTO CREEK RANCH
MARCH	03/06*	POKER GLIDE (*03/21 BACKUP) @ BEAVER CREEK
	TBD	NORDIC SKI CLINIC @ BEAVER CREEK
	TBD	KIDS SNOW SCHOOL @ SACRAMENTO CREEK RANCH
	03/27	CRESTA ALTA FILM SCREENING @ SOUTH PARK HIGH SCHOOL
APRIL	TBD	KIDS SNOW SCHOOL @ SACRAMENTO CREEK RANCH
	04/22	EARTH DAY @ LOCATION TBD
MAY	05/29	SEASON KICKOFF
JUNE	06/06	NATIONAL TRAILS DAY @ BEAVER CREEK
	TBD	PLANT IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP
	TBD	HISTORIC CEMETARY WALK
	06/22-25	KID'S WILD WEEK @ SACRAMENTO CREEK RANCH
JULY	WEEKLY	SUMMER YOUTH EDUCATION SERIES
	FRI/SAT	SOCIAL WILDFLOWER HIKES
	TBD	NOXIOUS WEED PULL
	07/11	WENDY'S WILDFLOWERS WITH ALMA FOUNDATION
	07/18-19	MRHI @ FESTIVAL IN THE CLOUDS
07/24-26	MRHI @ BURRO DAYS	
AUGUST	FRI/SAT	SOCIAL SUMMER HIKES
	TBD	NATIVE SEED WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER	FRI/SAT	SOCIAL FALL FOLIAGE HIKES
	TBD	MRHI @ FAIRPLAY FALL FESTIVAL
	09/20	POKER RIDE @ THOMPSON PARK (TIE HACK)
	09/26	NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY
OCTOBER	TBD	MOON WALK @ BUCKSKIN CEMETARY
DECEMBER	TBD	MRHI @ FAIRPLAY HOLIDAY BAZAAR
	12/08	SEASON END CELEBRATION
	12/20	FAMILY SOLSTICE HIKE @ BEAVER CREEK

MORE EVENTS & DETAILS TO FOLLOW. ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
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 VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR CONSERVATION & STEWARDSHIP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TO BE ANNOUNCED

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