

COLORADO CANYONS NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA
Mack Ridge Working Group Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2002

Attendees:

John Foster	Kevin Foote	Carol Punkoney
Dan Rosenthal	Pat Kennedy	Connie Rosenthal
Bob Anthony	Tom Lucks	Jane Ross
Leonard Bagwell	Neal McKinstry	Lovell Sasser

Greetings and Introductions

The meeting was called to order.

Kevin Foote was asked to lead the group and he accepted. Kevin began the meeting by listing management issues in the Mack Ridge area.

Working Group Discussions

The Working Group has agreed that shared use is the top priority. Recreational opportunities include biking, hiking, trail running, horseback riding, as well as limited motorized use.

The area's roads must be assessed; many lead to nowhere, and these may have potential for closing.

The Mack Ridge Trailhead does not support hiking that includes parking or interpretive material. The Kokopelli Trailhead was chosen as the primary educational location because of its proximity to the port station, offering lighting throughout the night. Overarching topics for the Working Group are providing education, information, and interpretation for user groups. These needs can be met by providing maps at trailheads, utilizing group involvement in distributing maps and teaching trail etiquette, offering suggestions on available camping sites, as well as making suggestions on improving kiosks.

The Working Group agreed to continue the day-use only designation within this zone of the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area (CCNCA).

The group scheduled a field trip into Mack Ridge on April 30, 2002. All interested will meet at the Mack Ridge Trailhead at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.