

# Explore Your Public Lands



**Happy New Year!** 2014 is going to be a great year.

Listed below are some of the opportunities you can expect to hear more about soon. Trips will leave from the Montrose Public Lands Center.

## January

- **Wednesday, January 29th– Prairie Dog Talk; 6 pm– 8:30 pm**

- Amy Seglund, wildlife conservation coordinator for CPW, will discuss the biology and natural history of prairie dogs.

- **Thursday, January 30th– Dave Wood Rd./Spring Creek; 10 am**

- Please join us in creating a fun interpretive opportunity on Spring Creek Trail. This trip will involve some light hiking, as we explore parts of the trail to brainstorm ideas for an interpretive trail brochure. This field trip will also involve stops at popular trailheads.

- **Thursday, January 23rd- Visitor Center Refresher; 1 pm**

- Let us learn from each other! If you volunteer at the front desk, please attend this refresher course on front desk duties, etiquette and discussion. I'd like to touch on some important reminders, like our safety.

## February

- **Saturday & Sunday, February 1st & 2nd; Sportsman's Expo**

- Do you miss connecting with the public? Join Jane, Em and other staff at the Sportsman's Expo! We will be manning a booth on travel management, recreation opportunities, etc. We would appreciate any time commitment, from an hour to all day.

- **Thursday, February 20th– History of the GGNCA; 5 pm—8:30 pm**

- Famed Archeologist Glade Hadden, will be giving a talk at Bill Heddles Recreation Center in Delta on the fascinating history of the GGNCA. The talk begins at 6 pm, so we will carpool from the MPLC at 5 pm.

- **TBD, - Archeology site visit**

-Dependent upon scheduling, we will be visiting an archeological site with Glade Hadden.



## March

- **TBD– Fire in the Forest Training**

- Prescribed burn expert, Glenn Webb, will inform us on modern fire practices and fire suppression. Learn about the burn projects planned on the Uncompahgre Plateau and then attend an outing to see it live.

- **TBD– Forest Fire Field Trip**

- See a real prescribed burn! Depending on weather, we will plan to see a prescribed burn get started or see the immediate aftermath. We will also visit the MPLC fire station to learn about wildland firefighting trucks, supplies and yes, all the cool tools!

## April

- **TBD– Native Wildlife Talk**

- Join us for a great talk on our local wildlife from a wildlife biologist. Get all of your questions answered and learn the best places to see animals.

- **TBD– Sandhill Crane and Birding Field Trip**

- Travel with us to Delta to see the Sandhill Cranes. We will find the best place to view them, and other local birds, with a spotting scope.

- **Ridgway Trail Project– Various days TBD**

- Help us continue the progress on a great new set of trails close to Ridgway. This trail system will be XX miles of new equestrian, mountain biking and hiking trails. This will be strenuous work, so please come prepared for a good workout.



**Hi folks,**

**Thank you for considering some of the great opportunities for the public to connect to their public land. Coming out for any of these trips and talks are a great way to learn more, give back and meet nice people. Please don't be intimidated if you are new to our volunteer program, there is no time commitment and we would love to meet you!**

**Thank you again, Em Hoerner, Volunteer Coordinator**

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