



## Newsletter December 2018

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### Fall/Winter Happenings

- October 6, 2018 - Moonwalk
- December 1 2018 - Fairplay Holiday Bazaar
- December 4, 2018 - Colorado Gives Day  
"A Toast to Giving Nonprofit Happy Hour"
- December 6, 2018 - So Park High School "Know Before You Go" Program
- December 10, 2018 - Board Meeting
- January 11, 2019 - Annual Meeting
- February 8, 2019 - Backcountry Film Festival
- March 9, 2019 - Poker Glide

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### LET'S CELEBRATE!

**Join us for a toast to local nonprofits on Colorado Gives Day!  
SOUTH PARK BREWING, Tues., December 4th, 4 - 6 p.m., Fairplay**

Whether you are a Park County nonprofit working hard to share your good cause message, local resident who donated, an amazing volunteer, or just

curious about area nonprofit efforts, JOIN US! It is time to relax and celebrate the good work we do.



## REGIONAL GROUPS BOOST LOCAL VOLUNTEER TRAIL EFFORTS

MRHI partners with volunteer organizations to build and maintain trails, close illegal roads and restore habitat damaged by illegal motorized vehicle use. By maintaining trails, MRHI promotes community involvement in outdoor recreation while discouraging the creation of user trails and off-trail use that may negatively impact native vegetation and sensitive species. Two major projects were conducted this year through

partnerships with So Park Ranger District, Wildlands Restoration Volunteers and Wild Connections.

The first project took place in North Tarryall Creek in mid-August. Fifty-four volunteers contributed 1,346 hours to close and restore more than two miles of closed, illegal four-wheel-drive road. Erosion caused by this illegal road usage was depositing large amounts of sediment into Tarryall Creek and affecting water quality downstream. To solve this issue, volunteers re-graded the road to improve drainage, then planted 112,800 square feet of native seed, added 45,600 square feet of mulch and installed 3,396 square feet of erosion control fabric on steeper sections of the road.

The second target area was Beaver Creek. Volunteers completed 1,000 feet of road closure and restoration in August. Volunteers returned in September to begin work on a section of trail to reestablish a historic route, with 4,500 feet of trail reconstructed to create a connection between existing trails and the site of a future boardwalk slated to be constructed next year

## MRHI - SHARING CONSERVATION SCIENCE & PASSION WITH FAMILIES - 300+ BENEFIT 2018

Whether closing our eyes to hear rustling leaves on a listening walk, catching invertebrates in a cold mountain stream, or planting native wildflowers at 10,000 feet, we've been sharing our passion with families. That included early childhood discovery hikes, nature science camp, and citizen science projects like water quality monitoring and bird studies. Here's hoping that we were also sparking a lifelong interest in conserving our mountain resources for the next generation.

MRHI's educational efforts reached more than 300 parents and children in 2018! Partners included South Park Parents as Teachers, Boys & Girls Club of the High Rockies, Beaver Ponds Environmental Education Center and Bristlecone Montessori. Special thanks to South Park National Heritage Area and The Summit Foundation for funding support.



## RARE PLANT MONITORING POSITIVELY IMPACTS HUNDREDS OF FRAGILE ALPINE ACRES

In 2018, the rare plants field crew collectively hiked more than 234 miles and surveyed 345 acres in search of both undocumented, and previously recorded populations of rare and uncommon plants. Our Mosquito Range is an amazing hotspot for biodiversity! The information gathered including seasonal

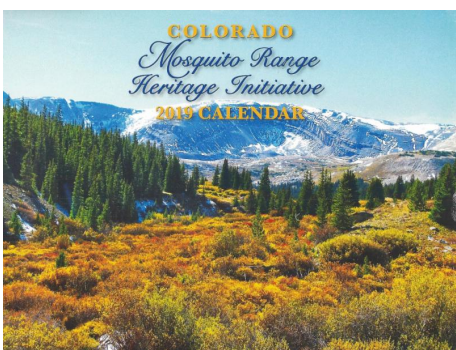


range, health, population size, and phenology is critical to efficiently and effectively manage these rare species and prevent future biodiversity loss. Partners include the South Park Ranger District with assistance from the South Park National Heritage Area and The Summit Foundation.



### **WONDER IF YOUR NONPROFIT DONATION REALLY HELPS? COME OUTSIDE & SEE FOR YOURSELF!**

We welcome your volunteer participation! Help monitor rare alpine plants, assist with a trail building project or help restore fragile alpine habitat damaged by illegal recreation. See your dollars at work on the ground level (or in our case 12,000+ feet).



### **Need an affordable gift that shouts conservation?**

Make us your go-to place for local gifts that make a direct positive impact on conservation and education. Go to [www.mrhi.org](http://www.mrhi.org), or email [info@mrhi.org](mailto:info@mrhi.org) for more info.

- \* Double-wall stainless steel wine cups "Toast a Mosquito."
- \* Bamboo utensils in a handy case say "Savor a Mosquito."
- \* Western Native Seed wildflower & meadow mixes.
- \* Brand new mountain scene t-shirt touts "Mosquito Range"

- \* New zip hoodies feature an MRHI logo.
- \* And of course our gorgeous 2019 calendars!

Shop online? Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)! Type in MRHI as your cause and we'll get a small donation based on your purchase at no additional cost to you!

That's true of iGive and GoodShop too!

### **Support MRHI, become a Member!**

To become a MRHI member, visit our website [www.mrhi.org](http://www.mrhi.org) or request a membership slip and mail it to PO BOX 375, Alma, CO 80420. *Thank you for your support!*

Membership levels: Basic - \$25; Family - \$60; Youth - \$10; Business - \$100; Corporate - \$250.

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