



THE DREAM KEEPER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

APRIL 2005



1. It is really going to happen! Gilpin County Commissioner Forest Whitman hosted a meeting at the StageStop in Rollinsville to discuss the Rollins Pass Road. Also attending Gilpin County Commissioner Jeanne Nicholson; Grand County Commissioners Duane Dailey, Nancy Stewart, and James Newberry; Boulder County Commissioner Ben Pearlman; and District Ranger Christine Walsh, Boulder Ranger District, Marshall Mills, and Stage Stop Manger also sat in. Randy Eckhardt, RPRa Treasurer accompanied me. Discussions commenced with a review of the trip up the pass last fall. Boulder County was not represented so it was decided another actual visit up the pass would be made this summer. The initial plan would be to go up the eastside first, probably in July, and then another day go to the west, have breakfast, and go up and over, probably in August. Discussions were far ranging with liability being a big item. An Impact Study will have to be accomplished, Road Design, parking, and off-road trails evaluated. It appears almost insurmountable but Commissioner Whitman said, "We're going to fix it." The possibility of making the road "one-way" on alternating days was even mentioned. This sure wouldn't please the fishermen or visitors who go up and back in one day. In the 1930's I remember going through the Carlton Tunnel under Haggerman Pass. A Clock was at each end of the tunnel and you went "West on the hour for fifteen minutes."; Then "East on the half-hour for fifteen minutes". (This road was closed during WWII). The technique could be used on some narrow cuts and the tunnel, but not the whole road. Remember we have driven the road since 1956 without this impediment. 4-Wheelers have the rule that the vehicle "under power" going up has the right of way.

At adjournment it was agreed that each County would prepare a "Vision" for the road, with impact on tourism and historic considerations. A summer meeting was suggested with U.S. Rep. Mark Udall, and Colorado Rep. Joan Fitzgerald asked to attend. It does appear that action will finally begin!!

2. The RPRa ANNUAL Meeting, is Monday, May 23, 2005: 6:30 to 9:00 P.M.; Boulder Public Library-MEADOWS Branch, 4800 Baseline Road, Boulder, Colorado (Same place as last year). PROGRAM: Steve Reed a Post Card collector extraordinaire and photographer. Steve has a vast collection of Moffat Road post cards and has gone to extremes to take photos from the identical sites. I am sure you will enjoy the comparisons after 100 years of change. (Directions: Baseline Road is a main East-West cross road in South Boulder. Foothills Parkway runs North-South in eastern Boulder. Turn West from the intersection of Baseline Road and Foothills Parkway two blocks to Mohawk (traffic light); turn left (south) to the second street, turn left around the shopping center, and follow the road to the Meadows Branch Library. There is plenty of parking. As you enter the building the meeting is in the room on the right)

3. The RPRa Annual Picnic will be on the Eastside at Dixie Siding (just above the Jennie Lake turnoff) on Sunday August 28, 2005 at noon. Please plan to attend.

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Don't forget to attend our
ANNUAL MEETING
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Monday May 23, 2005 at 6:30 p.m., MEADOWS BRANCH
Boulder Public Library, 4800 Baseline Road, Boulder, CO

Program:

Our Webmaster, Steve Reed, will present past and present
photographs and postcards of Rollins Pass.

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