



THE DREAM KEEPER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Very little snow at Gilpin County (east end) of Rollins Pass

1. Here it is a NEW YEAR. BEST Wishes to all of you. I start this by stating the rush to prepare a grant request for funds to commence working on the Needles Eye Tunnel, slowed, and then came to a screeching halt at mid-November. The winds left the sail when a letter from the US Forest Service advised that there were issues that needed to be addressed before participating in seeking grant funding. The letter stated the jurisdiction of the Rollins Pass Road and the counties involved must be reviewed to establish valid easements and responsibility or liability. Further that the status of the James Peak Wilderness Bill will also have a Congressional impact on the area. I am happy to state this important legislation sponsored by US Rep. Mark Udall has passed the US House of Representatives and will now be sponsored by US Senator Campbell in the Senate. So we are on hold as far as grant requests are concerned.
2. RPRA has been involved with the Berthoud Pass improvement project. The widening of the road will impact the entrance to the Rollins Pass Road off US Highway 40. This modification will provide increased safety. We are also planning to repaint and improve the signs at the entrance. Don Neumann, Grand Adventures of Winter Park, will coordinate this work. Don says snow mobiling up the pass is at its peak.
3. In coordinating with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) concerning signage I have been informed of "enhancement" funding for restoration work. The Rollins Pass Road qualifies for this type of funding so we have an additional funding source for future grant application.
4. Colorado Preservation, Inc. is sponsoring a three-day conference on "Saving Places". This takes place the end of January and I will be attending to gain additional background for grant application procedures.
5. Due to the September 11th tragedy we have to change the site for our Annual Meeting. It will be at the West Senior Center in Boulder, May 20, 2002. More information will follow.

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