



THE DREAM KEEPER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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1. The Annual Picnic at Dixie Siding near Jenny Lake was great and it didn't rain or hail on us. Dr. Harvey Radke from Racine, Wisconsin came again. "Harv" certainly won accolades for coming from the greatest distance. He also had some special cheese to share with everyone. The food really is outstanding. The prize drawings were: Walter Goedecke a Tour Guide; Casey Hays a Cap; and Ellen or Dave Corbin a T-shirt (I don't know which one claimed it). Many went on up to the tunnel. We could watch as people climbed over the tunnel, some carrying bicycles. Next year the picnic will be on the westside.

2. The sad news is about a fire at the Devil's Slide Trestles August 3. A fire was reported by hikers or campers to the driver of a MADD Tour vehicle making a crossing of the pass. Radio contact was made, and the Grand County Fire Department in Winter Park responded with a water carrying fire truck (a modified Army 6 x 6). The large vehicle drove to Corona then across the upper wagon road to reach the fire. The northeast corner of the east trestle was blazing. Cathy Malone, USFS, took video and still photos. Those responding included: Cathy, three people from the Fire Department, one from the Sheriff's Department, and one from the Gas Company. We certainly owe all of these people a big **THANK YOU** for saving the trestle. Cause of the fire was said to be a lightning strike although no scappings were taken to determine the presence of an accelerant. The trestle suffered minor damage, none to its integrity. (See Photo).



Photo by Dan Straight

3. Another draft of the Historic Amendment has been sent to the Colorado Historical Society. This draft of over 13 pages includes much more detail about the period before the railroad. I have photos and maps of the route to add to the writeup. We are now waiting again to discuss the Amendment in Denver.

4. A U.S. Forest Service letter concerning the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and the Pawnee National Grassland states the public comments are being analyzed and Forest Service comments prepared. The final edits and Final plan will be released between April and September 1997.

5. Our motto of "**Never Give Up**" is very appropriate. This is election year so hang on.

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