

Mountain - Ears

April Club Trip

It was a glorious morning for the Mountaineers to gather for one more snow bashing trip of the season. As the jumping off time approached, the crowd of smiling 4 wheelers kept growing. We convoyed up to the parking area at the junction of Highway 287 & Road 80C so

26. Amongst the guests was a couple from England who had rented a stock Jeep in California and they were touring the west, how they heard about the club trip is anyone's guess. Lucky for them, they met a fine young fellow named Corvette Dave who volunteered to look after them on the trip.

The trip planners led us up the Cherokee Park Road which



That we could unload several trailers and air down. The final vehicle count of club members and guests was at



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Was pretty much dry. By the time we got to upper Cherokee Park, the roads were plowed and when the road maintenance stopped, we were on our own and the fun began. The plan was to split into two groups with each group taking a trail and we would meet somewhere in the middle. The first group turned off and followed Mike B. onto the



Trail. There was a small problem as almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of the group followed Mike. The rest followed club president Jim to their appointed trail. Mike made good progress but had to use all of his trail finding skills as there had been no one on the trail before us and there was over a foot of new snow

in the last few days. It seemed at times the CB was abuzz



With calls that so and so had slid off the trail or got sucked into a drift. It was evident early on that this was going to be a slow but fun trip. Corvette Dave soon learned that the stock Jeep with bad street tires wasn't going anywhere except on the end of a snatching strap. It looked like Dave's' FJ-40 had a permanent pull toy behind it.

When the first group got to the intersection, we turned left to bash our way back to Jim's

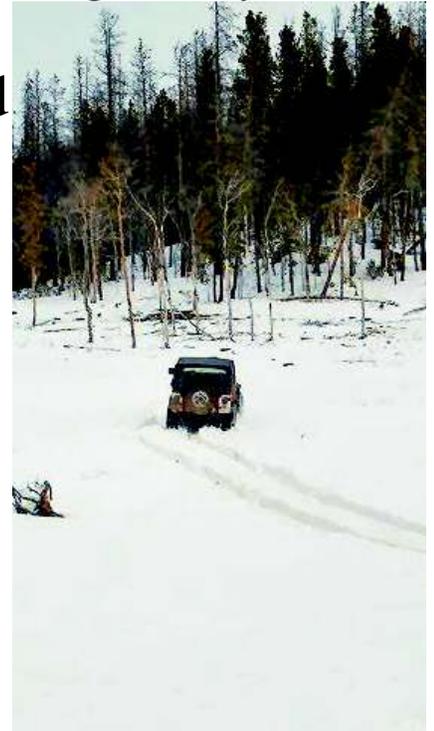
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group. Easier said than done! Vehicles were strung out for a



mile along the trail and it took quite a while to get everybody caught up. Meanwhile, the drifts got bigger and all the big tire people were having a go at the over four foot drifts. A bunch of Toyotas turned right at the intersection just to have their fun in the deep snow. Meanwhile, the second group was also tag teaming their drifts. Before Corvette Dave caught up with the rest of us, he thought it would be better to get the rental Jeep turned around and drug back to the main road and escorted to the

main highway. At least those Englanders will have some stories to tell when they get back home. Every once in a while, we could hear Mike G. and Jim talking on the CB. The trip planners thought they had contact with Jim and called it a day. The first group turned around and started back down. The Toyota bunch finally turned around and headed back to the Intersection. When the Toyotas got back, everyone was gone, so they kept on bashing towards Jim. Those two smaller groups eventually did meet and headed down the hill and the plan worked as drawn up.



3 The snow bashing trip wasn't

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over for some. On the way down, five or six vehicles



Turned off onto the Prairie Divide Road. Nobody had been over it yet and as is normal, there were several big drifts to conquer on their way to Red Feather. The Mountaineer another great day of wheeling. Another plus was that there was no major breakage (even Dan V. didn't have a flat tire).



El Guapo



May Club Trip Campout & Cleanup

We will be camping at the Kelly Flats Campground on Friday and Saturday nights May 17th and 18th. The campground is at mile marker 97 in the Poudre Canyon. We have reserved all the spaces in the back loop. We will have to double or triple up in the camp spaces as per usual. Guests and kids are welcome. For those that are not going to camp and are going to drive up Saturday and or Sunday morning the 18th or 19th please be at the campground by 8:30 am to sign in. We will leave promptly at 9:00 and clean-up Seven Mile on Saturday, then on Sunday lock the Kelly Flats gate

behind us. If you are late, you will miss us. The Forest Service will provide shovels and polaski tools for us to use. Be sure to bring gloves and maybe some water proof boots plus a lunch for each day. Hope you can make this fun event! A few more details will be decided at the club meeting.



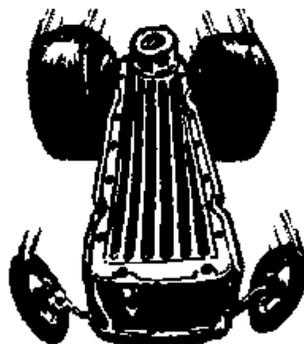
Valve Cover Racing Rules

The basic rules are as follows:

- 15” maximum width
- 30” maximum length
- 10” maximum height
- 10 lb. maximum weight
- No engines - No propulsion of any kind
- One valve cover per chassis - No switching chassis or cover
- Automotive valve covers only with stock gasket surface
- Nothing can be mounted in front of either the valve cover or chassis
- No moving or movable weight

The race will be for distance, exactly as last years.
Good luck!!!

We are planning
on having this race
at the June Meeting.



Guests at Last Meeting

Cliff Dukes

Chris Nugent

Elkhorn Project

Dear Interested Party,

The Canyon Lakes Ranger District (CLRD) of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests is proposing a suite of projects within the Elkhorn project area for the purpose of reducing hazardous fuels adjacent to private land and communities; maintaining or improving forest health and watershed condition; enhancing bighorn sheep habitat by reducing hiding cover for predators, providing for long-term recreational opportunities in the Christmas tree area and recommending an effective transportation system for this area.

The Elkhorn project area is defined by the Cache la Poudre River and Highway 14 to the south, the Manhattan Road (CR 69) to the east, the Deadman Road to the north and a portion of Forest System Road (FSR)

517 to the west. It is adjacent to the communities of Crystal Lakes, Red Feather Lakes, Manhattan and the Upper Poudre Canyon. The Elkhorn project area is approximately 22,293 acres in total consisting of 20,800 acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands while state and private land comprise the remainder.

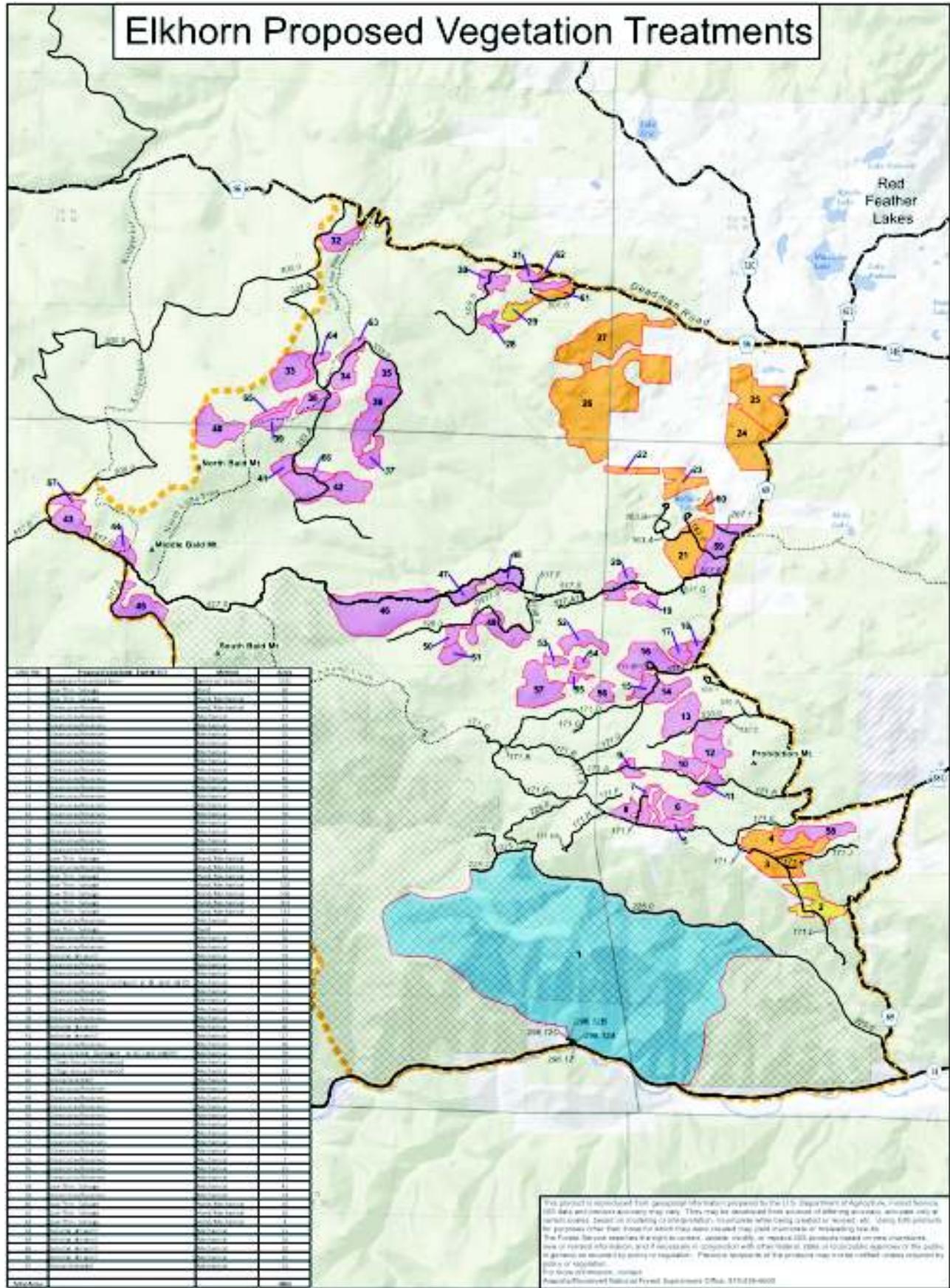
To address the project purpose and need, the U.S. Forest Service proposes to implement a variety of projects including fuels reduction treatments, forest product removal, watershed improvement projects, broadcast prescribed burning, and a transportation system analysis. In an effort to reduce paper, the proposed action is summarized below. The entire proposed action and additional project maps can be found on the Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=36154> or requested to be mailed to you.

To facilitate this involvement, two open house-style public meetings are scheduled as follows and additional information about potential treatments will be available.

Wednesday, May 22, 5-7pm at Red Feather Fire Station (44 Fire House Lane, Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545)

Thursday, May 30, 4-7pm at Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest and Pawnee National Grassland Visitors Center (2150 Centre Avenue, Ft. Collins, CO 80526)

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May 2013						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Karlen Mueller	3	4
5 Attie Burch	6 BOARD MEETING <i>Bob Paul</i> Jeff Mueller	7 M&L Golly	8 Bill Marquardt	9	10	11
12	13	14 R&J Marolf	15 CLUB MEETING	16	17	18 CLUB TRIP J&C Thoen
19 CLUB TRIP	20	21 Corinne Surface	22 B&H Crue	23	24	25
26 Shane Payton	27 S&K Ficarra	28 Tonya Mercer	29 Ben Crue	30	31	

June 2013						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 J&L Paben	5 Dave Surface	6 Nicole Riley	7 S&S Payton	8
9 D&C Surface	10 BOARD MEETING <i>Bob Paul</i> Linda Castell	11	12 Jake Schrader G&S Kapperman	13	14 D&B Klein	15 Aaron Paben
16 Dan Venrick	17	18	19 CLUB MEETING	20	21 Christopher McCurry Heidi Kemp Ryan Castell	22
23 CLUB TRIP 30 Brianna Opdyke Hannah Eddy B&J Paul	24	25 Amy Kemp	26 Candice Paben	27 Garrett Mercer Laurie Paben	28	29

Board Meeting: Jun. 10 7:30pm Dan Venrick
 Jul. 8 7:30pm Jim Dixon
 Membership Meeting: May 15 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Jun. 19 7:30pm Knights of Columbus, 121 N. Meldrum, Ft. Collins
 Club Trip: **May 18-19 9:00am Kelly Flats Campground**



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<p>Bullhide Liner 4X4 & Auto Accessories 5817 South College Ave. Ft. Collins, Colorado 970-224-2288</p>	<p>Always A Deal Inc. Computer Services Johnstown, Colorado 970-310-7547 www.AlwaysaDeal.info</p>	<p>Moab 4x4 Outpost 1831 S Hwy 191 Moab, Utah 435-259-0911</p>
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<p>Fry's Auto Care 210 Commerce Dr. Ft. Collins 970-310-7195</p>	<p>Wellington Toy Storage 4000 Washington Ave. Wellington, Colorado 970-498-2111 www.wellingtontoystorage.com</p>	