



THE DREAM KEEPER

"Never Give Up!"

Spring 2011

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The Rollins Pass Restoration Association would like each of you to make a call, send an email, or write a letter to County Commissioners (especially if you live in Boulder, Gilpin, or Grand County), as well as your Representatives, and Senators along with any of the following addresses:

Gilpin County Commissioners

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cmclain@co.gilpin.co.us Cindy McLain
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303.582.8214

Grand County Commissioners

P.O. Box 264
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970.725.3347

Boulder County Courthouse

Third Floor
1325 Pearl Street
Boulder, CO 80302
commissioners@bouldercounty.org
303.441.3500

State Senators and Representatives

Go to the following website for contact information:
<http://bit.ly/fgv56v>

Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture Harris Sherman, Under Secretary For Natural Resource & Environment

Tom Tidwell, US Forest Service Chief US Forest Service

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Washington, DC 20250-0003
800.832.1355
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136 State Capitol
Denver, CO 80203-1792
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Barack Obama, President USA

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Both **Grand** and **Gilpin County Commissioners** have been supportive of the reopening. Your Board believes the **Forest Service** and **Boulder County Commissioners** have been blocking all efforts to date.

Your message does not need to be long, but to the point. A brief sample letter follows. It is our understanding that all forms of contact on issues are counted and large numbers of constituents supporting a cause are more likely to bring a response. Out-of state interest is also a recognized bonus to the numbers. It is vital that you express your desire for support and enforcement of the federal James Peak Wilderness Act:

Public Law 107-216, 107th Congress, Section 7(b) of the James Peak Wilderness and Protection Area Act states:

ROLLINS PASS ROAD. — If requested by one or more of the Colorado Counties of Grand, Gilpin, and Boulder, the Secretary shall provide technical assistance and otherwise cooperate with respect to repairing the Rollins Pass road in those counties sufficiently to allow two-wheel-drive vehicles to travel between Colorado State Highway 119 and U.S. Highway 40. If this road is repaired to such extent, the Secretary shall close the

motorized roads and trails on Forest Service land indicated on the map entitled "Rollins Pass Road Reopening: Attendant Road and Trail Closures, dated September 2001."

Please don't expect someone else in the organization to champion the lack of government enforcement. We have played the political battle for too long. It is time for you, our members, to take action. Give your organization a few minutes **NOW!** It is past time for the road through our official historic landmark being open through the tunnel and the road up the East side of Carona Pass must be repaired and maintained before it is a total loss. RPPA is working in cooperation with Colorado Off - Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO) for our mutual interests.

If you have other memberships or connections with like minded groups or organizations, please alert them to this miscarriage of justice and solicit their support.

Once you have made contact or left a message, please call or email one of the Co-Presidents so we can keep track of our lobbying efforts.

Sample Letter (please feel free to make changes, add some of your own words, or write your own letter)

Dear XX,

As a citizen of the state of XX, I am concerned that Public Law 107-216, 107th Congress, Section 7(b) entitled, the James Peak Wilderness and Protection Area Act, sponsored by Senator Mark Udall and passed in 2002, has yet to be enforced. Please help OPEN THE ROAD and the historic Needles Eye Tunnel. The Forest Service and Boulder County have not cooperated with the law and thousands of people across Colorado and the nation want to know why?

For further information, please visit our Website: http://www.moffatroad.org/RPPA/RPPA_Home.htm Any enlightenment or assistance you might offer with this issue will be appreciated.

Sincerely,
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100 years ago on March 16, 1911 David Halliday Moffat Died

Moffat is buried in the historical Fairmount Memorial Cemetery, Denver along with many of Colorado's colorful founders. Moffat died at age 72 of heart disease complicated by a bout of pneumonia and grip in New York City. In 1860 Moffat traveled west and opened a book and stationery store with C.C. Woolworth. After working six years in retail, he saw his future in banking and

worked as cashier at the First National Bank of Denver. Fifteen years later David Moffat was elected President of the successful bank. He continued working in banking for the rest of his life. Moffat's interests and most of his money were the results his lifetime dedication to mining and railroads where he became a millionaire.

NOTE: New Location for ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us at the **Longmont Library, Meeting Room A, 409 4th Ave.** for the RPPA Annual Business Meeting from 7 to 8:45 pm on May 23, 2011. We are looking forward to enjoying a slide presentation by our Webmaster, annual elections, and updates on activities. If you have an interest in joining the RPPA Board, please notify:

Juanita straight2u@msn.com or
su seckhardt@g.com



Save the Date

The **RPR**A ANNUAL PICNIC will be held **Aug. 21, 12:00 noon**. Due to the kindness of members, Lynn and Mark Slinger, of Rollinsville our Annual Picnic on the East side will be held near the old school house just beyond Tolland. Those

who want to brave the rough road up to the tunnel may do so after lunch. Bring something to share and folding chairs. RPR

A will furnish drinks, hot dogs, and watermelon. Of course there will be a door prize or two! Join us.

Rails Over Hell Hill

Our apologies for the delay in filling January and February's DVD orders. As you are aware, volunteer time is limited when you have family commitments.

We are up-to-date now and still have a few copies of the limited edition work by Art Weinright available for purchase.

Member and library pricing is \$10.00, non-members, \$15.00 (postage and handling is included).

-- Great News! --

Lucky for us, our Vice President, Ron Cheyney, carries the Rollins Pass Banner wherever he travels. Ron recently met Don Deere, Chairman of Deere and Ault Consultants on a California golf course.

Don told him he would be interested and willing to make a trip up to the tunnel this summer to formerly inspect the structure and make an official recommendation for the process and procedures needed to re-open the tunnel.

He additionally said he could make an official projection on the likelihood of future failure at the tunnel. Don's firm might be one of the most qualified in the country to inspect the Needles Eye Tunnel.

You can visit their web site at:

<http://deereault.com/key-professionals/dondeere.php> Your Board will be soon meeting with Don to plan the logistics of his offer.

Thanks, Ron! Finally some good news!

In Remembrance

The Rollins Pass Restoration Association regrets the loss of two long time members of the organization: Carl Zerweck of St. Charles, MO and your Co-Presidents' son and brother, Thomas Allen Straight, of Pulaski, TN.

Rollins Pass Restoration Association

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Our Founder, Col. Dan Straight



Needle's Eye Tunnel, East Portal



Needle's Eye Tunnel, Wire Mesh is doing it's job!

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