



Boulder County Nature Association

BCNA Buzz

November 2013

KEEPIN' UP THE BUZZ!

BCNA Buzz—A quick update of BCNA doings.

Keeping you in touch and involved

CALL FOR PROPOSAL GRANTS Peter Kleinman, President, BCNA

BCNA is a private, non-profit membership organization committed to preserving the natural history of our region through research, documentation and public education. We are pleased to offer research funding by giving small grants for projects consistent with our mission.

Grants have been available in two categories:

Ken Iverson Memorial Grant provides up to \$400 available specifically for research on our native cats. One grant will be awarded each calendar year.

General BCNA grants individually up to \$1000 to \$2000 to fund projects that will add to our understanding of the natural history of Boulder County or will augment the existing documentation of the County's ecosystems. Past projects have included a scientific survey of butterflies, bat species and their ecological requirements, and a comparison of flora and fauna adjacent to trails that allow dogs

and don't allow dogs. There have been many others. BCNA is proud to support solid local research. We currently have up to \$4000 available for such grants.

Proposals should include a detailed methodology, timeline, a complete budget (to include other funding sources), and be limited to five pages. No institutional overhead is allowed. Individuals at institutions requiring overhead can apply as independent scholars. Successful applicants sign a contract specifying they will complete the project in the current year, will share the results with BCNA, and will allow BCNA to share written reports of results on the web.

Applications should be submitted not later than March 1, 2014, either to the BCNA post office address : P.O. Box 493, Boulder, CO 80306, or to peterk218@gmail.com

Get Involved!

BCNA Board of Directors

Did you know the Board of Directors holds regular meetings the **SECOND SUNDAY EVERY OTHER MONTH.**

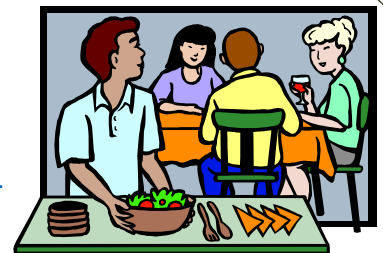


All members are welcome to attend. The normal meeting time is 3PM to 5PM. Meetings are usually held at the City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) offices at 66 Cherryvale Road.

Also, the Board is looking for new Board Members. Why not join us and see what happens at the meetings.

DON'T MISS IT!

ANNUAL MEMBER-SHIP MEETING



FEBRUARY 8, 2018

**ARAPHOE RIDGE HOA CLUBHOUSE
1750 POWELL ST, ERIE**

Join us for a fun evening of meeting, greeting, socializing and food. Our pot luck annual meeting is not to be missed. We will have a wonderful speaker—to be determined. **SAVE THE DATE!**



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Boulder Rights of Nature Group Takes Off

Steve Jones

In March, 2012, partly in response to concerns about fracking, GMOs, and recent threats to native wildlife populations in Boulder County, several of us organized a new voice for nature called BRON: Boulder Rights of Nature. Boards of directors of Boulder County Audubon, Sierra Club Indian Peaks Group, and Boulder County Nature Association voted to sign on to BRON as supporting organizations.

The rights of nature movement has taken off around the world since Ecuador recognized nature's rights in its constitution in 2008. Bolivia passed a comprehensive rights of nature ordinance in 2011, and more than 100 N. American cities including Santa Monica, Pittsburgh and Lafayette, CO have followed suit.

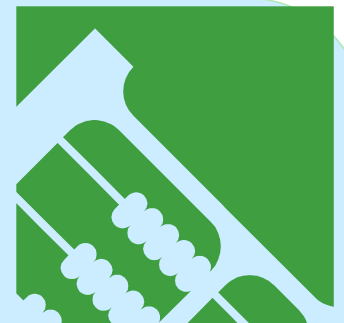
Under current law around the world—including in the United States—nature is treated as property: it's been commodified. As a result, our environmental regulatory laws, such as the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act, regulate our use of nature. That is, they regulate how much it can be exploited by whom. The result has been that after nearly four decades since these major environmental laws were enacted, the natural world is much worse off than before.

In Boulder County we designated clear protections for native ecosystems and native wildlife species in our County Comprehensive Plan. But the plan has no legal clout, and local officials don't always follow its goals. As a result, we're on the verge of losing much of our native prairie ecosystem, including species like American badger, white-tailed jackrabbit, ferruginous hawk, and burrowing owl. In the mountains, a proliferation of trails, unauthorized roads, and shooting ranges, along with expansion plans for the Eldora Mountain Ski Resort, threaten critical habitat for boreal owls, black bears, and other species.

If you would like to help insure legal protections call Steve Jones 303-494-2468, curlwjsj@comcast.net

IS THERE AN ACCOUNTANT IN THE HOUSE?

BCNA is looking for an accountant to review our books. We don't need a full audit—just a review. If any of you would like to send us a referral or if you are an accountant, you would be providing a great service to BCNA.



2014 ECO-SYSTEM SYMPOSIUM

SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 12TH

EXTINCTION—CAN OUR NATIE SPECIES BE SAVED?

This is going to be a fascinating day

Don't miss it!

