

**Boulder County Nature Association
1996 Ecosystem Symposium
April 27, 1996**

**“Finding Common Ground:
Recreational Use of Natural Lands in Boulder County”**

This year's Ecosystem Symposium will address the current issues facing the many recreational user groups of Boulder County's open and natural lands. Presentations will focus on historical and current use of natural lands, recreational use impact issues, and education and management strategies for addressing visitor use issues. A panel discussion among representatives from several local user groups will explore "common ground" strategies for future management of natural lands. The symposium is an opportunity for ecologists, planners, naturalists, and recreationalists to gather for a day of discussion about issues facing all of us as we work to protect and enjoy Boulder County's natural lands.

MORNING SESSION (Boulder Public Library Auditorium)

- 9:00-9:45a** **Keynote: Historical perspective on use issues**
John Mumma, Director, Colorado Division of Wildlife
- 9:45-10:45a** **Use impacts: "Outdoor recreation is not for the birds"**
Rick Knight, Associate Professor of Fishery and Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University
- 10:45-11:00a** **Break**
- 11:00-11:30a** **Innovative management strategies: The National Parks Service Visitor Experience and Resource Protection (VERP) process**
Marilyn Hof, Planner, National Park Service
- 11:30-12:00n** **User Ethics**
Dana Watts, Leave No Trace (A national educational program designed to teach stewardship, land ethics, and outdoor skills on public lands.)
- 12:00-1:00p** **Lunch on your own**

AFTERNOON SESSION (West Senior Center)

- 1:00-1:30p** **"Challenging traditional assumptions about environmental education"**
Rich Smith, Education and Outreach Coordinator, City of Boulder Open Space
- 1:30-3:00p** **Moderated panel discussion on recreational use issues in Boulder County.**
Panelists from various local recreational user groups.
- 3:00-3:15p** **Break**
- 3:15-3:45p** **Slide presentation - "Finding Common Ground"**
Joe Mantione, Resource Planner, City of Boulder Mountain Parks
- 3:45-4:00p** **Closing remarks**

Time and Place: The morning session of the symposium will be held in the auditorium of the **Boulder Public Library**, located southeast of the intersection of Canyon Blvd. and 9th Street in the City of Boulder. For the afternoon session, we will move to the **Multipurpose Room** of the **West Senior Center** located at 909 Arapahoe Rd. Attendance is free and open to the public.