

THE DREAM KEEPER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

JULY 2000



Pumphouse Lake Photo by Dan Straight

1. The road up the hill is open on both sides. On June 24th, Nita and I drove up the West side from Winter Park. The road had been graded, some culverts replaced, and was in fairly good condition for a rural mountain road. Of course there were a few stretches where one must drive over rocks. So take it slow! A young camper at Corona was using a small gas stove to make coffee. We really have a FOREST FIRE DANGER due to dry conditions and lack of snow. A large snow drift did block the route from Corona toward the Devil's Slide trestles. But, other than that, there was very little snow. The ice on Pump House Lake was starting to thaw. It was a beautiful clear day and a wonderful drive. Grand County should be commended for the condition of the road.

2. On June 29, 2000 we drove up the East side. A Gilpin County grader was maintaining the road between Tolland and the East Portal. We followed a Department of Wildlife fish truck up the hill. Travel up the hill is slow due to the many rocks in the road. The grader operator said no work had been done on the road for a couple of years. He was right, expect to drive carefully. Gilpin County did go up to push snow as far as the Needles Eye roadblock above Forest Lakes. We watched as 1000 fish were stocked in Yankee Doodle and 1000 fish in Jenny Lake. The fisherpeople really got busy. We caught five and then came on down.

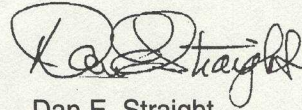


Signs along Moffat Road Photo by Dan Straight

3. I should comment about a proposal being discussed in Grand County to develop an area near the Arrow townsite. The Moffat Road came down across private land just outside Arapaho National Forest. There is a privately owned stretch between Highway 40 and property acquired by the Denver Water Board and Forest land. The developer has placed signs along the road. (See Photo) Just what the implications for a property on the National Register of Historic Places will be determined at a later date. I do know we want the road to stay open and available to the public. Our charter calls on us to preserve and maintain the historic road. More will be forthcoming on this development.

4. The RPRRA Annual Meeting was held in May. Scott Bruntjen, RPRRA Life Member, presented a most interesting and informative program on the Boulder County Tourism and Recreation Program. An area near Nederland will really become a hub for visitors as this program develops. The present officers were continued in office. Dan Straight, President; Allan Rogers, Vice-president; Ron Cheyney, Secretary; and, Randy Eckhardt, Treasurer.

5. The Annual Picnic will be held on the East side August 27, 2000 12 Noon at Dixie Siding near Jenny Lake. Bring something to share. Hot dogs, drinks and watermelon will be provided. Take your time driving up.

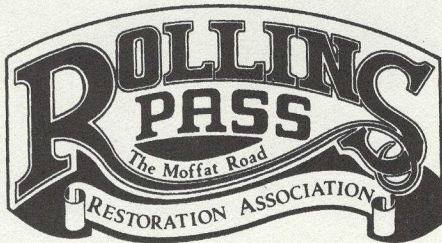


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this year on August 27, 2000 • 12 Noon
Dixie Siding near Jenny Lake

Bring your lunch and we will share in fellowship.



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