



THE DREAM KEEPER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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1. Welcome to the NEW YEAR. Let's hope we can move forward with our dreams of reopening the Pass in accordance with the James Peak Wilderness and Protective Area Act. Three counties have asked that the road be opened. GILPIN and GRAND Counties asked the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to conform to the law established by Public Law 107-216. On June 7, 2004 CLEAR CREEK County Commissioners wrote the Secretary USDA requesting to be included in the restoration process since that County is involved with a "Loop Trail Study" and building of the "James Creek Fall River Trailhead." The Secretary USDA responded that Forest Service representatives will comply with requests for assistance and otherwise cooperate in repairing the road sufficiently to allow two-wheel drive vehicles to travel the road. Any further action was delayed pending the November 2004 elections.



2. On January 11, 2005, following the elections, there will be seven new county commissioners taking office. It is hoped the Counties will favorably consider work on the pass. The following will make up the boards of each County:

Boulder County: Commissioners: Tom Mayer, Chm: Will Toor; Ben Pearlman

Clear Creek County: Commissioners: Harry Dale, Chm: Joan Drury, Kevin O'Malley

Gilpin County: Commissioners, Jeanne Nicholson, Chm: Al Price, Forest Whitman

Grand County: Commissioners: Duane Dailey, Chm: Nancy Stewart, James Newberry

3. Once again, The Rollins Pass Road was considered by Colorado Preservation for the Most Endangered Places List for 2005. I was informed by telephone that we would not be on the list. After the work expended in preparing a nomination it is disappointing that a letter with feedback has not been received explaining the shortcoming and considerations used by Colorado Preservation in rating the Rollins Pass Road. This is part of their nominations directions.

4. It is noted that Great Outdoors Colorado in December made grants totaling around \$30 Million for purchase of open space lands and improvements to parks and recreation. The GOGO Spring Grant Cycle requests are due March 4, 2005. Since it was opened in 1956 the Rollins Pass Road has been listed as a "Rural Mountain Recreation Road." The road should certainly meet the requirements for restoration. The time is short but with four Counties involved the restoration of the pass would a great program for the State. It is hoped the four Counties will submit it for GOGO funding.

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