



**Spring-Summer 2019**

# WilderNews

Friends of Eagles Nest Wilderness Newsletter

**Bill Betz, Chair**

Dear Members, Volunteers, and Friends of FENW,

We are **twenty-five years old**, and it's time to celebrate!

As we prepare for the 2019 summer season, there is much to tell you about. Our traditional boots on the ground projects are set to go: **Volunteer Wilderness Training** will take place on June 8, under the direction of a greatly expanded committee. A variety of **trail and campsite projects** - some day trips, some overnights - will happen throughout the summer. Our **weed mitigation program** will reboot after a lapse of several years, thanks to a \$15,200 grant from the National Forest Foundation.

To celebrate our birthday and to thank **YOU** for all you do, we will host some special events. Probably most important will be the public announcement of our **new name**. It's going to be *Eagle Summit Wilderness Alliance*, chosen because we are stewards of virtually all Wilderness areas in Eagle and Summit Counties. We'll also introduce a new logo, hold a photo contest, silent auction, and will present the first annual Currie Craven Award for Wilderness Stewardship. All this will transpire at

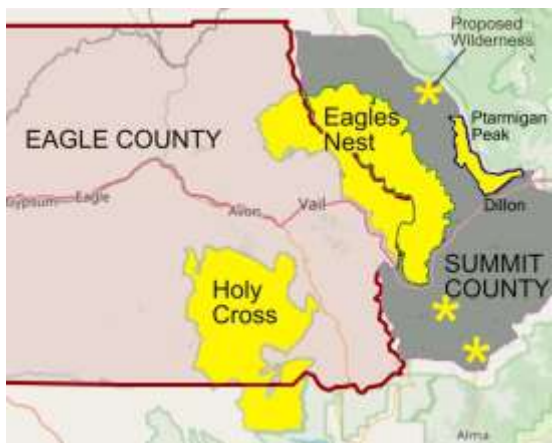
## WilderFest

It's our way of saying thanks to YOU. Join us Sunday afternoon, August 18 in Frisco.



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## CELEBRATING OUR 25th ANNIVERSARY

Founded in 1994, Friends of Eagles Nest Wilderness has been a steady and enduring partner with the U.S. Forest Service. Over the years, we have added to our inventory Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness and Holy Cross Wilderness, now totaling about a quarter-million acres - virtually all of the Wilderness in Eagle and Summit Counties (map). And if the CORE Act passes, we'll add three more Wilderness areas (asterisks on map) - another hundred-thousand acres - to our portfolio. Whew!



We're all-volunteer, all the time, and we want to express our **thanks to YOU** - our member/donor/volunteers - so we are hosting a party - WilderFest - on August 18. Please come!

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Jeff and Karrie crosscut sawing

Do you receive our monthly eNewsletter - **The Eagle Post** - in your email inbox? It is sent to about 900 people, mostly residents of Eagle and Summit Counties, and features a single article of local wilderness interest. Recent topics have included the proposed Berlaimont development near Edwards, the proposed open mining in the lower Blue River Valley, the Safe Passages Projects (game crossings on Route 9 and I-70), and many others. If you don't receive it, tell us your email address—go to [www.fenw.org](http://www.fenw.org) to sign up.



## WILDERFEST 2019

**SUNDAY AUGUST 18 NOON-3PM**

Join us at the FRISCO HISTORIC PARK as we

THANK YOU

for your support and

**CELEBRATE!**

- \* Our **25th** anniversary
- \* Our **New Name**
- \* Our **New LOGO**
- \* Our **Photo Contest Winner**
- \* Our first **Currie Craven Award** for Wilderness Stewardship



### ADVISORY BOARD

The BOD voted to create an Advisory Board (AB), for several reasons. First, with our new governance structure, in which the Chair (formerly President) serves just one year, we sought a mechanism to secure a sound institutional memory. In addition, we hope to recruit leaders in the community to help us. As the bylaws state, "AB members may be former BOD members, esteemed persons with special expertise relevant to the mission of FENW, representatives of major donors to the FENW, or other leading members of the larger community who could benefit FENW."

Currie Craven has begun the recruitment process, and we hope to seat the AB in the months ahead. If you are interested, please let us know - [info@fenw.org](mailto:info@fenw.org).

## VOLUNTEER WILDERNESS RANGERS OUR SIGNATURE PROGRAM

The 2019 VWR season kicks off with Training Day (Sat June 8). After training, VWRs have one or more mentored hikes, and then they are off on their own. Some like to hike in pairs (and are encouraged to do so). They wear the USFS patch on their left sleeve, and thus represent both FENW and the Forest Service. The uniform commands a lot of respect from hikers, but VWRs do not have authority to issue tickets or otherwise discipline. What, specifically, do they do out on the trails? Read Dave Owens' piece below to get a good idea of their activities.

By the way, like last year, we will be training Trailhead Hosts, VWRs who remain at the trailhead but otherwise function like VWRs out on the trails. So, if you're not up to a four-hour hike, consider this way of volunteering in the Wilderness.

The VWRs will have a lot to live up to this year; here are some stats from the 2018 season. From early May through mid-October, 58 VWRs (about 40% female) patrolled trails from 33 trailheads (Lily Pad was the most patrolled - 30 times). The average duration of a patrol was 5.1 hours; the total number of hours on patrol was more than 1700. Bob Theodore made 32 patrols! He was the volunteer of the year - same as 2017. Thanks again, Bob!

What did these intrepid Rangers encounter on the trail? Many people, many dogs, and many deadfalls, for starters. The average number of Wilderness visitors encountered was 34; the maximum on any single patrol was 288 (of course on the Lily Pad Lake trail). And the total number of hikers encountered? More than 12,000 (which is about 10% of the total of about 120,000).

Dogs visit Wilderness, too. VWRs counted 1225 dogs, of which 371 (30%) were not on leash. The maximum counted on any single patrol was 24 on leash and 10 off leash (not the same patrol).

The lodgepole pine trees are coming down! Killed by the beetle about 10 years ago, they are falling by the thousands. VWRs reported encountering 1267 trees across trails (the maximum seen on a single patrol was 165! Must've been a challenging hike). The number would have been much higher if not for the combined deadfall-clearing efforts of USFS crews and FENW volunteer trail crews.



### NEW ORGANIZATION FOR THE VWR COMMITTEE

Mike Mayrer and Ken Harper continue to lead our signature program- the Volunteer Wilderness Ranger (VWR) Program. They train and deploy about 60 rangers who meet, greet, and teach more than 10,000 Wilderness visitors each summer. We didn't fully realize the magnitude of Mike's and Ken's efforts until we sat down recently to muster some additional help for them. A call for volunteers to work behind the scenes on the VWR program went out, and a dozen folks stepped up! What emerged from our meeting was a permanent committee with 16 subcommittees, 21 participants, and nearly 50 individual assigned tasks! Thanks, Mike and Ken - you are truly amazing.



### WHAT DO VOLUNTEER WILDERNESS RANGERS DO?

By Dave Owens

#### ON THE TRAIL:

**Answer questions** for hikers, especially pertaining to trail distance, condition, elevation and time required to reach destination.

**Educate hikers** regarding rules for wilderness use, "Leave NoTrace" wilderness ethics, the danger of falling trees, what to do when encountering moose, bears, mountain lions or mountain goats, where campsites and campfires are allowed and not allowed, and why dogs should be kept on a leash. Central to this is the practice of the Authority of the Resource Technique (ART).

**Inform interested hikers** about our Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness organization, how and why we help the Forest Service and provide them with information on how to get involved with us if they wish to do so.

**Keep a record** of number of hikers and campers encountered (and number of groups), number of dogs on & off leash, condition of trail, trees across trail, miles hiked, time spent on the hike, and campsite conditions.

#### AFTERWARDS:

**Fill out** a short online report with all the information recorded above, in addition to date, name of trail, time of hike, condition of trail signs, and interesting, novel, fun, or scary encounters with people or animals.

### FENW BYLAWS

The FENW Board of Directors (BOD) voted to change our bylaws:

In February the BOD voted to create an **ADVISORY BOARD**. See page 2 for details.

Also in February the BOD voted to change the title of President to **CHAIR**, which is considered more appropriate for an all-volunteer organization like FENW.

Both votes were unanimous.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** The CORE Act was introduced earlier this year by Congressman Neguese and had it's first hearing last month. This is the first step in the process and it went well. Director of Dept of Natural Resources, Dan Gibbs was accompanied by other supporters from across the state representing diverse interests. Each of them testified in support of the bill. The bill is likely to receive a full committee hearing in the coming months. In the meantime, Sen Gardner still refuses to support the bill and remains the only Colorado Senator to not support a Wilderness Bill.

## The Schuette Family gifts

In 2018, Beau Schuette (37) died from an undiagnosed heart problem. Beau loved the Wilderness, and lived at the family cabin (built nearly fifty years ago), near the Mesa Cortina Trailhead. His family and friends have created two funds with FENW totaling more than \$25,000 in his memory. One fund is slated for tree planting (the planning is still in the works). The bulk of the funds were placed in the FENW Endowment Fund, and the proceeds will be used in perpetuity to help preserve the Wilderness that Beau loved.



Beau Schuette

Read more about the Endowment Fund below...

## A LEGACY FOR THE WILDERNESS

As we look forward to FENW's second quarter century, we know we are here for the long haul. Some of our most devoted advocates have asked for a way to make a more enduring gift, beyond the annual donation. We responded by creating the **FENW Endowment Fund**, which will allow our supporters to provide ongoing legacy for the wilderness, through a gift or other targeted donations.

Managed by The Summit Foundation, FENW's Fund (already at nearly \$50,000) will generate earnings that will maintain and protect wilderness year after year. Immediate donations can be made either to the general fund or to the endowment fund. Donations of any amount are accepted. For substantial gifts (\$10,000 or more), the earnings can be targeted according to your wishes. FENW also accepts bequests - deferred gifts designated by will or trust. Donors making bequests in excess of \$1,000 will be recognized as members of the FENW **Hall of Eagles**.

Now you have several ways to express your wilderness passion - annual donations, Colorado Gives day, and an endowment contribution! To learn more, visit the FENW website or send an email to: [info@fenw.org](mailto:info@fenw.org).



## IMPROVING ACCESS TO THE WILDERNESS

The Forest Service is gearing up for a busy season in the Wilderness, and so are we. The unprecedented number of trees blocking trails, the increasing number of visitors, and the heavy spring snows portend a lot of trail and campsite work.

In Eagle County, Mike Beach, Wilderness Manager in Minturn for Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District in the White River National Forest will be fielding a 5-person trail crew, 2 full-time Wilderness Rangers, and 1 person who will work half-time as an Adopt a Trail Ranger and half-time as a Wilderness Ranger. Mike and his crews also look after Powell and Dom, the two pack llamas used for trail work.



Mike Beach

In Summit County, Cindy Ebbert, Wilderness & Trails Manager for the Dillon Ranger District of the White River National Forest, will have two Wilderness Rangers this season, including the cross-cutting pro Abby Seymour. The lack of funding by the National Forest Foundation means that Cindy will not have any interns this summer, although she will be hiring a crew from the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps for two weeks of trail work.



Cindy Ebbert

These folks do the majority of trail work in the Wilderness. We also pitch in, and our work this summer is focused on two types of projects. First, because Forest Service crews are engaged in training courses through most of June, we will be getting out on the trails early as the snow melts in order to clear deadfalls. These will be day trips, not far from trailheads. Volunteers are welcome, and no previous training is necessary. We'll post the dates and venues on our website as plans emerge.

Second, we have scheduled overnight trips into the deep backcountry. These projects will include trail work and focus on campground rehab - especially obliterating illegal campfire rings. The trips are great fun, tools are provided (so is beer), and Dom and Powell - our llamas - will pack in the gear. No training is necessary, but reservations are required. See [www.fenw.org](http://www.fenw.org) for details.

## PRESERVING THE WILDERNESS ECOLOGY

As you may have read in the February E-Newsletter, FENW is re-launching our program to fight noxious weeds such as Musk Thistle and Oxeye Daisy. It is important that we identify and at the very least limit the spread of these species; they harm the ecosystem by taking over from normal forage for the native animals of the region. We were excited to win a \$15,000+ grant from the National Forest Foundation to treat up to 8 known weed infestations this summer. This will include treatment by a professional weed management contractor (attacking weeds that cannot be pulled), as well as at least one weed pull day with the Sierra Club on July 13.

The treatment program will require measurement of the size of infestations before and after treatment, so we're looking for some Plant Scouts who are willing to adopt an infestation! If you're willing to hike the target areas, and use a GPS to measure the infestations, we need you!

If you're interested in plant life in our wilderness, why don't you join the team? To be successful in tracking and conquering biological intruders, we need to discover and map them. If you're interested, contact Jim Alexander ([jimofcolorado@gmail.com](mailto:jimofcolorado@gmail.com)), and join the Wilderness Ecology team.



PHOTO CONTEST! We are sponsoring our first photo contest, and we invite you as a member/donor/volunteer to submit up to 3 of your favorite wilderness photos. Entries will be accepted during July, and the winner will be presented with a canvas-mounted copy of his/her entry at WilderFest on August 18. Complete details are available at [www.fenw.org](http://www.fenw.org).



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#### The AUTHORITY OF THE RESOURCE (ART)

That's a pretty fancy name for a simple but subtly complex idea: when you encounter miscreants in the Wilderness, don't just remind them that they are breaking a rule (that's the Authority of the Agency), but instead explain why different behavior is better. If it's a dog off leash, talk about moose (all dogs look like wolves to a moose), wildlife in general (challenged by living in extreme habitats), other dogs (on leash). Don't lean towards eye contact, but talk "shoulder-to-shoulder" (as you point into the woods, or examine a plant). These and many other clever techniques were developed by CSU Professor George Wallace. For most people, it doesn't come entirely naturally, but requires practice and review after an encounter.



### THREE WILDERNESSES—ONE BIG JOB!

By Mike Browning

FENW was formed in 1994 to help the Forest Service manage and protect the Eagles Nest Wilderness. However, over the years its mission has grown to encompass two other wilderness areas as well: the Holy Cross Wilderness and the Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness. This is why FENW is going to change its name to be more inclusive of all three. Below are some basic facts about each of the wilderness areas in which we work.

The Eagles Nest Wilderness was established by Congress in 1976 and contains 135,114 acres, encompassing much of the Gore Range. There are over 180 miles of maintained trails, many of which follow fast flowing creeks and end at spectacular alpine lakes. Only two trails traverse fully across the Range – the Upper Cataract to Piney Lake Trail across the northern end of the Range, and the Gore Creek to Red Buffalo Pass Trail across the southern end of the Range. The high point in the Eagles Nest Wilderness is Mount Powell (13,534') which is named after famed explorer John Wesley Powell who made the first recorded ascent in 1868.

The Holy Cross Wilderness was established by Congress in 1980 and contains 122,797 acres located in the northern Sawatch Range west and south of Minturn. It is named after its most prominent point –Mount of the Holy Cross (14,005'). The peak became famous in 1873 when William Henry Jackson took and published a famous photo showing the prominent cross on the peak's northeastern flank formed by natural snow couloirs. The cross is best viewed from the top of Notch Mountain (13,248') which can be gained by a wonderful trail starting at the Fall Creek Trailhead. Over 150 miles of other trails provide paths to some of the most picturesque lakes in Colorado. The area's abundance of water led the Cities of Colorado Springs and Aurora to develop the Homestake Water Project in the 1960's which diverts water from Fancy, Missouri, Sopris and French Creeks for use on the Eastern Slope. Many court battles have been fought over the Project, including the defeat of the Homestake II expansion project in 1994.

The Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness is the smallest of the three wilderness areas consisting of 12,760 acres in the Williams Fork Mountains which is the lovely range lying north and east of Silverthorne and the Blue River Valley. It was not established by Congress until 1993. Its high points are Ptarmigan Peak (12,458') near its south end and Ute Peak (12,303') near its north end. It has only 41 miles of established trails, but they include the wonderful 12-mile alpine ridge trail that connects Ptarmigan and Ute Peaks.

So, FENW serves much more than the Eagles Nest Wilderness. Get out and enjoy all three of them!

## ADVOCACY

We are fortunate to work closely with the Forest Service, but not so closely that we are prevented from advocating for environmental causes. At the present time, we are active in three campaigns:

1. **Summit County Safe Passages.** Following the spectacular success of the State Highway 9 (SH9) Project-making roads safer for wildlife and people by funding game over- and under-passes, attention has turned to a similar project being proposed for the I-70 corridor in Summit County on Vail Pass.
2. **Buck Berlaimont.** A Florida company is proposing a luxury development on a 680 acre inholding inside the WRNF above Edwards. The proposed paving of a five mile Forest Service road will interfere significantly with game migration, and the populations of mule deer (especially) and elk are already plummeting.
3. **Protecting the Lower Blue River Valley.** An open pit gravel mine is proposed for this bucolic, verdant ranchland. Located adjacent to the highway (Route 9), it raises serious questions about impacts on water quality and wildlife migration, not to mention the despoliation of the spectacularly beautiful setting nestled between two Wilderness areas - Eagles Nest and Ptarmigan Peak.

Details of these and more can be found on our website: [www.fenw.org](http://www.fenw.org).

FENW FINANCES are in good shape, thanks especially to our many member/donors, led by people like the Gillilans. Bill is also a devoted Volunteer Wilderness Ranger. Thank you for all you do for Wilderness!



For nearly two decades, A-Basin staff have donated generously to their **Employee Environmental Fund**, of which FENW has been a steady beneficiary.

Our enduring THANKS!



## THANKS TO OUR MEMBER-DONORS!

*Our deep appreciation to those individuals who have donated in the past year*

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## QUALITIES OF WILDERNESS CHARACTER

By Mike Beach, USFS

All wilderness areas are managed under the Wilderness Act of 1964. If you haven't read the act, it's actually pretty light read (given that it's legislation!) and is well worth the time. Just do a web search for "Wilderness Act of 1964" and you'll get more results than you'll know what to do with.

A "wilderness" is defined in Section 2(c) of the Wilderness Act in several ways. The five terms used to define wilderness are known as the Five Qualities of Wilderness Character. They are: *Untrammeled*, *Natural*, *Undeveloped*, *Solitude and Primitive/Unconfined Recreation*, and *Other Features of Value* (e.g., cultural, historic, etc.). As wilderness stewards, the law mandates that we sustain each of these qualities to the best of our ability and in balance with one another. Here, I'll discuss the finer points of the first two qualities, Untrammeled and Natural.

**Untrammeled**, not to be confused with un-trampled, is a term specifically mentioned in the Wilderness Act – "A wilderness [...] is an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man [...]." To be untrammeled means that the wilderness is essentially free from manipulation and modern human control. So, what could be considered manipulation? Any human activity which disturbs processes that would otherwise be occurring.

In contrast to its use on a package of chicken in the grocery store, the term **Natural** actually has some meaning when used in the Wilderness Act. The act states that wilderness is to be "protected and managed to preserve its natural conditions [...]." In this context, it refers to ecological conditions that are substantially free from the effects of modern civilization. For example, within wilderness, indigenous species should prevail and wildfire should (in a perfect world, which we do not live in) be allowed to play its natural ecological role.

The challenge of wilderness stewardship comes when these qualities find themselves at odds. The untrammeled and natural qualities provide many examples of this. For instance, non-native plant species, such as yellow toadflax or Canada thistle, have made their way into our wilderness areas, a textbook violation of the natural quality. The question is, do we manipulate, or trammel, the area by removing these species, and if so, what methods should we use? In this case, in our wilderness areas we've determined that the benefits of eradicating weeds outweigh the negative impact of manipulating the environment. Other more challenging examples, such as fighting wildfires or removing non-native fish species and reintroducing native species fill the dreams, or perhaps nightmares, of wilderness managers and agency decision makers across the country.

Considering these issues, and striking an appropriate balance that meets the intent of the Wilderness Act and preserves wilderness character is one of the key aspects of our jobs as wilderness managers. Next time, we'll look at the Undeveloped and Solitude and Primitive/Unconfined Recreation qualities. Stay tuned!



## ANNOUNCING THE FIRST ANNUAL CURRIE CRAVEN AWARD FOR WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP

This annual prize is named for our co-founder and long-time President, John Currie Craven, whose enduring advocacy for our local Wildernesses has helped significantly to protect these treasures.

The award, fashioned by local artist Gail Shears, will be presented for the first time at the WilderFest on August 18. PLEASE JOIN US!

## MY WINTER-SPRING ADVENTURE

By Joe Szasz

Spring marks the start of the “real” ski season for ski mountaineers in the West. The solidification of the snowpack and longer days provide a safe opportunity to explore the High Peaks, when they are most enjoyable. Some of the best ski touring can be found in the Eagles Nest Wilderness during the spring!

After the first snowfall of the current season I observed two avalanches caused by Mountain Goats (*Oreamnos Americanus*) in the cirque just west of the Bighorn Cabin (see photo). This area is best described as either the West Fork of Bighorn Creek or the Southwest Cirque of Skiers Point (12,930). One slide may have caught or injured a goat: I found a track that entered the slide path, but ended there. The second and more obvious track was near the ridgeline, where a second goat had a close call. The two slides were two more close calls in a dangerous world and reminded me of another instance of Mountain Goats living in avalanche terrain.



In the spring of 2016 I took many ski trips into the Gore, enjoying traversing and circumnavigating the heart of the range, often alone. I usually make alpine starts in the dark because it's essential to beat the daytime heat and intense sunshine. During one trip up Bighorn Creek, the day dawned clear and cold as I passed the first basin via a chute just south of the summer trail. I used ski crampons, small aluminum spikes attached to skis to aid the difficult ascent.

When I approached the then-decaying Bighorn Cabin there was no reason to stop. I continued into the upper basin where I saw three large Golden Eagles (*Aquila chrysaetos*) soaring high above an area I had never explored. The sun had yet to show its heat-giving rays so I skinned quickly to about 11,700' on the Southeast Ridge of Climber Point (13,005').

The Eagles were reluctant to give up their prize, but there below the ridge was the subject of the interest, the object that was a key to their survival. A goat's remains! The carcass had been picked clean as the icy snow slowly retreated. There were telltale signs of the season's avalanches, and rockfall all around. What a sight for my first trip to the West Fork of Bighorn Creek. I skinned away and the Eagles resumed their sacred duty.

Was this goat the ancestor of the two goats that had a close call this season? Had it taught its young to take risk to survive? How often do these creatures trigger huge slides and watch from the ridge silently as new meadows are created in the valley? Life and death in the mountains. Always different. Always unchanged.

## MEET MIKE BROWNING, OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER:

I am thrilled to become a new FENW Board member. Let me introduce myself. I was born and raised in Montana, received my BA from the University of Montana in 1974, and then went to Yale Law School. After my graduation in 1977, I decided I had to get back to my beloved Rocky Mountains. I practiced water law in Boulder for 40 years, but recently retired. My love of wilderness began with backpack trips in Glacier National Park and the Bob Marshall Wilderness and continued as I became a mountaineer. I was fortunate enough to do a fair amount of high altitude mountaineering, summited Mt. Everest in 1990 and completed the Seven Summits in 2011. Along the way I climbed all the Colorado 14ers, got married to my wife, Frances Hartogh, and raised two wonderful daughters. We bought a duplex in Vail some 25 years ago and have since hiked all over the Gore Range, especially on the Vail side, as well as taking many wonderful hikes in the Holy Cross Wilderness. Now that I am retired, I want to give back some time and energy to those wonderful places and help ensure that future generations can enjoy them as much as I have (and still am). I look forward to seeing you on the trails!



FENW SUMMER CALENDAR 2019

- Sat Jun 8 - Volunteer Wilderness Ranger Training
- Sat Jun 8 - National Trails Day with FDRD (Salt Lick Trail)
- Fri-Sun Jul 12-14 - Slate Lakes Overnight Trail & Campsite work with pack llamas
- Sat Jul 13 - Weed Pull with Sierra Club
- Fri-Sun Aug 9-11 - Gore Lake Overnight Trail & Campsite work with pack llamas
- Sat Aug 18 - WilderFest (Frisco Historic Park)
- Sat Aug 24 - Lily Pad Lake Trail Bridge Construction
- Dates TBD:
- Betty Ford Botanic Gardens Visit

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