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### **IT'S MEMBERSHIP MONTH!**

*If you have renewed your 2023 membership, thank you! If not, please renew your membership for 2023 this month. As you know, we rely on member-donors to support our programs. Since we are an all-volunteer organization, all of your dues and donations go directly into our work. There are three easy ways to renew:*

- Visit the join/donate page on ESWA's website [HERE](#)
- Visit ESWA's donation page on the Colorado Gives Day website [HERE](#)
- Mail a check to ESWA at P.O. Box 4504, Frisco, CO. 80443-4504

This year your membership donations allowed ESWA's volunteers to conduct over 400 Wilderness patrols, clear over 1,300 trees from Wilderness trails, educate the public about Wilderness and Leave-No-Trace principles, combat invasive weeds, extend USFS Wilderness ranger patrols into hunting season, and much more.

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR OUTGOING CHAIR, STEVE ELDER**



Mike Browning's [Get Wild! article](#) on the history of Eagles Nest Wilderness is a most recent reminder of why I am so proud and joyful to be part of

the legacy that generations of activists are leaving behind in protecting and celebrating our local Wilderness Areas.

Congratulations to all of you for being a part of this powerful and meaningful Movement! If the Wilderness could speak, I know it would express its gratitude. In fact, I think I hear it doing that every time I gaze and listen. Don't you?

My family has been in and around these stunning mountains for generations. My mother grew up in Rifle, learned to ski in the cow fields and on the nearby, newly-born ski areas. She passed on to me her love of the mountains. My wife, Jane, and I have had the joy of sharing that love with my daughters, Kit and Emily, who grew up coming to Summit County every chance they could and still do.

ESWA has been the perfect vehicle for us to live out that legacy, and we look forward to continuing that relationship. To celebrate, my mother, Dian Wilson, this year established an ESWA endowment in memory of her late husband and my beloved stepfather, Alan Wilson, and in honor of their relationship and shared love of this place.

As I write my last missive as chair, I encourage you to not only keep up your membership, on-the-ground-volunteer efforts, and committee service, but also to consider what kind of a legacy you might want to leave on behalf of Wilderness.



ESWA is fortunate to have an endowment, which, if built to a commensurate scope, can essentially endow our Wilderness Areas in perpetuity (i.e., the principle stays intact and only a portion of the income is spent to support

Wilderness). Wouldn't that be grand?

A simple way to do this is to include an endowment in your estate plans. If you would like to make an outright donation to the endowment, that works too. Dian began The Alan D. and Dian H. Wilson Endowment for Wilderness at ESWA with a cash gift and will continue to build it over time, including, ultimately, through her estate plan. If you would like more information about the endowment and creative ways to support the Wilderness, just contact us at [info@eaglesummitwilderness.org](mailto:info@eaglesummitwilderness.org).

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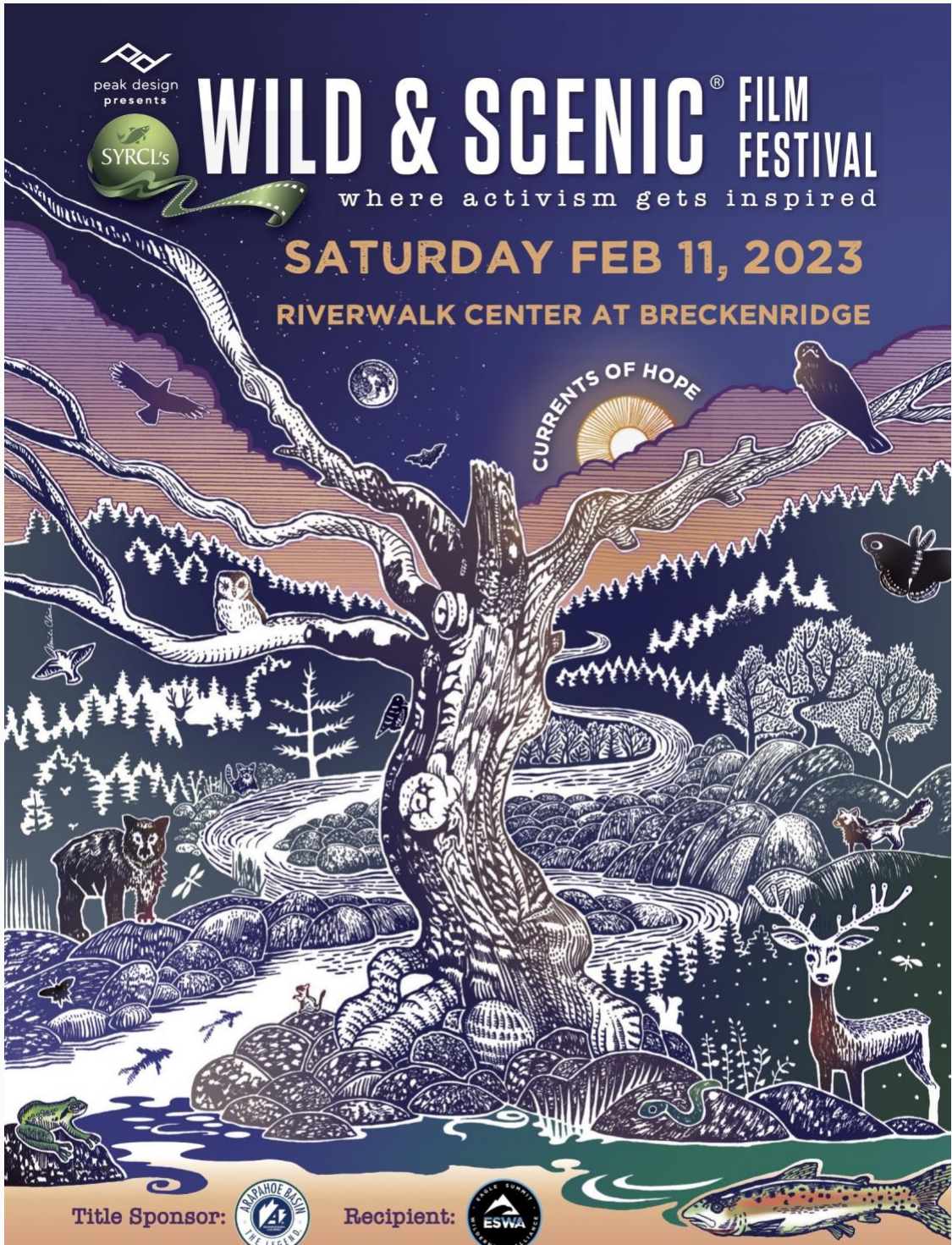
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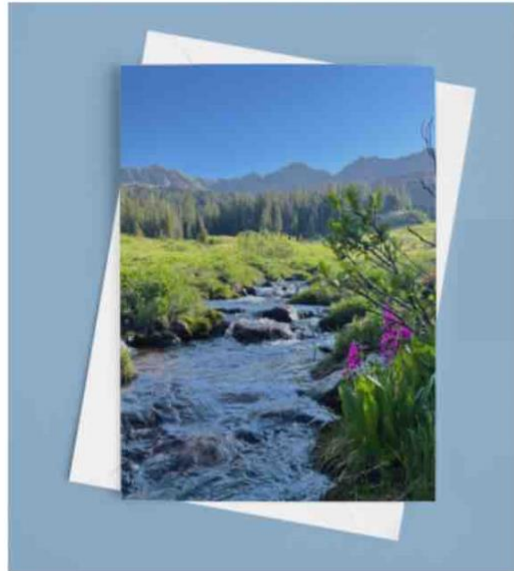


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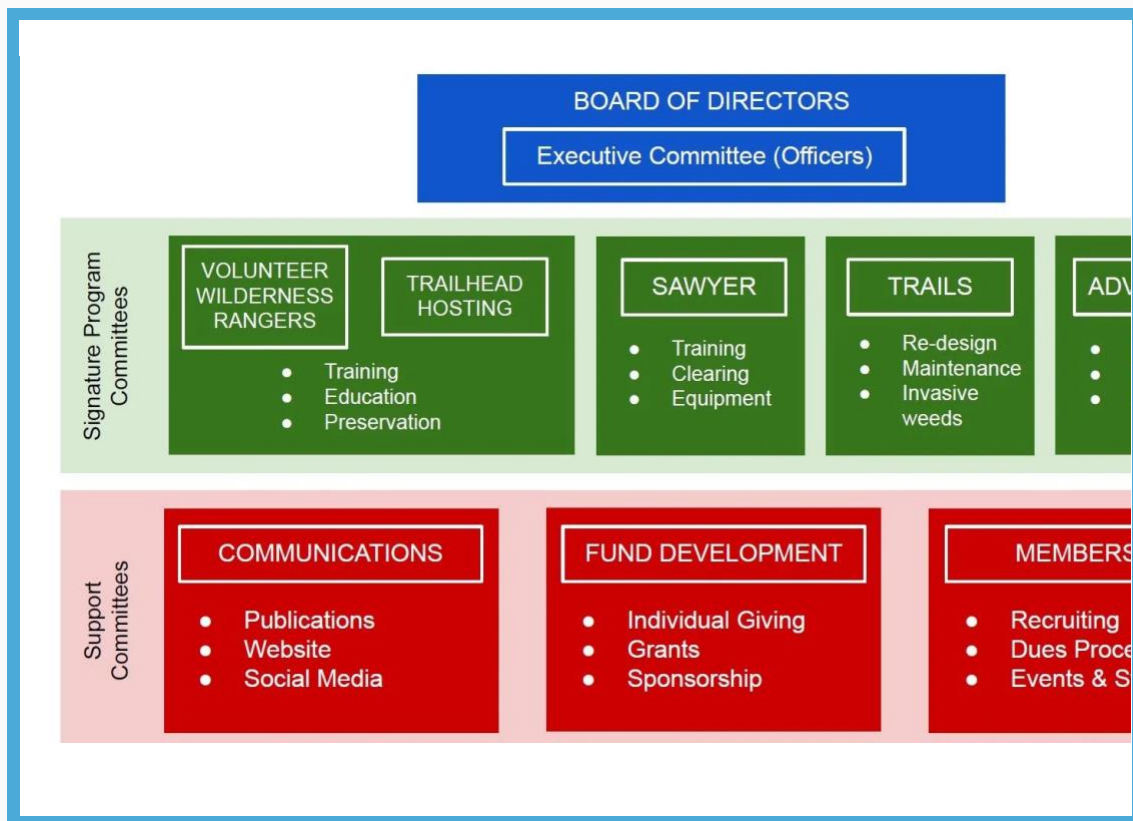
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**ESWA COMMITTEES WORK BEHIND THE SCENES TO MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN – COME JOIN US**

Since ESWA has no paid staff, our amazing volunteer committee chairs and members do the work to run ESWA and make our programs possible. And we are always seeking new members. Find more information on our website [HERE](#) -- scroll down to *Our Committees*. If you are interested in serving on any of the following committees, email our 2023 Chair Karn Stiegelmeier at [karnstieg@comcast.net](mailto:karnstieg@comcast.net).





**PARTNER ORGANIZATION UPCOMING EVENTS:**



**Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance - Trail Ambassador Training**

December 7, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Our friends at the USFS have asked ESWA to provide a few members to train as winter Trail Ambassadors to help educate and inform trail users on the importance of respecting seasonal wildlife trail closures, trail etiquette, and leaven no trace principles. For more info and to register for the training, [CLICK HERE](#).

**Friends of the Dillon Ranger District -  
Backcountry Film Festival**

December 12, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

The film festival will take place in the Eclipse Theater 103 South Harris Street Breckenridge, CO 80424. For more info, [CLICK HERE](#).



**TWO FREE WAYS TO PROVIDE ESWA MUCH-NEEDED FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

- **Sign up for City Market & King Soopers Community Rewards** – **it's so easy!** If you don't yet have the card, please [sign up for one here](#). Then go to your [Community Rewards](#), choose your local store as your preferred store, and set ESWA as the charity to which you want to donate (search for Eagle Summit Wilderness Alliance or use ESWA's code VX077).
- **Sign up for Amazon Smile.** Amazon Smile offers the same products and same prices as the Amazon site. Amazon will donate to ESWA 0.5% of every purchase you make – and it costs you nothing. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up. All you do is log in to Amazon using [smile.amazon.com](#) instead of amazon.com. Sign in through [smile.amazon.com](#) each time you shop, so you might want to bookmark that page.

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