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## SPORTS

### RECREATION NOTEBOOK

#### OUTDOORS

FREE WILDLIFE POSTERS: A poster featuring the work of local wildlife photographer Ken Archer and outlining the 33 goals of the Colorado Division of Wildlife's long-range plan is available free of charge at the DOW office, 2126 N. Weber St. in Colorado Springs, or by writing to: Director's Office, Colorado Division of Wildlife, 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216.

One side of the glossy, 25 1/2-by-11-inch poster features a color photo of a bighorn ram by Archer, with the words: "It's not their future, it's not your future, it is our future." The other side lists the 33 goals.

Archer is a part-time wildlife photographer who also works in the Gazette Telegraph press room.

NO-TRACE WORKSHOP: The Pikes Peak Group of the Colorado Mountain Club will conduct a two-hour seminar on low-impact backcountry use, emphasizing the leave-no-trace principle, Feb. 23 in room 213 of the Worner Center on the Colorado College campus. The presenter will be Ann Vickery, CMC conservation director.

The session will begin at 7:15 p.m. Call Ryan Utz, 633-4391, if you plan to attend.

MOUNTAIN WEATHER: The Pikes Peak group of the Colorado

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Mountain Club will host a program titled "Colorado Mountain Weather" on Tuesday. The program will be presented by Dr. Richard Keen, a meteorologist, writer and photographer who lives near Coal Creek, and will feature a photographic journey through four seasons of quirky Colorado weather.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in All Souls Unitarian Church, 730 N. Tejon St.

TURKEY FEDERATION MEETING: The Pikes Peak chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Brother Bridges Restaurant, 4325 N. Nevada Ave. An optional Dutch-treat dinner will be offered at 6.

RS II - FROM THE SOURCE: Rim Chung, creator of the RS II fly pattern, will be at the Angler's Covey shop, 917 W. Colorado Ave., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to discuss tying the pattern and fishing the South Platte River around Deckers, where the fly was developed. Admission will be free.

STATE PARKS RESERVATIONS: Beginning March 13, visitors to Colorado state parks will be able to reserve campsites by calling 1-800-678-2267. Operators will be available 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Callers can reserve campsites a minimum of three days and a maximum of 90 days in advance. (Memorial Day weekend reservations can be made as early as March 13; Fourth of July weekend reservations will begin April 3.)

Reservations cost \$6.75 per site, and can be billed to most major credit cards. Camping fees range from \$6 to \$12 per campsite per night, depending on the type of services offered. Additionally, all vehicles entering a state park must have an annual or daily parks pass.

Campers will not be able to reserve sites at Steamboat Lake State Park this year. The park is undergoing extensive renovations, financed in part by Great Outdoor

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Colorado, and camping will be available only on a first-come, first-served basis. Pearl Lake and Stagecoach state parks are suggested camping alternatives in the region.

- Karl Licens/Gazette Telegraph

#### SKIING

IT'S HERE! In case you've been asleep since last week, the snow finally arrived at Colorado's ski areas. They aren't measuring it in inches, they're using yardsticks.

For the first time in as long as anyone can remember, Crested Butte has taken over as snow-depth leader. The big mountain north of Gunnison has almost nine feet on top and about 72 inches midway.

It began snowing Thursday. The big snow hit Sunday, leaving 22 inches at Crested Butte. And it hasn't let up much.

All but six of Colorado's ski areas received at least a foot of snow Tuesday and Wednesday. Aspen Mountain has a base of 90 inches after collecting 37 between Monday and Wednesday. Beaver Creek got 33 in the same period.

The powder skiing at all the areas has been described as "heavenly" and "awesome."

"The bowls at Breckenridge were the best I've ever seen," said Colorado Springs skier Tom Lazer. "I've skied there for 16 years. I swear it was the best."

The new dump has made driving risky on many mountain passes, and avalanche danger is extremely high. One slide at Crested Butte crashed through the windows of a building and buried cars and equipment. No one was injured.

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SKI FREE: Skiers might as well take advantage of the snow and Copper Mountain's offer for free skiing.

Copper will open its K and L lifts to anyone with a coupon for the free skiing offer. Coupons are available at the Copper Mountain Union Creek Ski School.

The lifts serve the beginners' area, which features some long, gentle runs, perfect for learning or cruising.

Copper officials say they want to attract new Colorado residents to the sport of skiing.

The promotion will run through Feb. 26, then will be offered again on specific dates through the end of the season.

SKI IT DEEP: Skiers can sharpen their skills at the Deep Powder and Mogul Clinic at Monarch March 25 and 26. Cost for a single day is \$60, \$120 for both days. The price includes an all-day lift ticket. Participation is limited and reservations are recommended. Call the Monarch Ski Improvement Center at (719) 539-3573, ext. 116.

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