

ELDORA HIGH COUNTRY

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Devil's Thumb Toppled!

by Paul Rock
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A landmark and gathering point visible to travelers from both sides of the Continental Divide for the past 7,000 years* is no more. Devil's Thumb, carved from the granite by ancient glaciers and sculpted by erosion as those glaciers receded, was for millennia a destination for mountain sports enthusiasts of every persuasion, all the way from the excitement of leaping up from a game-drive wall to spear elk, to the more modern thrill of helicoptering up for some Saturday snowboarding.

But as this photo (right) shows, the towering spire is now merely a truncated remnant of its former glory. The unique and once unmistakable geologic feature now lies as just more rubble and talus below the Thumb's first knuckle.

The cause of the collapse remains unknown at this writing, but speculation ranges from natural processes, such as the freeze-thaw cycle and ferocious winter winds, to the possible work of human vandals. While the cause remains mysterious, it is obvious that a great hole in the skyline is all that is left for those familiar with Devil's Thumb's bygone beauty.



The second photo (below, left) was taken earlier from the same vantage point on the Shelf Road. Though taken on a hazy day, it still clearly shows Devil's Thumb jutting pointedly upward, silhouetted against the sky like a hitchhiking teenage snowboarder hoping for a ride back up to Berthoud Pass. (No before-and-after photos taken from the Western Slope are available.)

The tragic loss of the "business end" of the Thumb is sure to disturb return visitors, local residents, and especially mapmakers, who must now revise contour shading and update nearby features with new names like "Severed Thumb Pass" or "Devil's Stump Lake."

Despite the impacts of this latest loss, which follows last year's vandalizing of a Jurassic rock in Utah's Goblin Valley State Park, neither Boulder County nor the US Forest Service have any plans to investigate the incident. One local who wishes to remain anonymous said, "I'm sure gonna miss that pinnacle. It's been there all my life until now."



Photos courtesy of David Steffen

*cf: Kindig, J., Benedict, J., et al, 1981.

Well, another winter is passing and we start making our plans to re-emerge into Eldora once again, either from our increasingly small dwellings wherein we are starting to bounce off of the ever tightening walls, or from the less exciting climates where we retreat to wait out the days until we can return to the place where we really want to be.

As we crawl from our cocoons and squint in the bright light, we find that events haven't remained idle during the long winter months. At this point we are all awaiting the decision from the Forest Service about the expansion the ski area feels that they need to make. Also on the agenda is the proposed annexation and development by Joe and Kayla Evans of their property at the intersection of 119 and the Eldora Road. With considerable discussion and wrangling, the board has voted to oppose the annexation, based on the very vocal opposition to it by a number of members. It wasn't an easy deci-

sion but in the end came down to the fact that the board exists to carry out the will of the membership. On most issues we rarely hear from a soul, and we're left to thrash around in the dark and do the best we can, but on issues of this magnitude we really need the guidance of the members. Hopefully, with the launch of the website we'll be able to get a clearer picture of the consensus of the town.

Speaking of that, the website is indeed up and running. Check it out at **EldoraCivicAssociation.org**. Please use the Forum to voice your opinion. We need your input.

You'll also find lots of archives: old pictures, local plants, newsletters and a wonderful collection of Dave and Diane's nature columns. There's a community calendar, the EEPP, and we're working on getting some additional forums going for events and town doings. It's a work in progress for you, our members, as well as all the inhab-

itants of our town. We welcome your suggestions.

On a personal note, speaking sadly of change, my parents, Bill and Kay Pierson have decided, for reasons of health, that they will no longer be able to join us regularly. They will be sorely missed. My mother has been coming to Eldora since her infancy (her mother Charlotte came up on the train as a child!), and she and my dad have been here together since they met in college after the war. They even remember having steaks at Penrose Lodge! (By the way, what happened to the sign?) They always loved to entertain and attend all the local events, and Dad was very active with the ECA for many years. I wasn't even a year old when they first brought me to Eldora. It was so wonderful to have grown up with that degree of heritage. We're glad our kids are able to enjoy that heritage also, and we look forward to yet another generation whenever they get around to it.

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Moose Mitigation Report

Bill Pierson

Once again we find ourselves towards the end of the winter, looking out of the frosted windows and hoping that the snow only lasts for a few more months, that Memorial Day doesn't have a blizzard and the Fourth of July doesn't get snowed out again. But cabin fever and its accompanying depression are fleeting things, easily broken by the first day of warm breezes, cobalt blue sky, and the realization that you can hear the hopeful trickles of the creek starting to thaw. It's been an unusual winter, with warm, dry and comfortable days in February, a month that normally has no redeeming qualities at all, save for being somewhat short and the fact that March is at the other end of it. And, hey, March ain't always great, but it's not really winter anymore, either!

We hear there's moose work to be done this summer: Specifically, how do we keep our residents from harassing these delicate woodland creatures? Fran Sheets and Company were snowshoeing back from the Enterprise several weeks ago when they apparently disturbed the meditations of what was (by all accounts) a very large and antler-y specimen of the species. I'll let Fran tell their side of it:

"We were snowshoeing peacefully about noon a few weeks ago, coming down the road from the Enterprise, three humans and three dogs. Without any warning, out jumped this big moose, coming from the forest to the west onto the road at a run, so this all happened fast. He landed between the humans and the dogs as the dogs were walking maybe fifteen



feet in front of us in the path. We shouted for the dogs to come back to us, which they did, but only two could turn around because the third was in the moose's path with him on her tail! He chased her into the forest below us to the east of the path we were on.

"After they disappeared into the forest, we regrouped and followed the dog and moose tracks for 100-200 feet into the forest, at which point we could see the moose ahead of us but no trace of our pup! She'd somehow escaped the moose and ran faster than the wind, all the way back to our cabin.

"You should know that this pup is from El Salvador and we'd brought her back three weeks before the incident and her name is Lucky! A smart cookie with an

a well-earned name. We are all much more vigilant walking and snowshoeing in Eldora now!"

Lucky is said to be wondering why she ever thought El Salvador was so bad. The moose declined comment, but they are said to be currently forming a committee to protest this unwonted human (and canine) intrusion into their peaceful ruminations. I'm sure the ECA will be hearing presently from their delegation.

Well, the snow has commenced to fall again; we have numerous inches on our deck, and the whole world looks sadly monochromatic out of the frosted windows. I believe that an adult beverage is in order to chase away these winter blahs.

But, hey, it's almost March!

Winter 2015

Our weather in Eldora, Colorado, at 8,700 feet in the Rockies, is never boring. Overnight temperatures have sunk to minus 20F. New Year's Eve up into the 50's. With winds exceeding 100mph and sustained speeds of forty miles per hour day and night. The Chinook wind can be a blessing or a curse, leaving snow drifts of spectacular size and design.

113 inches of snow cloaked Eldora from October 3 until February 27, 2014. Birds at our feeder have consumed 70lbs of sunflower seed. The most captivating spectacle so far this winter has been the flock of gray-capped finches that fly as a flock of more than fifty and clean up the scattered birdseed as if a vacuum cleaner. Several Eldora winter residents benefit from Marc Fischer's reliable snow plough without which we could not survive the winter.



Dorothy Huntington's Nash in front of Langely's garage during snowstorm of Nov. 1946 See more historical photos on the ECA website, EldoraCivicAssociation.org.



Eldora Now and Then

Mike McCoy

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Diane Brown, Editor*

The Eldora we grew up in and the Eldora of present are very different. The front range is growing rapidly and putting pressure on the mountain towns and wilderness to the west. The mentality is more materialistic and there is less connectivity with the land, the species that inhabit the land, and the community. The building becomes the center of attention. When we were young, the house was no more than the base camp that we operated out of. We got up early, met up with each other along with our dogs, and were off to build a raft or go on a hike or pick some raspberries, or whatever. We might or might not go back to base camp for lunch or we might pack a lunch and get back in time for dinner. After dinner we would go out and raise hell or go for a walk along the stream until the sun set and beyond and then sleep under the stars or in a tent, a tree house or whatever. Once in a while we pulled out the old tin washtub and took a bath if there was time.

Our parents never put much stock into the house either. It was more of a getaway, a place to come to unite friendship and family. I remember when Mark and your dad built your cabin. They enjoyed building it and even let us help a little or maybe get in the way a little, but it was a place to use as the base camp.

I will always remember the Woodland Flats trip we all took in



about 1956. This was a wonderful camping trip where we fished, hiked and read together in the evenings around the embers of a campfire and a kerosene lamp. It was the last great trip of my childhood. It was the last time we really all were able to enjoy what we grew up with the way it was. This trip was the culmination of Eldora in a nutshell. We spent more than a week in a very special place which I visit each year just to remember what it was like. There are still a couple of rocks left from the old fire ring from 52 years ago (your mom and dad, my folks, our sisters who we fought with constantly and Mark.) It would be hard to pull all this back, but we can remember it the way it was and try to hold on to a little piece of it.

I give a course for the Sierra Club each year and have for the past 20 years. I model the course around the way I grew up and what we have lost and are losing. Many of the people who take the course want to continue discussion. I take them on a hike to a desert overlook from a vantage point of about

7000 feet. I think this gives people a sense of PLACE that they have lost or never had. It is powerful because it emits an emotional moment, a moment that they want to retain and revisit.

The way you and I see Eldora comes from a deep philosophical construct that resides in our inner core.

We are fortunate to retain the essence of this and need to pass it on. It is much deeper than a planning process; it is a connectivity process. Can this be instilled in the newcomers? Can they understand the way it was? I think it is our job to offer discussion that revolves around commitment to a bigger process than personal aspiration.

We need to live within our means. Bigger houses translate into more old-growth forest clear cuts, more fuel to heat the home, more water to flush more toilets, more showers to deplete ground water and the list goes on. We need to put more emphasis on quality not quantity of life, and this resides in our inner core.

The Sporting Life of Early Eldora

The following is one of our favorite stories from early Eldora. In the early days of Eldora there was no TV, no movies, not even any video games (The Horror!). There were, however, eleven (or twelve) saloons serving a population of about two thousand souls. There was also a lively "sporting district" up Bryant Avenue where the gamblers and the Ladies of Negotiable Affection set up shop, conveniently on the road back from the mill and the mines up the Enterprise road, all the better to lighten the miner's payday wallets on the way home. In those days they had to make their own fun!

The following is from "Silver, Gold and Black Iron" by Don Kemp, whose father John was one of the founders of Eldora (and whose rocker that he brought from Central City is still in use today in our cabin).

The other article is from Jack Langley who grew up in Eldora and was a blacksmith, miner and rancher. Talking with Jack was like talking with the West.

Finding Love in All the Wrong Places: The Monte Carlo District of Eldora

By Donald C. Kemp

From Silver, Gold and Black Iron

The segregated district, a subject of hullabaloo by the Business Mens' club in the period preceding the town incorporation, was also a controversial topic in the deliberation of the trustees on May 16, 1898. This was evidenced by the tenor of several ordinances and by instructions issued to Town Marshal L. W. Payne, directing the levy of a \$5.00 a month assessment against each "lewd woman" and a \$10.00 per month payment by each dance hall in advance. The gambling halls dug up a \$5.00 ante for each gaming table, and a later amendatory order hiked this fine to a flat \$50.00 per house. The gamblers set up a howl and the council mercifully cut the levy in half. With like generosity they enlarged the operating limits of the dance halls to include "any place on and along Eldorado Avenue east of Seventh Street and west of Fourth Street," as well as in the originally designated area, now known as Monte Carlo Addition. This section was reached by way of Seventh Street over a log bridge spanning the creek. The long one-story Monte Carlo casino and dance hall built of logs faced Seventh Street a few yards south of the bridge.

Ed Cook, a reactionary, fomented a scheme to make Eldora "a wide open town" and to permit denizens of the Monte Carlo Addition free access day or night to all sections, including restaurants, stores, barrooms, and other public places. The ingenious idea, which prompted this suggestion, was that a similar policy was "what made Cripple Creek" and in like manner must surely benefit Eldora. During the heated debate which followed, one of the board



suggested that if the system really was the making of Cripple Creek, it would be a fine plan to round up twenty or more of Eldora's scarlet damsels and "swap them off for just one good-paying mine." The formal resolution embodying this plan passed without a dissenting vote. But Mayor Webb said "NO"; so the girls stayed put on their Monte Carlo reservation across the creek.

In the dim half-light of early morning, a short time later, two men were seen to cross Eldorado Avenue and enter one of the saloons, each one carrying pickaback a scantily clad female. The night marshal, ever alert, quietly entered the saloon through the back entrance and surprised not only the two couples he had seen crossing the street, but a third couple which he had missed. One of the boyfriends, on seeing the

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marshal, beat a hasty retreat, but the remaining five fell to the merciless clutches of The Law and were ordered to appear on the following afternoon before Police Magistrate Rowe. Marshal Payne lined up the defendants before the judge promptly at two o'clock. The men pleaded guilty, and each paid a fine. The girls denied any guilt, and each was sworn and questioned by His Honor. The first defendant stated her occupation as "dressmaker." The second was also a dressmaker. The third defendant, after a moment's hesitation said, "Judge, I'm a chippie!" There was much laughter by the audience and banging of the judicial gavel to restore order. Solemnly came the next query from the learned justice, "Well, Chip-pie, how's business?" "Poor, your Honor. Very poor. There's too damn many dressmakers in this town!" Even the judge smiled. Each defendant was pronounced guilty and fined. The three then returned to the humdrum life in the Monte Carlo Addition across the creek, and the episode was soon forgotten.

The townspeople – especially parents of teenage

sons – wakened to an unofficial headache when they learned to their horror that several adventurous lads, during stolen visits to off-limits Monte Carlo houses, were learning the intricacies of ballroom dance steps (and mayhap more intimate social diversions) under the expert tutelage of the Cyprian residents. Intelligence of this matter was duly imparted with lurid details by smaller youngsters who "peeked through the window and seen 'em!" A serious-minded and incorruptible youth indirectly confirmed the scandalous doings: While delivering groceries ordered from his father's store, he often refused cordial invitations from Madams to enter the Halls of Sin; and as sternly he refused requests to "just leave the groceries, and I'll be in tomorrow to pay for them."

As if these happenings were not enough, one bright morning alongside Seventh Street near the Monte Carlo Casino, a large signboard embellished with a beautiful Gibsonsque female figure, painted in flamboyant colors, proclaimed:

THIS IS MONTE CARLO

Fourteen Beautiful Girls to Serve You

Red Light District - Eldora's Shady Ladies

By Jack Langley

In addition to eleven saloons, Eldora supported at least three hotels, several rooming houses, grocery, hardware, clothing stores, a bank, blacksmith shop, shoe shop, restaurants, and a two-story gambling hall. Also, Monte Carlo, a red light district. The town bridge was on 8th Street between the gambling hall and the red light district. The bridge was made of logs and poles.

We boys had to go by the sporting houses on our way to pick wild berries and were often called on to deliver a pail of berries to the gals. We would pitch in and hurry to get a pail full and deliver it. This was always cash money and about all the spending money we had and something our folks knew nothing about. Then we would have to hurry like the devil to get berries to take home.

At times when the weather was good, these gals would parade around town in a tallyho. (Webster's dictionary defines a tallyho as a coach drawn by four horses.) The Monte Carlo faded out with the boom. John Kemp tore down the buildings in 1907. I picked up work for a week or so after school hours. He left

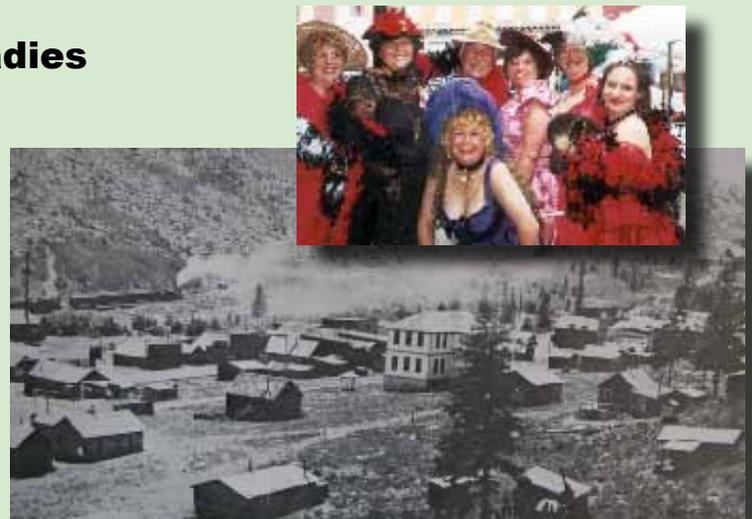


Photo by T. C. Black. Train & red light district - "The Switzerland Trail" by Forest Crossen: Two trains at Eldora on a summer afternoon. Photo taken before erection of station, probably in 1905. Near lead locomotive is site of the Monte Carlo Dance Hall, a lively spot during the boom of 1898-1900. Many business and professional men flocked here, far from home, for a wild fling with the wine, the girls and the song.

my pay at one of the stores – all of 50 cents. One evening I collected and passed his house on the way home. He was at his desk and I threw the 50-cent piece through the window at him. He raised hell about it to my dad and I don't know who got the 50 cents.

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ELDORA CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Civic Association Members Meeting
Sunday February 15, 2015 - 1:10 pm

A meeting of the Eldora Civic Association was called to order by President Bob Frick at Joe McDonald's home, 800 McIntire St., in Boulder, Colorado. Board Members Bob Frick, Joe McDonald, Bill Pierson, Jr., and Anne Burton were present. ECA members Jerry Donahue and Lex Ivy were also present.

The Mission statement of the ECA was read.
The meeting was called to order.

Formal Motions:

- 1) Moved by Bill Pierson, seconded by Joe McDonald, **approved** meeting minutes from November 15, 2014 meeting at Anne Burton's house in Eldora.
- 2) Moved by Joe McDonald, seconded by Bill Pierson, Jr., **approved** Lex Ivy to be a member of the ELPF committee.
- 3) Motion by Joe McDonald, seconded by Bill Pierson, Jr., **approved** to send Joe's McDonald's revised letter to the Boulder County Commissioners opposing the annexation of Evan's land into Nederland.

Committee Reports:

Financial Report: - Paul Rock (via email)

The ECA currently has 100 members as of 2/11/15.

The ECA checking account balance as of 1/31/15 was \$12,664.36.

The ELPF savings account balance as of 1/31/15 was \$30,479.06. A deposit for \$25 was made on February 5, 2015, bringing the current balance to \$30,504.06. Randy Leever's name is still on this account at Centennial Bank in Nederland. Randy must appear in person for us to change it, with a copy of Board meeting minutes naming the new ELPF officers. The bank and ECA Treasurer, Paul Rock, need an official, current person authorized to sign ELPF transactions.

Paul has been faithful in depositing ELPF contributions but remiss in acknowledging them with thank-you notes. The following recent contributors need be sent thank-you notes from the ELPF committee:

Last Name	First Name	CheckDate	CheckAmt	Deposited	Notes
Egaas	Brian & Korina Bersentes	12/15/14	\$100.00	1/6/15	dep into ELPF acct by PJR
McCoy	Michael & Patricia	12/30/14	\$250.00	1/6/15	dep into ELPF acct by PJR - memory of Abe & Ruthanna McCoy & Blackie
Shaw	Marilyn	1/16/15	\$25.00	1/23/15	dep in ELPF 1/23/15 PJR
Pierce	Lowel & Annie May	1/18/15	\$30.00	1/23/15	dep in ELPF 1/23/15 PJR
Rolfes	James & Kathryn	1/15/15	\$100.00	1/27/15	dep in ELPF 1/27/15 PJR
Howe	Ray & Jenn Hronkin	1/15/15	\$25.00	2/5/15	dep in ELPF 2/5/15 PJR

ELPF Committee Notes:

The current ELPF chairman is Joe McDonald. Lex Ivy was designated as a new ELPF committee member. Jerry Donahue reported that there is \$12,821.00 in the BCPOS Foundation earmarked for Eldora. The ELPF committee will make a proposal to possibly combine funds in the ELPF with Boulder County funds earmarked for Eldora. The ELPF committee will discuss this idea and make a proposal to the ECA Board.

Transportation: - Bill Pierson, Jr.

Bill has exchanged emails with Leslie of Boulder County about speed mitigation. Bill believes Boulder County will again install the traffic delineators for 2015.

Old Business:

The Eldora ski resort expansion recommendation has been delayed, but should be announced within the next two weeks.

ECA Recruitment:

We need to recruit more members for the ECA. Jerry Donahue will write an article for the next ECA Newsletter.

Save the Dates:

- May 2, 2015, 1:00pm, ECA meeting at Anne Burton's, 210 Eldorado.
- June 6th at 9:00 am, Eldora Clean Up – Led by Ron Leever, meet at the Bolton's. Ron's phone: 303/494-4008.

- June 20, 2015, 1:00 pm -Annual Business Meeting, at Paul Rock's House in Eldora.
- June 27, 2015 Last day for submissions to the ECA Summer Newsletter.
- July 25, 2015, 12:00 The Eldora Annual Picnic will be at The Bolton's.
- June 28, 2015 Last day for submissions to the ECA summer newsletter.
- August 22, 2015, 1:00 pm The Annual Civic Association Members Meeting: Goldminer Hotel.

The Intermountain Alliance: - Lex Ivy

Lex Ivy will find out information on ECAP and report back.

Eldora High Country: - Bob Frick

Request for articles for the newsletter within the next 10 days, FEBRUARY 26, 2015. Bill Pierson, Jr. will provide an article announcing the ECA website. Lex Ivy and Bill Pierson, Jr. will work together on the new ECA Website. Lex will work on ways for search engine to bring our website EldoraCivicAssociation.org solicit ideas and photos for the

History Night: - Joe McDonald

There are not any history nights as of yet. Paul Rock will ask Lee Tillitson and see if she would be interested in speaking at one of Eldora's History nights.

Bylaw discussion: - Bob Frick

Changes to update the ECA Bylaws, specifically the ECA committee sections will be tabled until the next board is elected.

Evans Property Annexation to Nederland:

On Sunday April 13, 2014, with all board members present, the ECA Board sent a written letter to Kayla Evans stating that the ECA would not be taking a position on the annexation of her property into Nederland, Colorado.

On February 15, 2015, due to ECA membership strongly voicing their opinions against the annexation of Evan's property into Nederland, the Board voted and approved, submission of a letter to Boulder County Commissioners against annexation of the Evan's property into Nederland, Colorado.

Next meeting is: May 2, 2015, 1:00 pm, Anne Burton's – 210 Eldorado.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Burton
ECA Secretary

Forest Service Update

Well, folks, as you can see from the release below, the Forest Service has given the ski area everything they asked for and more. They are even suspending their own rules about leaving cover and habitat in riparian areas, so the ski area could conceivably bulldoze clear to the water's edge if they choose. We doubt that would happen, and Boulder County actually has the final say since they issue the permits, but one wonders why the Floristas even bother with public input.

U.S. Forest Service releases Eldora ski area projects draft decision

BOULDER, Colo. – The U.S. Forest Service is releasing its draft Record of Decision and final Environmental Impact Statement today for the Eldora Mountain Resort Ski Area Projects. The draft decision proposes allowing the ski area to expand its terrain and facilities on National Forest System lands. Eldora Mountain Resort is located on the Roosevelt National Forest in Boulder and Gilpin counties. The ski area consists of 615 acres on National Forest System lands and approximately 410 acres of private lands. This decision only applies to improvements on the National Forest.

Three alternatives were considered during the environmental analysis. After reviewing numerous comments from the public and input from natural resource specialists, the draft decision incorporates components from both Alternative 2 and Alternative 3. This decision enables Eldora Mountain Resort to expand to the north and south and includes 66 acres of new skiable trails; 119 acres of new and improved tree and gladed skiing; 185 acres of added terrain in intermediate, advanced intermediate and expert ability levels; two new chairlifts; two chairlift replacements; 65 acres of added snowmaking coverage; a new 20,000-square-foot

restaurant facility at the top of Indian Peaks Lift, which could serve up to 850 people; and renovations at the Lookout restaurant to serve an additional 300 people.

“For more than half a century, Eldora ski area has been part of Boulder County’s recreation tradition,” said Forest Supervisor Glenn Casamassa. “This decision will provide enhanced opportunities for the skiing public to enjoy a downhill ski area within an hour of Denver.”

Casamassa noted that this decision will improve the safety and reliability of the ski area’s chairlifts and terrain, particularly during wind events.

“The expanded, more natural terrain and improved on-mountain guest services will help Eldora Mountain Resort provide the alpine ski experience expected by clients,” he said. “While there will be impacts from construction of the new lifts and the terrain expansion, these will be limited in scope and duration and can be minimized through strict mitigations and design criteria.”

The draft decision is subject to a 45-day objection period, beginning the day the legal notice is published in the newspaper of record (in this case the Coloradoan). While the public is always welcome to provide comments



and feedback at any point in this process, objections will only be accepted from those who have previously submitted timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunities for public comment.

The decision to expand permit boundary to the north and the south also requires an amendment to the Forest Plan, which would allow all National Forest System lands within the special use permit boundary to be managed as part of the ski area. This amendment is subject to a 60-day objection period, beginning the day the legal notice is published.

The legal notice with more details about the objection process, the draft decision, the final Environmental Impact Statement and all natural resource specialist reports will also be available online at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/arp/eldora or www.eldoraeis.com.

The Forest Service has issued its decision on Eldora Mountain Resort's expansion plan and approved everything that EMR asked for. This means EMR can descend to the north into the Hessie trailhead area, a beautiful riparian area and wildlife corridor that is the gateway to the Indian Peaks Wilderness. The expansion of downhill runs on the south side will also negatively impact the Nordic area of EMR and make public access to the Jenny Creek trail difficult, since downhill runs will go over the route with a new Jolly Jug lift.

But the process is not yet complete. If you made comments in 2014 to the Forest Service concerning EMR's plan to expand or during the scoping phase in 2012, then you have legal standing to file an objection with the Forest Service. You can file on your own or co-sign the objection that the Middle Boulder Creek Coalition (MBCC) is filing. You have until May 4 to file. Go to <http://www.middlebouldercreekcoalition.org> to find out how to object to the Draft Record of Decision.

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- ◆ You can donate to MBCC to help pay our environmental consultant and attorney who are preparing the formal objection. Just go to the MBCC web site listed above to donate.
- ◆ Whether you have legal standing or not, you can help by writing a polite e-mail to the Boulder County Commissioners (commissioners@bouldercounty.org) who share some of the same concerns we do about EMR's expansion plans:
 - 1) Impacts to the Middle Boulder Creek Drainage and visitors to the Indian Peaks Wilderness
 - 2) The new bridge across the creek
 - 3) A lack of better alternatives to the proposed expansion
 - 4) The ski area and UFSF ignoring Boulder County land use plans.
- ◆ Boulder County has considerable leverage in the issue and the ski area will likely need County approval for several key elements in the expansion proposal. Go to the MBCC web site listed above for a sample letter to the Boulder County Commissioners.
- ◆ You can also go to the "No Eldora Expansion" web site, www.noeldoraexpansion.org, for more information and to donate money.

Don't forget!

HISTORY NIGHT: Saturday, July 11, 7:00pm at the Gold Miner.

"The Switzerland Trail" with Michael O'Neill, Ph.D!

Visit our beautiful new website at: **eldoracivicassociation.org**.

Goings on, opinions, archives, old photos and more!

ELDORA CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM
2013 – 2014

ECA membership dues for fiscal year 2013 -2014 are due on September 1, 2014. Full membership dues are for Eldora Property Owners and associate dues are for non-property owners or extend family. Please note that there is only one full/voting membership per property. Extra copies of the newsletter for extended family members can be purchased as associate members.

Name _____
Eldora Address _____

Eldora Telephone _____
Other Address _____

Other Telephone _____
E-mail Address _____

- \$45 Full Membership (hard copy – black& white) also send electronic copy no extra fee
 \$75 Full Membership (hard copy – full color) also send electronic copy no extra fee
 \$30 Full Membership (electronic newsletter) Please include your email address.
 \$30 Associate Membership (hard copy – black& white) also send electronic copy no extra fee
 \$60 Associate Membership (hard copy – full color) also send electronic copy no extra fee
 \$15 Associate Membership (electronic newsletter) Please include your email address.

Additional copy of newsletter(s) to be sent to:

Name _____
Address _____

Telephone _____
Email Address _____

If you are a summer-only resident of Eldora and would like your newsletter mailed to your Eldora address, please indicate your approximate arrival and departure dates. Any other mailing instructions should also be included with this form.

Please send your check to:

**Eldora Civic Association
P.O. Box 988
Nederland, CO 80466-0988**

Eldora Land Preservation Fund
P.O. Box 988
Nederland, CO 80466-0988

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ in support of the preservation of natural areas in and around Eldora. (Write check to ELPF and mail to the above address.)

Please send an acknowledgement of this donation to:

Boulder County Parks and Open Space Foundation
P.O. Box 227
Hygiene, CO 80533-0227

Please find my tax deductible donation of \$_____ to support the purchase of open space in and around Eldora. (Write check to BCPOS Foundation and mail to the above address.) **This donation is to be applied to the Eldora Preservation Fund within the BCPOS Foundation.**

Please send an acknowledgement of this donation to:
