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The Spring 1996 Newsletter of

SHEEP MOUNTAIN ALLIANCE

An environmental grass-roots group protecting the San Miguel Region.

SMA Shreds Ski Area Expansion Myths

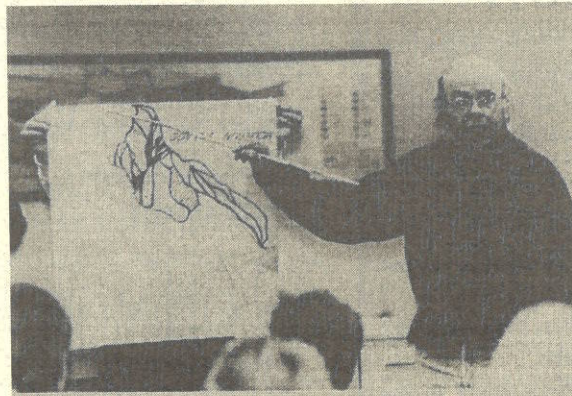
At the outset of 1996, the Forest Service released the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the expansion of the Telluride ski area in southwestern Colorado, along with a Draft Record of Decision (DROD) in which the Forest Service approved 5 new lifts and three restaurants, while rejecting components of the proposal that many considered red herrings (items to be thrown away regardless.) SMA had numerous concerns that would result directly and indirectly from this decision, including

* increased development pressure and suburban sprawl on Turkey

Creek Mesa due to development in the Skunk Creek drainage, as well as the increased likelihood of land trades, resulting in developable private land, once this area loses its 'forest character,'

* habitat degradation due to summertime uses, particularly in Prospect Basin,

* habitat degradation and wildlife corridor disruption in the Skunk Creek watershed due to its heavily forested nature and old growth characteristics, including presence of associated species.



Phil Miller discusses the suitability of skier terrain as part of the SMA Panel. Photo by Rob Hubert

vened including four panelists with expertise on particular aspects of the ski area expansion. Included on that panel was Dave Schneck, San Miguel County's environmental health official discussing air quality impacts, the gondola's mitigation capability for those impacts, and the credibility of the study used to determine these. Furthermore, Tim Cannon, President of the Telluride Chamber of Commerce, discussed the economic perspectives of the expansion; Cameron Brooks, past director of SMA, talked about the trends and threat of development "Over the Ridge" in the Alta Lakes area and Turkey Creek Mesa;

and finally Phil Miller, a retired forester extensively familiar with the terrain in the expansion proposal, discussed the suitability (or lack thereof) of the area for alpine skiing as well as the import of the Skunk Creek drainage for wildlife as habitat, as a migration corridor, and for old growth dependent species.

Attended by well over 120 individuals, including Town Council members and staff, County Commissioners, and representatives of the Telluride Ski and Golf Company (Telski,) the meeting proved a tremendous success in pulling together the communities' concerns regarding the immediate as well as latent affects of ski area expansion. In the following weeks, SMA staff and volunteers

Given these concerns for the preservation of the environment in the Telluride region, SMA undertook a public information and education campaign aimed at allowing the community to make an objective decision regarding expansion. On February 19, a meeting was con-

ducted that concern, along with intense scrutiny of the FEIS, into an objective position statement that included the following requests to the Forest Service:

1) Removal of the Skunk Creek lift from approval by the Forest Ser-

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Who's Valley Floor Is It?

Whether you've made a wrong turn heading for Cortez, or have been traveling to and from Telluride for years, all of us have experienced a small epiphany with the appearance of the Valley Floor. There's no other space we share so regularly as a community. It's our trademark. And if we could somehow determine how much revenue its very presence brings

to this resort community annually, that figure would likely eclipse the economic benefits of skiing, the arts, and main street business combined.

But if the Valley Floor's prospective development by San Miguel Valley Corporation (SMVC) was simply a matter of cash in our

wallets; a case of simply devising the "least destructive" solution to locating trophy homes and yacht clubs, we could all sit back and leave it to the consultants and committees. In reality, the Valley Floor's future is synonymous with our own, and to settle for any solution short of total protection would be send-

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To This End, Sheep Mountain Alliance will:

- *Support wilderness designation and protective management of threatened wilderness areas.
- *Fight to preserve the ecosystems of the San Miguel River and regional watersheds, including wetlands.
- *Lobby for acquisition and protection of open space in the local region.
- *Oppose destructive tax subsidized federal land and river management actions.
- *Defend our quality of life and sense of community by promoting responsible citizen involvement in land use and natural resource decision-making, for both public and private lands.
- *Promote a diverse sustainable local economy through recycling, efficient transportation systems, use of renewable resources, water and energy conservation, and ecologically sensitive planning.

Sheep Mountain Alliance is a non profit tax-deductible 501(c)(3) organization. To become a member of Sheep Mountain Alliance please refer to the back cover. If you are not a member but would like a copy of our quarterly newsletter, *Talking at EWE*, or back issues, please send a check for \$2.50 per newsletter, a list of the issues desired, and a self addressed envelope. SMA accepts ad-

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From The Director's Desk

"Grassroots" -

The New Foundation of Democracy?

Time and time again, I become frustrated with just how disconnected many of our elected officials seem, and how the desires of so many of us are overlooked in our policies. I wonder, just how much of a democracy do we really have in the U.S. today?

Consider that 71% of Coloradans' want wolves reintroduced, yet it doesn't happen. While consensus in this case would be the ideal for a democracy, it certainly cannot occur in governing large numbers of people (i.e. 260 million people in the U.S.) Consequently, government by majority rule has become a necessity for our democracy. The Merriam-Webster dictionary offers the following descriptions of democracy - 1) a government in which the supreme power is held by the people, and 2) the absence of hereditary or arbitrary class distinctions or privileges, among others. Arguments can easily be made regarding our government that 1) the supreme power, in many cases, is not currently held by all of the people, and 2) arbitrary class distinctions do indeed exist, at least in regards to the availability of influence by powerful individuals.

Attending the recent grassroots advocacy seminar sponsored by Patagonia, I learned a bit more about the extent of democratic principles in some other nations. This gave me some perspective in judging our own level of democracy. For example, the island nation of Palau has a 40% turnout of the total population at the voting booth. Can we make the claim that democracy exists to a much greater extent there than in the U.S.? It would seem so. Percentage of residents registered to vote, or better, the actual percentage that do vote, therefore might be considered the "percentage of democracy versus the percentage of autocracy," something I will term as the, "democratic index." Compared with what is certainly a much lower percentage in the U.S., it would seem at first glance that we lag greatly in such a measure of democracy.

Given today's culture of information acquisition via 30 second sound bites and negative campaigning, even this low percentage of citizen's 'taking part' in our democratic process seems an overstatement of our understanding of government and society. A much better measurement of the democratic index would be the percentage of residents in our country who are truly educated in and participating in the democratic process. Yet how can our society, so consumed in a fast paced work ethic, spend the time to do so?

One answer in our ever increasingly bureaucratic and fast paced society are effective grassroots organizations such as the Sheep Mountain Alliance. These groups are able to take the time to properly study complex issues and inform their members in a non-partisan and objective manner. Volunteering and now working for grassroots groups for the last four years, I have found that the only source of in depth, reasoned information and conclusions is often the grassroots movement.



SMA's Executive Director, Jeff Berman. Photo by Rob Hubert

If we were to reach 100% on the democratic index, many of the environmental problems we are now fighting would be utterly wiped out. Keeping us from this goal are unscrupulous corporations driven exclusively by the quarterly dividend and unrestrained free enterprise. They are often able to disproportionately influence the positions of the decision makers in our society through PAC contributions and superfluous access to politicians. Yet only a few individuals actually make the decisions for those corporations, thus their influence rises above that of the one person, one vote democratic ideal. This is a negative contribution to the democratic index and makes our job of environmental preservation ever more difficult.

I have become convinced that grassroots advocacy groups are now a necessity in modern democracies that have a free enterprise economy. Essential beyond these organizations' existence is the activity level of their membership. Without an intelligently and accurately informed membership that acts on what they learn from staff and volunteers, the degree to which these groups can counter unscrupulous corporate CEO's is reduced or even rendered useless. The democratic index dips further.

For the grassroots advocacy movement to truly take the reigns away from those with more than their share of the 'vote,' members of these organizations must make their voice heard above the weight of these vote 'mongers'. In this newsletter, for example, nearly every article ends with "What You Can Do." I urge everyone to take just a few of the issues raised in our newsletter, in alerts, or at our meetings, and act on these issues. We together have the ability to pull that index higher, but it will take all of us.

While raising the democratic index would assure wolf reintroduction in Colorado, the voices of the minority would not be ignored. Grassroots groups on that side of the fence would similarly have a say in just how such an event would be implemented. Yet clearly, the reintroduction of wolves, called for by the significant majority's wishes, must nonetheless occur if we are to lay claim that the United States truly represents the model of democracy.

"People who anguish don't act, and people who act don't anguish"

**Pierre Sauvage,
From Mountain Film 1996**

Major Timber Sales in the Uncompahgre and San Juan National Forests Scrutinized

With the resumption of Aspen clear-cut proposals on the Uncompahgre Plateau, and several large timber sales in the Mancos / Dolores District of the San Juan NF, the Sheep Mountain Alliance is hard at work studying their Environmental Assessments (required studies detailing the environmental impacts of public actions such as timber sales and the renewal of grazing permits.) As the Plateau has a history of extensive timber cuts covering a majority of the forested area, there are few roadless areas left. We are particularly concerned about the cumulative impacts associated with this history of extensive logging. Additional study, including site visits, are planned for some of these areas this summer.

The timber sales listed below are not all of the logging going on in the Uncompahgre and San Juan National Forests! They are merely the ones that SMA staff have identified as the most environmentally damaging.

Timber Sale Name	Forest	Acres	Board Feet*	New roads	Type
Spruce Mountain	Uncompahgre	350	4.2 million	7.6 miles	Aspen Clearcut
Darling Lake/	"	630	2.7 million	1.6	Spruce, Fir
Ouray Spring	"	200	2.0 million	-	Aspen
Monument	San Juan	Up to 140	3.7 million	-	Aspen
Groundhog II	San Juan	Unknown	2.0 million	Unknown	Ponderosa Pine
Colt	San Juan	Unknown	2.0 million	Unknown	Ponderosa Pine

*Board feet is a measure of the amount of wood taken from the forest. In Colorado forests, anything over 1 million board feet is likely significant.

What you can do: Get involved!!! The Sheep Mountain Alliance is looking for volunteers to work on our Uncompahgre mapping project, and for volunteers to assist in the study of individual sales on both forests mentioned above. If you would like to learn how you can have a significant impact in preservation of Colorado's few remaining ancient forests, call the SMA office today!

"PREDATOR DESTRUCTION ACT" signed by Governor Romer

By Carol Buchanan

In April, Governor Roy Romer signed Senate Bill 167, shifting the management of predators from the Colorado Division of Wildlife (DOW) to the CO Department of Agriculture. In so doing, Romer handed over predators, once managed by the DOW as wildlife, to the Department of Agriculture, where they will be managed like criminals. Now the commissioner of Agriculture, Tom Kourlis (a sheep rancher,) has the authority to control any "depredating animals," defined as a "threat ... when damage has historically occurred, is occurring, or when it is necessary to prevent depredating animals from inflicting death or injury to livestock or damaging agricultural products or resources." This will likely be interpreted by sheepgrowers to mean open season on any predator, by any means.

Colorado wildlife advocates could see this legislation coming and formed a grassroots organization to put an initiative on the 1996 general election ballot that, if passed, will make it illegal, except in certain cases involving human health and safety and extreme animal damage, to use steel-jaw leghold traps, body gripping snares, strangle snares, or poisons on Colorado wildlife. Volunteers for Colorado People Allied With Wildlife (PAWW) are now gathering the 54,000 signatures required to bring this issue to a vote for the 1996 November election.

For more information, call Carol Buchanan, Western Colorado Coordinator for PAWW, at (970) 327-4737, or write to P.O. Box 571 Norwood, CO 81423.

Working To Preserve

Wildlife Habitat Through The Forest Plan Revision Process.

Every 10 -15 years, all National Forests, including the San Juan on the South side of Sheep Mountain, and the Uncompahgre to the north, are required to revise their forest plans. These plans are the basis by which areas are recommended for wilderness preservation status, or timber extraction and grazing on the opposite end of the spectrum.

By seeing that these plans are modified to follow a model where preservation of wildlife, endangered species, and environmentally benign recreational opportunities are emphasized, we can ensure the long term viability of our environment in southwest Colorado. For example, the forest plans dictate the amount of logging that should occur over the next decade or so from our public lands. Recognizing the importance of these plans, the Sheep Mountain Alliance is undertaking the 3 or 4 year long effort of ensuring that environmentally sound practices are incorporated by the Forest Service.

What you can do: Working with SMA staff on forest plan revisions is a longer term project than most (2-4 years,) but does not require any significant amount of time during any one period. The impacts for environmental preservation are huge in the long run, and volunteers are needed to make a long term commitment with a minimum amount of time. Call SMA for more info.

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vice, with no alpine ski runs allowed in the area. This would reduce the impacts to nordic terrain from the development of the Prospect Basin lift pod (which we did not formally oppose,) while preserving the mature forest contained therein and its associated species. Furthermore, prevent additional development pressures in the area and towards Turkey Creek Mesa.

2) Removal of the Nov-ice Lift from consideration, as this lift would provide only redundant, beginner terrain.
3) A moratorium on all Forest Service land exchanges within and adjacent to the ski area boundary, as past land exchange activity has led to the current threat of development in the Alta Lakes area as well as tremendous loss to the U.S. treasury (see SMA Journals Fall/Winter '93, March '93, Summer '94, and Fall '94.) SMA scrutiny of the FEIS, where a land exchange moratorium was listed as a potential mitigation measure, however, contradicted the assertion that this option was not practicable (often stated by the Forest Service.)

The SMA board and volunteers felt this joint recommendation would have a significant impact on the Forest Service's decision. It was there that many of SMA's position's listed above found their mark.

4) All summertime uses must be restricted prior to July 1, including no motorized vehicle use, hunting, or camping, so that elk calving grounds and sensitive springtime soils within Prospect Basin are protected.
5) Air quality monitoring must be established, with a contingency plan required of Telski in concert with local governments to account for any failures in the required air quality mitigation (the gondola was the only air quality mitigation required of Telski.)
6) Additional mitigation measures associated with protecting instream flows of the San Miguel River (as snowmaking water withdrawals would be added in Prospect Creek, a tributary of the San Miguel,) establishing a conservation trust fund to create habitat protection funds raised by a small surcharge attached to the price of a lift ticket, and wetlands mitigation by maintaining 100 foot (minimum) undisturbed buffer zones around wetlands.

While Telski balked at the last minute in requesting a halt to suburban sprawl via the land exchange moratorium (perhaps their true colors - remaining in the land development industry, were showing?), the communities' desire that ski expansion should not incur the oft associated growth is evident. An improved ski area can come out of this process with minimal environmental impact, if, and only if, a halt to suburban sprawl is required as a result of the expansion. The Forest Service can make the right decision for the environment, sustainable recreation, and a halt to suburban sprawl. If they do not, however, SMA is ready and able to continue the struggle for an appropriate decision by appealing to the regional Forest Service office in Denver. Stay tunedSMA certainly will!

Given the apparent lack of import given to SMA's comments on public lands issues to Uncompahgre National Forest officials in the past, however, we were not optimistic that our comments alone would change the course of the detrimental aspects of the expansion. A great part of our efforts were therefore focused on a unique situation developing in the weeks leading up to the comment deadline of March 22 (a date permanently ingrained in the minds and souls of the SMA staff.) The Town of Telluride, the San Miguel County Commission, the Town of Mountain Village, and the Telluride Ski and Golf Company embarked on an effort to write a joint letter of recommendation to the Forest Service on how they should proceed in the Final Record of Decision. The SMA board and volunteers

felt this joint recommendation would have a significant impact on the Forest Service's decision. It was there that many of SMA's position's listed above found their mark. In particular, we were successful in moving the Skunk Creek Lift from number one on Telski's agenda to last of the lifts 'to be constructed,' and in forcing agreement that a land exchange moratorium would be in the best interest of all the parties involved.

Most of the fieldtrips will take place in Telluride - whether it's walking up Bear Creek or along the San Miguel river, each will take between one and two hours. Some of the trips will give us a first hands look at the regional scenery, taking us up to such places as Lizard Head Pass. Carpools will be arranged at Elks Park for regional trips..

Learn and Earn a Greenbuck!

SMA Coordinates Summer Environmental Fieldtrip/Lecture Series

As part of SMA's effort to educate and inform the community about relevant issues, SMA is co-sponsoring and coordinating a series of lectures and fieldtrips revolving around the natural history and geology, wildlife, flora and fauna, hydrology and the social environment of the region. In conjunction with the Greenbucks Foundation and the Community Music Series, attendance at a seminar and fieldtrip will grant you a greenbuck, the ticket to a concert.

Local experts as well as other specialists from around the region such as Rocky Smith from the Colorado Environmental Coalition, Dr. David Groeneveld, a local Telluride Biologist, Geologist Dr. Bruce Bartels from Western State College, and John Sir Jessie, a local plant and wildflower specialist, will be presenting this summer.

The concerts, which are monetarily "free" to the community, will be held on June 13, with *Zachery Richard*; July 6, still TBA; and August 22, with *A Sleep At The Wheel*. Each seminar will be held at the Nugget Theater on the day preceding and the day of the concerts. Each fieldtrip meets at Elks Park - they will be held through out the summer, beginning Saturday, June 8, with David Groeneveld.

For more information on any of the lectures or fieldtrips, contact either the SMA Office or the Greenbucks Foundation at (970) 728-5951. C-Ya this summer!

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Utah Wilderness Threatens the Last Free-Flowing Tributary to the San Juan River

The Animas-La Plata (A-LP) project is one of two remnant federal projects from the era of large dam building in the West. It threatens the Animas River, the last free-flowing tributary to the San Juan and Colorado Rivers and will directly cost the American taxpayer well over one-half billion dollars to construct and operate. While supporters claim this project is necessary to satisfy a water rights treaty with tribal groups, scrutiny of project details clearly show that the project will likely never perform this task, and is really a southwest developers 'wet' dream.

The project would be built in two phases. Phase I would cost roughly \$551 million and be financed with federal tax dollars. This phase would deliver municipal and industrial water and irrigation water primarily to non-Indians. Phase II would cost roughly \$159 million and would be financed, most probably, by the taxpayers of Colorado. It is under this phase that most of the infrastructure to deliver water to the two Ute tribes is scheduled to be built, yet few people believe Phase II will ever be constructed. Furthermore, the project will consume enough power annually to run a city of 60,000 people; it is a hydropower user, not a power producer. Continued on Page 8

Back... A GAIN

Once again, support for true wilderness protection in Southern Utah gained the day. The Utah 'Wilderness' bill, S. 884, was attached to the Omnibus Parks Bill, an annual bill dealing with numerous smaller tasks regarding the National Park System. Yet a huge grassroots effort aided by Sheep Mountain Alliance, a member of the Utah Wilderness Coalition, beat back this attempt at sneaking this much opposed bill through the legislative process. Special thanks goes out to Senator Bill Bradley (D-N.J.) for his filibuster of the Omnibus Parks Bill due to the inclusion of the 'Wilderness' rider (a bill attached to another bill,) even though a favorable Forest Protection provision for New Jersey was also attached to the Omnibus Parks Bill.

The struggle is far from over though. The Utah delegation is expected to continue their efforts, despite the wishes of a majority of Utahns and indeed all Americans. Not until a real wilderness bill is passed, such as the Utah Red Rocks Protection Bill, H.R. 1500, will we have protection for Southern Utah Wilderness.

Call the Sheep Mountain Alliance for more information.

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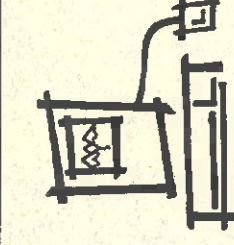
Public Rangelands Management Act Threatens Potential Improvements

The Rangelands Management Act sponsored by Senator Pete Domenici (R-N.M.) would, among other things, restrict public involvement in grazing decisions (similar to the means by which public comment has been eliminated with the infamous salvage logging rider), give new and unprecedented rights to the livestock industry to establish water rights on public lands, waive compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (which merely requires that studies are performed to determine the environmental impacts) for grazing decisions on public lands, and limit the authority of land management agencies to address en-

vironmental damage on National Forests, Grasslands, and BLM lands.

If passed, this bill would be particularly damaging to public lands in the west, including southwestern Colorado, where the San Juan National Forest and BLM lands, especially riparian areas, have been severely degraded and rendered useless for wildlife, recreational opportunities, and water quality preservation.

What you can do: Contact the White House and ask the President to veto this S. 1459 if it reaches his desk.



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The Lakota Rammmed Earth Project

By Jay Simon

A simple and decent home should be within the grasp of every hardworking American family. That simple philosophy sparked the creation of Habitat for Humanity. The Lakota Rammmed Earth Project—a consortium of builders, carpenters, tradesmen, and others from the Telluride regio will construct single-family homes this summer in conjunction with Okiciyapi (Okycy-ee-yapi) Tipi, the local Habitat affiliate in Eagle Butte, South Dakota.

The Lakota Rammmed Earth Project is a unique opportunity for the people of the

Telluride region to make a tangible improvement in a community that has a tremendous need. Tax deductible donations can be made locally to Okiciyapi Tipi/Habitat for Humanity at the Bank of Telluride or American Indian Initiative Rammmed Earth Fund, 3100 West 41st St., Sioux Falls, S.D. 57105.

For further information please contact Austin Keith, Director, American Indian Initiative/Habitat for Humanity (605) 339-2308, or locally, Ken Stack at 728-0501 or Jay Simon at 728-0677.

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generator. In addition, the Bureau of Reclamation (in charge of building the project) estimates that it will return only 36 cents to the national economy for every taxpayer dollar invested.

Meanwhile, the environmental costs are incredible. The project would critically de-water the Animas River, at times diverting up to half the river's flow. A-LP would destroy or adversely impact nearly 1,000 acres of wetlands and flood vital elk winter habitat. Further, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has determined that A-LP would jeopardize the continued existence of two species of endangered fish.

What you can do:

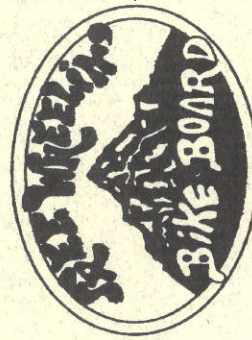
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pers. **Write, call, fax, or e-mail Representative Scott McInnis, and our two Senators, and express your opposition to this boondoggle (Senator Campbell is a strong supporter, ask him to reconsider his position and to support environmentally and fiscally less damaging alternatives.) Ask them to co-sponsor Representative Peter DeFazio's (D. OR) and Tom Petri's (R. WI) amendment to delete all funding for this project.

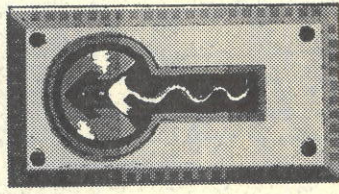
**Write Governor Romer and the Colorado Water Conservation Board not to amend the cost sharing agreement as proposed by the Bureau of Reclamation, whereby \$37.6 million of state funds slated for later stages of the project would be released immediately for construction.

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ing an unequivocal message to land developers - "do as you will".

The question is, do we have the will as a community to place the Valley Floor's protection above all other endeavors? Will we act to protect in perpetuity the heart and soul of Telluride? Can we find a public/private solution which guarantees that no development will occur? Finally, is the Town of Telluride willing to develop a plan and enter into negotiations with SMVC with the will to acquire the valley floor?

We will hear arguments from private property owners that they are "entitled to make a profit on their investment". A fair return on an investment is what they mean. Having bought the property for six million dollars, we can safely say that the SMVC will achieve that objective.

All Sheep Mountain Alliance members and people who call this valley their sanctuary need to commit to its long term protection. In the coming months this issue will become the focus of the community. To succeed we must demonstrate the wherewithal to place the "god of community values" above the "god of private property". Let the Town Council know your stance. Prepare to join with Sheep Mountain Alliance and your neighbors to hold the line on growth. Victory on the Valley Floor insures the preservation of our unique habitat, character and community.

What's Shaking on Sheep Mountain

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We would like to thank Judy, owner of Software Solutions, for her computer expertise, helpful hints and willingness to drop everything for us.

Patagonia Co. Empowers
A Special Thanks

Sheep Mountain Alliance staff, Jeff Berman and Letitia Ferrer, recently had the incredible opportunity to attend a grass roots organization seminar sponsored by Patagonia. The conference, held deep in the Sierra's at Fallen Leaf Lake, brought together grass roots organizations from around the country to discuss the necessary tools we need to preserve our wildlands.

Amidst the spectacular scenery, speakers such as the renowned and captivating David Brower and the enigmatic Paul Butler from St. Lucia filled our plates with renewed activism. The enthusiasm, ideas and success stories that filled the room ensured us at SMA that we must continue our important work here in the Telluride valley and beyond.

We would like to thank Patagonia for their part in protecting the environment. Their compassion and commitment to assist small grass roots groups and their leadership in corporate activism is an example from which we should all take notice.

A Special SMA Thank You ...

* **Karl Kumli**, working on the behalf of Charles D. Goodman
* **Annette Liebe**, Attorney at Law
* **Ted Zukoski**, Staff Attorney at the Land and Water Fund
for their invaluable help with the ski area expansion campaign and comments
We also thank **Steve Johnson for his assistance with ski area expansion comments, outreach, and other SMA matters.

Take Action Today

Due to such an overwhelming response of our members wanting to become more involved in SMA's activities, we have begun a volunteer program. This new program is designed to get you, our members, more involved and pro-active on behalf of the environment. and of course filing. Please call the office for additional information and for setting up volunteer times.

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SIGN ME UP

I want to preserve the Telluride Region for my children and future generations. To support SMA, I have enclosed my tax-deductible donation and/or membership renewal. (check your mailing label for your expiration date.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of SMA \$100 |
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- Yes, I would love to volunteer for SMA - Please Call me!
 Yes, I have interests or specialties that could help SMA

My friend would be interested in receiving information on SMA.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

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Please send your tax-deductible check and this form in a self-addressed envelope to:

Sheep Mountain Alliance P.O. Box 389 Telluride, CO 81435
For any questions please call us at (970) 728-3729

WHY JOIN SMA?

There are plenty of reasons to join Sheep Mountain Alliance. First of all, you will continue to receive our new and improved newsletter, which will bring you up to date on the current issues facing the Telluride region. A section in each newsletter will be dedicated to educating you about the details of the issues. We believe knowledge is the key to understanding and action. It will also focus on how you can contribute to the protection of the region.

As a member of SMA you can receive updates on specific topics you are interested in, have access to our resource library, and have a say in the policy setting of SMA through our annual meetings.

Sheep Mountain Alliance is dedicated to preserving the very reasons we all moved to this magnificent valley. However, we can not do it alone. By becoming a member you are assisting us in our efforts. We understand not everyone can become a benefactor of SMA, this is why we have set up several options for single individuals and families.

We deal with many controversial issues and you may not agree with all of our decisions. Yet, a group that represents the concerned community members, like yourself, is a must in a region with so many outside interests. We will work for you to protect the diversity, beauty and wildness of this place we all call home.

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