

All events will take place in the American Mountaineering Center conference room

Thursday, June 18

6:00 – 7:30 PM Registration and Reception

7:30 – 8:30 PM Keynote

Donny Roth, Independent Descents

Friday, June 19

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Conference

9:00

Welcome

Mark Menlove, Winter Wildlands Alliance Executive Director

9:15

Forest Service perspectives on the OSV Rule and winter travel planning

Leslie Weldon, Deputy Chief USDA Forest Service

10:05

The OSV Rule, what it is and is not, a technical breakdown of the rule

Alison Flint, The Wilderness Society National Forest Action Center

10:50

break

11:05

Panel discussion: Lessons learned from previous travel planning efforts

Bob Moore, Backcountry Snowsports Initiative; Rich Doak, White River National Forest; Vera Smith, The Wilderness Society National Forest Action Center

12:05

Lunch (included with registration)

1:05

Effectively engaging in winter travel planning to protect your favorite backcountry areas

Hilary Eisen, Winter Wildlands Alliance Recreation Planning Coordinator

1:55

Panel discussion: Representatives from the snowmobile community share their perspectives on winter travel planning

Fred Wiley, California Nevada Snowmobile Association; Sandra Mitchell, Idaho State Snowmobile Association and Scott Jones, Colorado Snowmobile Association

2:45

break

3:00

Panel discussion: Working with diverse stakeholders to find collaborative solutions

Representatives from the Vail Pass Task Force: Chuck Ogilby, Jonathan Hare, and Steve Bonowski

4:00

Breakout session: How do we get the backcountry community engaged in advocacy?

6:30 PM Dinner (included with registration) and Snow School Presentation

Presentation by Kerry McClay, Winter Wildlands Alliance Snow School Director

Saturday June 20

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Conference

- 9:00 Roadmap for the day
Hilary Eisen, Winter Wildlands Alliance Recreation Planning Coordinator
- 9:10 Non-profit boards 101: creation, roles, and responsibilities
Reid Haughey, President of The Wilderness Land Trust
- 10:00 Panel discussion: Broadening your constituency by engaging everybody in your local backcountry community
Gus Bekker, El Sendero Backcountry Ski and Snowshoe Club; Jennifer Sonntag Macfarlane, Wasatch Backcountry Alliance; Julie Mach, Colorado Mountain Club/Outdoor Alliance CO
- 10:45 *break*
- 11:00 OSV best management practices
Cailin O'Brien-Feeney, Winter Wildlands Alliance Policy Director
- 11:45 *Lunch (included with registration)*
- 12:45 Documenting dispersed use - using maps as an advocacy tool
Brian Smith, Adventure Projects and Cailin O'Brien-Feeney, Winter Wildlands Alliance Policy Director
- 1:35 Panel discussion: Backcountry ethics (sponsored by Black Diamond)
Alex Hamlin, Black Diamond Equipment; Drew Hardesty, Utah Avalanche Center; Ned Houston, Vermont Backcountry Alliance
- 2:20 Black Diamond Jetforce Pack demonstration
- 2:35 Breakout session: Challenges and opportunities in your local area and thoughts moving forward
- 3:30 Wrap Up/Tying it all together
Mark Menlove, Winter Wildlands Alliance Executive Director

Sunday June 21

8:30 AM Optional day hike near Golden

Meet in front of the American Mountaineering Center

or

10:45 AM Optional mountain bike ride near Golden

Meet in front of the American Mountaineering Center – rental bikes available at Golden Bike Shop