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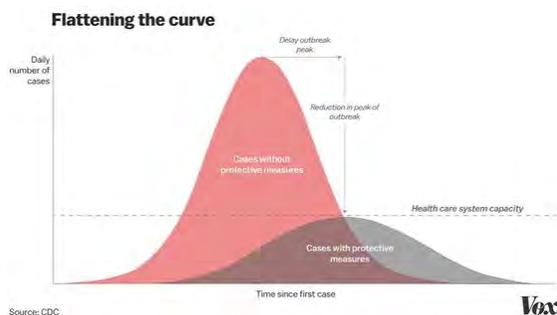
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## The Pandemic

The worldwide coronavirus crisis is testing the skills of leaders at all levels. Some are rising to the occasion, some are not. In our own little corner of the world, CMC has been proactive – postponing all official events, trips, and schools and communicating directly with all members. Check the CMC.org home page frequently for updates.



While no one can predict how difficult things will get or how long the crisis will last, we can do our best to follow the advice of medical professionals and limit the spread of the virus. We can also reach out to family, friends, coworkers, and fellow recreationists. The mantra of our time may be “social distancing,” but that doesn’t mean social retreat.

When canceling future trips, let members know how much you appreciate their company and look forward sharing more glorious days in the mountains when the crisis has passed.

By the way, Denver Group has just purchased its own Zoom remote conferencing account. User info will be sent out soon to the Group’s committee and section heads. Any member with Denver Group business is welcome to use this account.

## New Trip Leaders

Please welcome Matt Gloe, Jon Hieb, and Kristin Provost, who recently completed all requirements to become Denver Group trip leaders.





## DS&L Welcomes New Members

Ralph Shroba and Annette Mickle have been elected to serve three-year terms on the Denver Safety and Leadership Committee. We thank them for their willingness to serve.

Ralph joined CMC in 1979. He is a semi-retired field geologist who has been hiking in the mountains of Colorado and has studied their geologic features for 50 years. Ralph has completed a variety of CMC schools including WTS, Cross-country Ski School, Trip Leader School, WFA, Avalanche Terrain Avoidance, and AIARE Level 1. Ralph is an active hike and snowshoe leader, mainly for the Bobcats Section and CMC's annual In-State Outing.

Annette joined CMC in 2011. She is a retired healthcare administrator with expertise in quality and safety. She also volunteers with the CMC YEP program and leads a community Firewise program. She is an active participant on CMC hikes and snowshoe trips and enjoys learning something new on each trip.

## Using the CMC Trip Management System to Define and Manage Trips

Jeff Stevens has put together a new and excellent user guide that has been posted on Google docs. Those who appreciate learning in a seminar context should stay tuned for an upcoming webinar announcement. The presenters will provide tips, describe some quirks, highlight FAQ's, and address any other questions not covered in the CMC App.

For Jeff's document, see:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UoXa684V4VX2a2ftnZI8DeWpqj2GKAopYzA2m1wbbSw/edit>

## Using the CMC App to Define and Manage Trips

The purpose of this document is to show the trip leader:

1. [How to define a new trip from scratch](#)
2. [How to search the trip database](#)
3. [How to use a previous trip as a model for a new one](#)
4. [How to change a trip definition](#)
5. [How to see who has registered for a trip](#)
6. [How to manage rosters and waitlists](#)
7. [How to cancel a trip](#)
8. [How to close out a trip](#)

If you are having problems using the CMC app to manage trips, please consider asking Maddie Miller of the Office for help. She can be contacted at [maddiemiller@cmc.org](mailto:maddiemiller@cmc.org).





## Compile Some Trip Leader Planning Aids

Sometimes trip planning is made difficult by a leader's unfamiliarity with the place she wants to go. When we first starting trip-leading, planning trips down Hwy 285 was confusing as to the various places we could make a comfort stop: were they in the right place, were they reliably clean and stocked, how long to get there if someone was meeting us at the TH, etc. One day we just drove up and back, checking things out. We compiled this list:

<https://1drv.ms/w/s!AspNPzxr194ohEIIW1MshRDQdmtO>

We did the same thing for I-70 up to the Eisenhower tunnel. <https://1drv.ms/w/s!AspNPzxr194ohECDQqoo29JMWIsY>

Are you willing to do the same for other access-ways like Hwy 72, etc.? Can you think of other aids we might offer our new leaders? County Open Space alert newsletter sign-up links? Best Places to Stop after a Trip? Update our current Best Carpool Meet Places (a very old version is somewhere on our websites).

Go online to edit what's already there. Send new things to us and we'll post them, make them editable, and publish them to all.

Working together we can accomplish some good during this darn pandemic.

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## Act Now to Get Park Camping Permits

Rocky Mountain National Park permits are particularly difficult to snag. The Denver Post's John Meyer explains the ins and outs of wilderness camping in



Colorado. <https://theknow.denverpost.com/2020/01/27/how-to-make-camping-reservations-colorado/231752/>



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## US 36 Between Lyons and Estes Park Closed for 30 Days Beginning March 9 thru at least April 6

Given recent trip cancellations, this may have less impact on group travel but see: <https://www.codot.gov/projects/floodrelatedprojects/us->



## Protecting Yourself in a Litigious World

Former CMC state board president, lawyer, and long-time trip leader Matt Biscan explains the ways in which CMC looks out for leaders and other volunteers in a video posted on the CMC website. He discusses federal and state statutory protections as well as the importance of getting releases, as illustrated by a couple of CMC cases. Although “anyone can sue anybody for anything,” your Club has prepared, and has you covered.



If you’ve overheard some liability concerns in CMC circles, please direct members to:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1XkW9Zxv5xpSoGky05U7TQ0EFggq3dINXHrQMvUQqS-Q/edit?ts=5e6671e1#slide=id.p10>

“Users with a Google account and a smartphone can project the presentation onto their huge smart TV for the best sensory experience,” says Trip Leader School director Jeff Stevens. (I knew something was missing from my tort liability class in law school).

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