

SAVE OUR SOUTH PARK WATER 08

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Good Afternoon:

The Park County Land and Water Trust www.parkcountytrust.org has scheduled a meeting at the Hartsel Community Center for 1:30 this Saturday, August 9. I haven't seen an agenda so I don't know all of the subjects they will be covering but the public is invited.

The Chairman of the Trust, Dave Wissel, has invited us to be present to discuss our activities and possibly budgetary needs with the Advisory Board. I'm sorry about the short notice but arrangements weren't finalized until Saturday.

Since the last newsletter, Ramon and I met with representatives of the US Geological Survey to discuss how we could work together to document ground water characteristics and the geology of South Park. We drove Elkhorn Road and walked some of the staked claims to help them get a "lay of the land" picture. They are going to get copies of all water well logs in the area for as far back as they go. A well log is a general description of depth, flow, static level, etc. that must be filed with the state water engineer upon completion. This should help us begin to characterize the aquifer as it relates to down gradient surface water at the South Platte and reservoirs. This will also tell us if there are any existing wells using the deeper aquifer which is intended for mining.

We are continuing discussions with the Colorado Department of Health and Environment. They may make personnel available to sample individual wells and provide a comprehensive laboratory analysis of water quality at a reduced fee of about \$200. Nothing has been finalized but I would appreciate hearing from those of you who would be interested in participating in the sampling program.

Ramon, our wives and I set up a booth last Saturday for Hartsel Days. It was a sparsely attended event but we managed to recruit a few more landowners and got more petition signatures. Ramon had an opportunity to question Republican county commissioner candidates about their stand on the Land Use Regulations, zoning and the proposed uranium mine. A couple of the candidates told me he did a great job. I kept the booth going during the meet the candidates forum but I did visit with several of them prior to and following the forum. I will ask Ramon to write up his impressions for the next newsletter. He also spoke with two Republican candidates for Congress from our district.

We have started work on the DVD slideshow and narrative with a goal of having it ready for distribution by Sept. 30.

There is nothing new to report on New Horizon Uranium Corp. other than they told Tom Eisenman at Park County Planning that they are currently concentrating their efforts in other countries. I think that country may be named Path of Least Resistance, but don't quote me.

Our next general meeting is tentatively scheduled for Aug. 22 in Hartsel. Apparently there is a lot of back to school activities during that time so we may postpone it to the Saturday, Sept. 6. Let us know which you would prefer.

Best regards,

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