

SAVE OUR SOUTH PARK WATER 08

September 16, 2008

Good afternoon:

During the Aug. 30 meeting we discussed holding our next meeting in conjunction with a "meet the candidates" forum. I have since learned that the Park County Democratic and Republican Parties are jointly sponsoring a forum at 3:00 pm on Saturday, Oct. 4 in the Hartsel Community Center. Rather than duplicate their effort, I would like to encourage you to attend this forum. We are going to have two and possibly three new commissioners in Park County and a new State Senator so it is essential that you make every effort to attend. Each of you should make your views known about the proposed uranium mine and invite the candidates to support your position. T shirts, signs, etc. would also be helpful to show that our group is active and committed in our opposition to the mine.

The Aug. 30 meeting was well attended. We had an update on recent happenings and the first showing of our dvd. Many constructive comments were made which are being integrated and Herb McCrystal is working on a narrative to be added to the final copy. We hope to have the finishing touches added and ready for duplication by October 15.

On Aug. 30 we also announced that SOSPW08 managed to schedule a meeting with representatives of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources and Governor Ritter's office to discuss rule making for HB 1161. We met at the department on Friday, Sept 5 and were represented by Ramon, Jerry Potter, Eddie Kochman and myself. Also attending at our invitation were Jeff Parsons of the Western Mining Action Project, Kay and Jim Hawkle of TAC in Fremont County, Jay Davis of CARD and David Nickum of Colorado Trout Unlimited. We had a good discussion and learned a great deal about what we are up against in the rule making process and how essential it is for our participation to be well informed and forceful

Just prior to our Sept. 5 meeting at DNR, we finally got data from the Denver Water Board which we had been seeking for some time. For the first time, 5 of the metro area water authorities with rights on the Upper South Platte have disclosed the extent of their use. The full data set is available on our web site. **We can now document that over 1.7 million people in the metro area get 81% of their water from our area!** This shows how absolutely essential it is for us to prevent in situ uranium mining and the accompanying radioactive water contamination it always causes. I want to extend our appreciation to Jim Miller of DWB for his help in compiling these data.

Ramon and I experimented with getting t shirt designs made up using the SOSPW08 logo which appears on the front of our brochure. We like the finished product which we preveiwed at the last meeting. You may order a t shirt directly from the printer by

linking from our web site under "Resources and Links". Connie Gray has prepared a 3-ring binder with copies of all of our newsletters, meeting recaps and financial statements which is available in the Hartsel Library so that people without web access will have a chance to read them. Ramon has arranged to mail copies of our brochure with about 1000 community calenders going out to Park County residents in October.

At our Aug. 30 meeting we also discussed doing additional mailings to area landowners who have not yet received notice about the mine. While there is some difference of opinion about the impact of these mailings, it was agreed to go ahead with mailings to those sub-divisions which are closest to the proposed mine but who haven't yet gotten notice. Each of these cost us about \$.68 so we could again use your help with stamps. You can mail them directly to us or send a check payable to USPS to Hartsel Postmaster, Hartsel, CO 80449. Be sure to include a note saying the stamps are for SOSPW08 at P.O. Box 331.

We are also about to order 100, 18" by 24" yard signs printed on both sides with a metal "H" frame. We have received about \$300 designated for this purpose and they will cost us about \$390 delivered.

We currently have \$842 in the bank, of which \$560 is going to be used for yard signs, brochures and 4 give away t shirts to reward volunteers who have been more than generous with their time and skills. Basic DVD duplication will cost about \$1.75 each for 200 or \$ 350. That leaves us with a deficit of \$ 68.

We should have at least \$1000 on hand to deal with any issues that may come up during the HB 1161 rulemaking. We may need to help pay for expert testimony or help out the Western Mining Action Project, who supplies the lawyers representing our interests, with travel and expenses.

Ramon and I don't enjoy asking you for money especially during these uncertain economic times. And we understand that there are those among us who simply can't afford to help. However, to be a viable organization we have to be able to pay our own way. As always, we give you our assurance it will be put to good use and fully accounted for.

So please, take a few minutes and send a check payable to SOSPW08, P.O. Box 331, Hartsel, CO 80449. All previous contributions of stamps, supplies and money are listed by donor and available in the financial statements section of the web site.

Thanks and best regards,

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