**Celebrate Colorado Public Lands Day this Weekend!!**

This Saturday, May 15, Coloradans will celebrate Colorado Public Lands Day. In May 2016, Colorado became the first state in the nation to establish a state holiday recognizing the importance of our public lands to our economy, watersheds, ecosystem integrity, human health and quality of life. Great Old Broads for Wilderness invites you to show your appreciation for our public lands this Saturday by joining us for a stewardship project at Ridgway State Park during which we will conduct some trail clearing of brush and invasive weeds. A bring-your-own picnic lunch will follow. Please RSVP to Peggy at 626-3195 or peggy.lyon@colostate.edu for details.

If you can’t join us, there are other ways to show your support of our public lands. Here’s just a couple of ideas:

* Go to <gmugrevision.com> and support the Community Conservation Proposal (See ad in this *Plaindealer* edition.)
* Call Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper and thank them for championing the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy (CORE) Act.
* As a business owner, go to <coreact.org> and show your support for the CORE Act.
* Pick up some trash or remove invasive weeds from your favorite trail or park.
* Thank a state or federal land management agency employee!
* Learn about Leave No Trace principles <https://www.nps.gov/articles/leave-no-trace-seven-principles.htm> so you can preserve the quality of our public lands and educate others in the face of increasing recreation demands.

Whatever you do to celebrate, please enjoy the beauty, ecosystem services (like clean air and water,) wildlife and peace afforded by these invaluable public lands.

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