

A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed. --Amendment II, US Constitution



The right of no person to keep and bear arms in defense of his home, person and property, or in aid of the civil power when thereto legally summoned, shall be called to question; . . . --Article II, § 13, Colorado Constitution

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Happy New Year...or is it

By the time you get this, the new Colorado General Assembly will have convened. Democrats not only kept control of both houses in the Colorado General Assembly, but anti-gun Denver DA Bill Ritter is the new Colorado governor. As Denver DA, Ritter enforced Denver's anti-gun laws (ban on "assault weapons", no open carry, very limited concealed carry) and his office fought the state laws passed in 2003 for shall issue concealed carry and the preemption of most local firearm laws. Look for a weakening on state preemption, forced "safe" storage, restrictions on where you can carry with a CHP, etc.

Forest Service Takes Aim at Pike and San Isabel National Forests

The US Forest Service is developing a management plan to shape the kinds of uses allowed in Pike and San Isabel National Forests in Colorado for the next 15 years.

Seven public meetings are scheduled in January and February to give the public an opportunity to state how they want the Forests to be managed. The last time the management plan was updated was in 1984, so it is likely that the new plan will incorporate some significant changes.

In its announcement, the Forest Service said that the principle issues will be recreation, ranching, oil and gas development, logging, forest thinning and off-road vehicle use. The Colorado Springs meeting will be from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 31st, at the La Foret Conference Center, 6145 Shoup Road, Black Forest. The La Foret Conference Center is about 3.7 miles east of CO-83 or about a mile west of Black Forest Road.

It is vital that sportsmen and women participate in the process to ensure that access and opportunities for hunting and recreational shooting are provided. Please attend this important meeting if you can.

Our January 11th PPFC meeting will feature Brett Botts from the local Forest Service office. This will be a great opportunity to express

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **January 11: PPFC Meeting and Elections**
- **January 13 & 14: Gun show at Phil Long**
- **January 18: PPFC Board Meeting**
- **January 31: US Forest Service meeting on Pike and San Isabel National Forests**

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Next PPFC Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2007
VFW Post 4052
430 E Pikes Peak Ave
Colorado Springs CO
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

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our concerns to the local Forest Service ranger. This is an important meeting for protecting our rights to recreational shooting in the National Forests.

PPFC Annual Holiday Dinner

We had our annual PPFC holiday dinner on Thursday, December 14th. We had a good turn out with lots of great food. Thanks to everyone who attended and a special thanks to Pat Smelzer for arranging the main course.

PPFC Elections

We will be holding PPFC elections at our January meeting. The Nomination Committee recommends the following candidates:

Vice President: Bob Heinrich (Incumbent)
Secretary: Amy Mullaney (Incumbent)
Legislative Chair: Doug Davis (Incumbent)
Membership Chair: Dan Wandell (Incumbent)

We will also elect a PPFC PAC chair and four at-large PAC members. Nominations will be taken from the floor for all positions.

PPFC at Gun Shows

PPFC will be having a table at the Prospectors Sertoma Gun Show at the Phil Long Expo Center on January 13th and 14th. We need PPFC members to help staff the table. If you can help, please e-mail Bob Heinrich (heinrichf@adelphia.net) or see Marc Hamet at a meeting. This is a great opportunity for us to let local gun owners about the PPFC and to build our membership.

Please send in your 2007 dues (\$20 individual, \$30 family). You can also pay at the January meeting. We are facing the real possibility of more gun control from the Colorado General Assembly and the Democrat governor. We must remain strong to better speak up on our rights.