

FEN TRAINING I

One-day Workshops in the San Juan Mountains

Silverton Area – Monday, July 10, 2006

Telluride Area – Tuesday, July 11, 2006



What is a fen?

A groundwater-fed wetland that forms organic soils (peat) due to saturated conditions.

Why are they important?

- Fens support high biodiversity and unique plant communities.
- They are “old growth” wetlands that have existed for thousands of years.
- The San Juan Mountains are a fen hotspot.

Why is there concern for fens?

Much about fen ecology and hydrology is still unknown. Meanwhile, fens face threats from mountain development & climate change.

Why attend?

- Learn about fen ecology & hydrology.
- Train hands-on with fen inventory & assessment methods.
- Connect with a San Juan Mtn fen inventory & assessment program.

Who is this training for?

Natural resource managers, field scientists, environmental educators, etc.

How are the workshops funded?

As a part of a Wetlands Program Development grant from U.S. EPA, Region 8, to the Mountain Studies Institute (MSI). Find out more at <http://www.mountainstudies.org/Research/fenProject.htm>.

Who are the instructors?

Dr. David Cooper (Colorado State University) & Dr. Rod Chimner (Michigan Technological University), experts in wetland ecology and leaders of MSI’s EPA-funded grant. Dr. Koren Nydick (MSI) is the training coordinator.

Will there be other training?

Yes, workshops in 2007 will teach how to use the San Juan Fen Database developed from the project.

To reserve your space & receive more info:

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