

Highlights from the Field

Commissioner Adams'
January 2021 Update

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Colorado Natural Areas Program

2020 Field Season Highlights:

- ▶ 1 program coordinator, 2 seasonal staff, 55 volunteer stewards
- ▶ Staff and/or volunteer stewards monitored 50 state natural areas
- ▶ Volunteers contributed almost 2,000 hours to monitoring state natural areas
- ▶ Staff and/or volunteers documented over 40 SWAP wildlife or plant species of greatest conservation need
- ▶ CNAP continues to collaborate with over 50 partners to protect state natural areas and conserve rare plants in Colorado



Colorado Natural Areas Program

NEW CNAP story map

(<https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/CNAP-Info.aspx>): learn about all 95 State Natural Areas and many of the natural features for which they are designated

Colorado Natural Areas and Significant Natural Features Colorado Natural Areas Program

Browse through the tab labeled "All Colorado Natural Areas" to learn about all 95 of Colorado's spectacular State Natural Areas. Scroll through the additional tabs to learn more about a selection of the significant features for which State Natural Areas were designated, including unique geologic and fossil features, rare plants, natural communities, and uncommon wildlife and insects. Exact locations may not be shown for every feature or State Natural Area due to privacy concerns or sensitive data. Sites that can be visited by the public are noted. All photos taken by CNAP staff unless otherwise noted.

[All Colorado Natural Areas](#) [Geology & Paleontology](#) [Natural Communities](#) [Rare Plants](#) [Wildlife & Insects](#)

Sources: Esri, USGS, NOAA | Sources: Esri, Garmin, USGS, NPS

Engagement Spotlight:

This New Rock Climbing Route In Staunton State Park Champions Inclusivity In The Outdoors



- ▶ CPW staff and Brown Girls Climb co-designed and co-hosted a route setting event as a follow up to an all levels climbing event.
- ▶ This workshop provided opportunities to deepen knowledge and expertise in route setting. Workshops like these help to strengthen the racial and ethnic diversity of the talent pipeline.

Reflection Question: How is CPW leveraging education events with recruitment activities?



OUTDOOR AFRO COLORADO

*FISHER'S PEAK
STATE PARK*

TALK BACK

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June 2020 Follow Up: *Policing at Colorado Parks and Wildlife*

- ▶ How is the agency training and supporting our law enforcement officers on building their cultural/linguistic competence?
- ▶ How can CPW officers continue to build trust with community members from diverse racial/ethnic/linguistic backgrounds?
- ▶ How can the agency increase the racial/ethnic diversity of the recruitment and candidate pool?

History of Law Enforcement & Opportunities for CPW

How is CPW training and supporting our law enforcement officers on building their cultural/linguistic competence? What is the status of the 8CantWait strategies in the in the graphic? How are our officers building trust with community members?



  Instead of
Game
Warden

 Consider
District
Wildlife
Manager

Call to Action:

I will be hosting a virtual book club to explore the history of policing in this country. We will be reading 2009 Pulitzer Prize winner titled, *Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II*, by Douglas A. Blackmon. If you are interested, email me at Taishya.adams@state.co.us. There is also a free documentary on the book.

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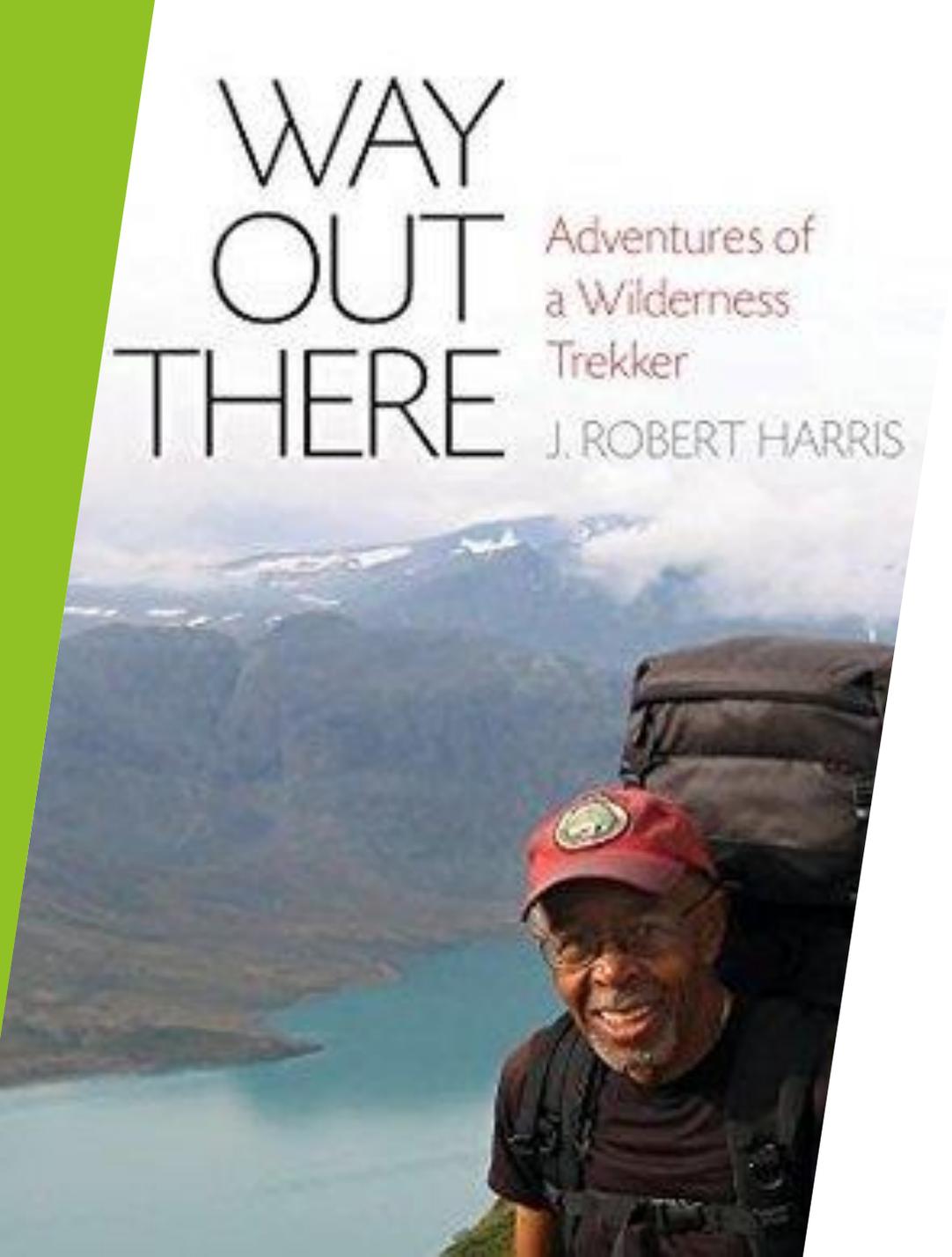
WAY OUT THERE

Adventures of
a Wilderness
Trekker

J. ROBERT HARRIS

The Joy Trip Reading Project has launched!

- ▶ The Joy Trip Reading Project will lead a national dialog the topic of diversity, equity and inclusion in outdoor recreation, environmental conservation and social justice this year!
- ▶ Organized primarily through the web-based platform **Goodreads** the JTRP aims to encourage the reading and discussion of books by authors who identify as Black, Indigenous or Persons of Color.
- ▶ These writers and educators have a specialty in exploring the intersection of the natural world and the cultural identities of the human beings that live within it.
- ▶ To learn more or sign up at <https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/1141201-the-joy-trip-reading-project>.



Creating Safe Spaces in the Outdoors for Black People Roundtable Series

National Wildlife Federation, Outdoor Afro, Stem AF

The poster features a yellow background with a white diagonal line pattern. At the top left is the National Wildlife Federation logo. The main title 'Creating Safe Spaces' is in large white font, with 'SAVE THE DATE' in a grey box to its right. Below the title, the date 'JANUARY 12, 2021' and time '6:30 PM CST' are displayed. A 'PANELISTS' section shows six headshots of participants, and a 'MODERATORS' section shows two headshots. At the bottom, logos for 'The Links Incorporated', 'patagonia', and 'Outdoor Afro' are visible. The text at the bottom reads: 'The 2nd Roundtable Discussion in a 3-Part Series Discussing the Challenges that Black Individuals Face in Safely Accessing Outdoor Green Spaces'.

Recording is available at
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fifGwgRttOl&feature=emb_logo

- Our second roundtable was hosted on January 12th and was moderated by Dr. Mamie Parker, NWF Board member and conservationist, and Dr. Mustafa Santiago Ali, nationally recognized leader on environmental justice and climate policy.
- Panelists included feature Corina Newsome, ornithologist, science communicator, and co-organizer of Black Birders Week; Dr. Aby Sene-Harper, public lands expert, focusing on issues of racial equity; Christopher Joe, owner of Connecting with Birds and Nature Tours, LLC; and Kelly L. Darden Jr., outdoor writer, TV show host, and former North Carolina Wildlife Federation board member.