

## **THURSDAY, September 18**

Early Departure from Cottonwood Ranch near Wells, NV

Travel Day: Cottonwood Ranch to Rainbow Park, Dinosaur National Monument near Vernal, UT/Dinosaur, CO

Camp at Rainbow Park

No reading assigned. Work on Grassland Epiphanies.

## **FRIDAY, September 19**

Morning: Meet Tamara Naumann, Park Botanist, Dinosaur National Monument  
River Trip/Tamarisk Weed Project.

Read Epiphanies in Evening

## **SATURDAY, September 20**

River Trip, Weed Project. Take off river, camp near Dinosaur, CO. Evening Epiphanies.

## **SUNDAY, September 21**

Travel Day: Dinosaur to Paonia, CO. Evening Epiphanies.

Readings for Paonia: See “Writing in Paonia” folder on our shared wireless hard drive. You should definitely try to read all of these before meeting Michelle.

## **MONDAY Sept 22**

Morning Writing Workshop with Michelle Nijhuis.

Afternoon Visit with High Country News. Time for Writing.

## **TUESDAY Sept. 23**

Morning Writing Workshop with Michelle Nijhuis

Mid-Afternoon: Depart for Aspen, CO

SITW arrives Lost Marbles Ranch near Aspen, CO and sets up camp — evening

## **WEDNESDAY, Sept. 24**

10:00a — 12:30: Kim Peterson and John Heinz: **Aspen's Canary Initiative**<sup>1</sup> on renewables and climate change policy. Canary Initiative is the first (and one of few) municipal offices of climate change.

-PV system at Water Department; also installing plates that capture geothermal resource that go into the water tanks; plans also to make hydrogen from hydropower plant.<sup>2</sup>

-Hydro plant at the bridge

-Solar hot water and PVs on buildings at Burlingame Affordable Housing

Lunch: Sopris Foundation: picnic at Maroon Bells

Drive to Snowmass meet with Auden Schendler, explore new Snowmass turbine site.<sup>3</sup>  
Discuss Aspen Ski Co's leadership in climate change initiatives; role of Community Office of Resource Efficiency, and public private partnerships

3pm

Hike up to see the Turbines

Dinner: Lost Marbles Ranch: discussion with ranch host John McBride, Piper Foster on amenity communities, 2<sup>nd</sup> homeownership, land-use planning

## **THURSDAY, Sept 25**

9:30a – noon: Meet Anson Fogel, InPower Systems: the sleek technology for home energy management. Tour Nate Simmon's home in River Valley Ranch (Carbondale) and InPower's Office.

Lunch – Carbondale – SITW hosts

1pm – 3:30pm: Meet Randy Udall: renowned energy expert on Roan Plateau oil and gas extraction, and founder of the Community Office of Resource Efficiency

Screen *A Land Out of Time* about the oil and gas extraction; producer/director Laurel Garrett on hand to discuss the film. Location and time TBD

## **FRIDAY, Sept 26**

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.canaryinitiative.com/>

<sup>2</sup> This link explains Nat'l Renewable Energy Lab's research on wind to hydrogen; we will do hydro to hydrogen. The NREL site is worth exploring for readings prior to the aspen visit in general.  
[http://www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/proj\\_wind\\_hydrogen.html](http://www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/proj_wind_hydrogen.html)

<sup>3</sup> Article on Snowmass turbines

<http://www.aspentimes.com/article/20080818/NEWS/157537755&parentprofile=search>

8:00am Drive to Rifle and tour Roan Plateau

10:00am Meet City of Rifle representative to discuss his plans to take Rifle out of the boom-bust cycle for extraction economies, and put Rifle on a path toward green energy production: solar and wind. As well, to discuss the social service, environmental, and health impacts of the oil and gas industry.

Afternoon: Drive up to Roan Plateau and tour the wells.

Return to Aspen Camp

Aspen Readings: “Drilling with Charlie” *High Country News*  
“Fight the Power”, from *Outside Magazine*  
*What We Know About Climate Change*  
“Hotter and Drier”

## **SATURDAY, September 27**

Travel Day to Dixie National Forest near Loa, UT to start September 28-October 4  
Ecology Segment with Mary O’Brien