



On the Grand Mesa 2008

The **Grand Valley Ranger District** of the **Grand Mesa National Forest**, in partnership with **Western Colorado Interpretive Assoc.**, will be hosting numerous interpretive programs this summer on various aspects of the Grand Mesa. All events will be held at the **Grand Mesa Visitor Center** (on Hwy 65, the Grand Mesa Scenic & Historic Byway, 23 miles south of Mesa and 15 miles north of Cedaredge) *unless otherwise noted*. The programs slated at this time include:

- June 21, Sat** **Common Birds of the Grand Mesa** – 7 pm, Evelyn Horn, Author, Botanist, and Bird Watcher
- June 28, Sat** **Geologic Trivia on the Grand Mesa** – 6:30 pm, Liz Mauch, Minerals Program Administrator, USDA Forest Service
- July 5, Sat** **Black Bears on the Grand Mesa** – 6:30 pm, Frank McGee, Wildlife Biologist, Colorado Division of Wildlife
- July 12, Sat** **Grand Mesa Wildflowers** – 6:30 pm, Walk with CSU Native Plant Masters; Slides by Mary Mastin, CSU Native Plant Master
- July 19, Sat** **Sudden Aspen Decline (SAD)** – 6:30 pm, Roy Mask, Entomologist
- July 26, Sat** **Moose on the Mesa** – 6:30 pm, Frank McGee, Wildlife Biologist, Colorado Division of Wildlife
- Aug. 2, Sat** **Civilian Conservation Corps on the Grand Mesa** – 6:30 pm, **LANDS END OBSERVATORY**, Polly Hammer, Archaeologist
- Aug. 9, Sat** **Smokey Bear's 64th Birthday** – 10 am to 3 pm, Grand Mesa Visitor Center; Cake and Punch with Smokey Bear
- Aug. 16, Sat** **Indians of Colorado** – 6:30 pm, Sally Crum, Archaeologist, USDA Forest Service
- Aug. 23, Sat** **Location Change**
Stargazing – Saturday, August 23rd; Skyway Parking Area, Highway 65; 8:00 pm - Join **Bob White** and members of the **Black Canyon Astronomical Society** for an evening of viewing the night skies on the Grand Mesa. Telescopes will be provided by BCAS. Please bring a lawn chair, bug repellent, and a flashlight. If the weather prevents viewing, the alternate location is the Grand Mesa Visitor Center. Skyway Parking Area is just 5 miles north of the Grand Mesa Visitor Center on Highway 65.
- Aug. 30, Sat** **Mushrooms of the Grand Mesa** – 6:30 pm, Dr. Jim Worrall



Sept. 28, Sun Color Sunday – All day, Events across the Mesa; at the Grand Mesa Visitor Center - Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl, WCIA Book Sale, and Evelyn Horn will sign copies of *Still Following the Sandhill Cranes*

All events are free of charge. Seating at the Grand Mesa Visitor Center is limited to 85 people. Please call the Grand Mesa Visitor Center at 970-856-4153 to get more information about specific events.

