

Day, Date, Departure Time & Departure Place	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Outing Description</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Winter 2014-2015</p> <p><a href="#">Printer-friendly version</a></p> <p><a href="#">Logistics, outing rules, meeting places, and difficulty ratings</a></p> <p><b>Schedule changes and trip updates are in red</b></p> <p>If you have received this schedule by mail, please note that additions and changes are continually being made. Ask someone with internet access to inform you when these updates occur or go to a friends computer or the library to view updates at <a href="http://www.seniorsoutdoors.org">www.seniorsoutdoors.org</a>.</p> <p>Participation in SO! activities by non-members is limited to two outings per year. Visitors who wish to actively participate are expected to join SO!</p> <p>Leaders: If you have changes to make to an outing please e-mail the amended outing to <a href="mailto:mail2020@seniorsoutdoors.org">mail2020@seniorsoutdoors.org</a> with a copy to <a href="mailto:rbutler54@gmail.com">rbutler54@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Participants (new &amp; old) as we start the winter season please review the Guidelines for Participants found on the SO! Web Site. It contains important information about our requirements and general alpine safety.</p>	<a href="#">Difficulty Rating,</a>  Rating,  Total Length  &  Elevation Gain
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<p>Starting Fri Dec 6 throughout the ski season at DMR.</p> <p>Start date dependent on DMR opening and snow conditions.</p>	<p><b>SO! Downhill Ski Group.</b> Meet other SO! skiers and ski with a group at your level on various days throughout the ski season. All abilities welcome. Ski boarders are welcome to join the SO! Downhill ski group. Be sure to check the DMR web site for actual opening date.</p> <p>Contact Bruce Rodman at <a href="mailto:Mtnman16@gmail.com">Mtnman16@gmail.com</a> to be placed on the SO! Downhill Ski Group distribution list. Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Self-description of your skier abilities, e.g. intermediate</li> <li>2) Landline phone number.</li> </ol>	<p>Novice, intermediate and expert skiers</p>

	<p>3) Cell phone number if you carry a cell phone on the mountain.</p> <p>If you are looking for ski companions of similar abilities, then you may email the distribution list that you are organizing a ski group on days and start times of your choice. Each group will meet at the base of Lift 1 (the Six Pack lift.) Some will coordinate to car pool from Animas City Park. The groups usually meet during the noon hour for lunch on the second floor (bar level) at Dantes when it is open. You could also use the distribution list to arrange trips to other ski areas such as Wolf Creek or Telluride. For more information, contact SO! Downhill Ski Group Coordinator Bruce Rodman at 970-385-7899.</p> <p>On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, John Montle or Betsy Petersen leads a group of advanced intermediate skiers interested primarily in skiing fairly fast on groomed slopes. They will look for you shortly before 9 am at the base of Lift 1 (the Six Pack lift) or later if arrangements have been made in advance. Communications are generally done via email. These sessions will be held when conditions are judged to be good. Contact John Montle at <a href="mailto:jimontle@frontier.net">jimontle@frontier.net</a> or 970-403-3526, or Betsy Peterson at <a href="mailto:Betsyp@bresnan.net">Betsyp@bresnan.net</a> or 970-259-5417.</p>	
<p>Sat. Dec 6 ACP 9:00 am TC 9:10 am Tam 9:20 am</p>	<p><b>Snowshoe Snowden Meadows:</b> Join Johns annual snowshoe jaunt from Andrews Lake area up to the meadows at the foot of Snowden Peak, with a lovely short scenic canyon along the way. Beautiful, rewarding and John always provides surprises and adventures!</p> <p>Carpool \$6, Limit 15, because we enter the Weminuche Wilderness. Dogs OK</p> <p><b>RSVP John Martin 247-2581 <a href="mailto:jmartin@mydurango.net">jmartin@mydurango.net</a></b></p>	<p>Moderate 5-7 miles 700</p>
<p>Tues Dec 9 Rec Center Social 6:30 pm Potluck 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>SO! General Meeting Winter Potluck Social: 6:30 pm Potluck: 7:00 pm</b></p> <p>Bring your own table service and a dish for eight with a serving utensil.</p> <p>A-F Main Dish G-M Salad N-R Main Dish S-Z Desert</p>	

	In addition to your potluck dish please bring non-perishable food donations for the Durango Food Bank.	
Weds Dec 10 SRP 9:30 am & Wednesdays Thru the winter	<b>Wednesday Wanderers Walk the Animas River Trail.</b> Every Wednesday through the winter join Eric to walk the River Trail from Santa Rita to Home Depot and back. May turn back sooner or go on to Escalante subdivision if desired. Enjoy wildlife, river views and companions. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. If there are problems with construction on the trail south from Santa Rita the group may choose instead to hike north to Rec Center or 32 <sup>nd</sup> street.  For Info, call <b>Eric Pahlke</b> 247-1130	Easy  Flat  5-7 miles
Sat Dec 13 thru Sat Mar 7 9:00 am ACP 9:20 am Tam	<b>Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin).</b> Specific details for these Saturday Snowshoe hikes (destination, description, 4WD, etc) will be e-mailed about two days in advance. <b>This year, you must carry an avalanche beacon and shovel and know how to use them on all of these outings.</b> Avalanche probes are optional. Turn backs with a partner may be permitted. Carpool \$4-\$7, depending on destination. Dogs OK  <b>RSVP: John Martin 247-2581 or <a href="mailto:jmartin@mydurango.net">jmartin@mydurango.net</a></b>	Hard  1000+ ft.  3+ miles
Sun Dec 14 ACP 8:30 am TC: 8:40 am DMR 9:00 am	<b>Lime Creek Snowshoe:</b> Snow levels permitting, this will be an easy snowshoe on the old Lime Creek Road for anyone interested in the basics of snowshoeing. No avalanche gear will be required on this outing. Carpool \$6. Limit 20. Dogs OK. <b>RSVP Rich Butler <a href="mailto:rbutler54@gmail.com">rbutler54@gmail.com</a> 970-403-3185</b>	Easy ~ 3 miles ~ 400
Tue Dec. 16 ACP 8:30 am TC 8:45 am	<b>XC Ski or Snowshoe Gladstone to Storm Peak Basin.</b> Ski with Howard from Gladstone Mine north of Silverton up the county road into beautiful Storm Peak Basin surrounded by majestic peaks. Glorious views. Play time for skiers after lunch! OK for slower skiers to go at their own pace as far as they wish.  Carpool \$7. No dogs. <b>Leader: Howard Drake.</b>  <b>RSVP: Connie Webbe at 382-0009 or <a href="mailto:cawebbe@gmail.com">cawebbe@gmail.com</a></b>	Moderate to Hard  1000'  (Mostly above 11,000')
Weds Dec 17	<b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b>	Easy

SRP 9:30 am	See Dec 10. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: <b>Eric Pahlke</b> 247-1130	Flat 5 -7 miles
<b>New Outing</b>  with corrected days of the week:  <b>Saturday</b> <b>Monday</b>  Dec 20-22  ACP@ 8:00	<b>Opus Hut: Ski or Snowshoe:</b> This weekend is the only one left for the season and is half empty at this point with private rooms for 3 or 5 and a dorm room. It's a luxury hut for sure: sauna, running hot and cold water, indoor toilets, meal options, no need to carry a sleeping bag, and more!  3 Mile ski/snowshoe to cabin but <b>you will need beacon, avalanche probe, and shovel</b> due to the avalanche paths that are crossed to get to the hut. Contact <a href="http://www.opushut.com">www.opushut.com</a> or 970-708-0092 for more particulars and to reserve. Room rates are \$40 per night and for an additional \$40 you can get all your meals! Because of this you will need to book directly with the hut for your specific wants then contact me to let me know you are coming.  Options are to ski/snowboard/snowshoe on some fantastic terrain near the hut or stay at the hut, enjoy the views and warmth of the cabin! I will be snowboarding, but my husband has opted just to bring his snowshoes.  Limit: when hut is full; no dogs  <b>RSVP: Carolyn Striker 382-0162 <a href="mailto:honey4him@yahoo.com">honey4him@yahoo.com</a></b>	Moderate 3 miles 1,500 feet to hut  Advanced Intermediate to Advanced skiing from hut
Sat Dec 20	<b>Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin).</b> Beacon & shovel required.	See Dec 13
Sat Dec 27	<b>Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin).</b> Beacon & shovel required	See Dec 13
Weds Dec 31	<b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b>	Easy
SRP 9:30 am	See Dec 10. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: <b>Eric Pahlke</b> 247-1130	Flat 5 -7 miles
Sat Jan 3  Twin Buttes  Trailhead  10:00 am	<b>Snowshoeing 101 for Beginners and Others.</b> Join Dell & Burt to learn the ins and outs and ups and downs of snowshoeing. Practice will be near Dells home on mostly flat terrain. Bring lunch or snacks, water, snowshoes, poles, gaiters and winter snow boots or heavier hiking boots that are appropriate for snowshoeing. If you need snowshoe rentals, call Dell for suggestions. Parking for Twin Buttes Trailhead is just west of the Giant gas station on west US 160. Carpool \$2. Dogs OK.  <b>RSVP: Dell Manners 385-0533 or <a href="mailto:dmanners@sisna.com">dmanners@sisna.com</a></b>	Easy Short distances Minimal elevation gain

Sat Jan 3	<b>Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin).</b> Beacon & shovel required	See Dec 13
Sun Jan 4 ACP 9:00 am TC 9:15 am	<b>XC Ski to Elk Park from Silverton.</b> Ski down Animas Canyon to Elk Park and return. Afterwards, Howard will serve tea and snacks at his home in Silverton.  Carpool \$7. No dogs. 4WD preferable.  <b>Leader: Howard Drake. RSVP: Connie Webbe at 382-0009 or cawebbe@gmail.com</b>	Moderate  8 miles  400'
Wed Jan 7 ACP 9:00 am	<b>Snowshoe Vallecito Creek Trail:</b> Snowshoe the scenic Vallecito Creek Trail from the parking lot in Vallecito Creek Campground to the 1st bridge crossing Vallecito Creek. Carpool \$5, Limit 15 due to entering the Weminuche Wilderness. Dogs OK as long as they dont step on peoples snowshoes  <b>RSVP Bill Cartwright 903-9620 <a href="mailto:avpm@animas.net">avpm@animas.net</a></b>	Moderate  6 miles  700
Weds Jan 7 SRP 9:30 am	<b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b>  See Dec 10. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: <b>Eric Pahlke</b> 247-1130	Easy  Flat  5 -7 miles
Sat Jan 10	<b>Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin).</b> Beacon & shovel required	See Dec 13
Sun Jan 11 SRP 9:00 am	<b>Ski Madden Peak Road.</b> We will drive to the Madden Peak Road, turn off and drive as far up the road as it is plowed. This is an exploratory XC ski trip and we will see how far up the road we can ski. The plan is to ski down on either the road or other routes that we find doable. Length and route will depend on snow conditions. Snowshoes can also be used, but those using snowshoes will be behind the skiers and should car pools accordingly. Trip may be rescheduled to ensure good snow conditions. Carpool \$8. 4WD required. Limit 14. Dogs OK.  <b>RSVP: Nancy Mead at <a href="mailto:nancy.a.mead@gmail.com">nancy.a.mead@gmail.com</a> or 970-259-5978</b>	Moderate to hard  ≈ 68 miles  1800'
Tues Jan 13 Rec Center  Social 6:30 pm	<b>SO! GENERAL MEETING</b>  <b>MEDITERRANEAN COASTLINE, REVERIE TO REALITY</b>  Take a retiring big airplane pilot without a plan, mix in a Greek Island movie and a chance meeting with a boating couple; an adventure begins. Follow the 40-ft motor yacht ReCombiKnot as it travels at 10mph between quaint medieval ports, waterside cafes, and cobblestone alleys from France to Turkey. Journey with Dick Cotton.	

Meeting 7:00 pm		
Weds Jan 14 SRP 9:30 am	<b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b>  See Dec 10. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: <b>Eric Pahlke</b> 247-1130	Easy  Flat  5 -7 miles
Weds Jan 14 9:00 am ACP	<b>Moderate snowshoe in vicinity of Cascade Creek.</b> Exact route will depend on snow conditions and group preference. Expect to spend about four hours on the trail. Carpool \$4. Limit 12. No dogs. 4WD if Hwy 550 is snowy.  <b>RSVP: Charles Berglund 247-9747</b> <a href="mailto:chasberglund@msn.com">chasberglund@msn.com</a>	Moderate  8 miles  400-800
Sat Jan 17	<b>Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin).</b> Beacon & shovel required.	See Dec 13
Tues Jan 20 9:00 am ACP	<b>Moderate snowshoe above Little Molas Lake.</b> Exact route will depend on snow conditions and group preference. Expect to spend about four hours on the trail. Carpool \$6. Limit 12. No dogs. 4WD if Hwy 550 is snowy.  <b>RSVP: Charles Berglund 247-9747</b> <a href="mailto:chasberglund@msn.com">chasberglund@msn.com</a>	Moderate  8 miles  400-800
Weds Jan 21 8:00 am ACP  8:10 am TC  8:20 am Tamarron	<b>Backcountry ski into McMillan bowl.</b> This is intermediate terrain above Red Mountain Pass (above St Paul lodge). The area has great snow and avalanche danger is usually low. Need climbing skins and be able to make turns on intermediate terrain. <b>Avalanche beacons &amp; shovels required.</b> Carpool \$9. No dogs. Limit 12  <b>RSVP: Jeff Bailey 764-8120 or <a href="mailto:jewlbailey@yahoo.com">jewlbailey@yahoo.com</a> Co-Leader: Darrell Maddox</b>	Advanced XC ski skills needed
Weds Jan 21 SRP 9:30 am	<b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b>  See Dec 10. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: <b>Eric Pahlke</b> 247-1130	Easy  Flat  5 -7 miles

<p>Thurs Jan 22</p> <p>Nordic Center at Purgatory</p> <p>10:30 am</p> <p>ACP @ 9:30 a.m. for those renting</p> <p>ACP @ 9:50 a.m. for those bringing their own equipment</p>	<p><b>Classic XC-Ski /Skate ski Clinic:</b> The Nordic Center at Purgatory is offering a classic cross-country ski clinic or a skate ski clinic to members of SO! There will be two classic classes: one for beginners and the other for intermediate skiers who wish to improve their cross-country skills. The skate ski clinic will be for those who have some experience with classic XC. NOTE: Beginners should sign up for the classic clinic. Equipment rentals are available onsite; a classic clinic is available for \$20 (includes instruction and equipment rental). The skate ski clinic is available for \$25(includes equipment and instruction) due to the higher cost of the rental equipment. <b>If you have your own equipment the cost will be \$15 for either the classic or the skate ski clinic.</b> Please come 20 minutes early if renting. There are picnic tables along the trails for people who want to bring a sack lunch and enjoy the beautiful trails after the clinic. The Nordic Center is located across the highway and about 1/3 mi. north from Durango Mountain Resort. Carpool \$4. Limit - 30</p> <p><b>RSVP: Sue Agranoff 946-9946</b>  <a href="mailto:sagranoff@alum.mit.edu">sagranoff@alum.mit.edu</a></p> <p>. Please RSVP ASAP so that the Nordic Center can arrange for enough instructors.</p>	<p>Very easy</p>
<p>Sat Jan 24</p>	<p><b>Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin).</b> Beacon &amp; shovel required.</p>	<p>See Dec 13</p>
<p><del>Mon Jan 26</del></p> <p>Sat Jan 24</p> <p>SRP 9:00 am</p>	<p><b>RESCHEDULED TO FEB 2. Cross Country Skiing trip in lower La Plata Canyon at a Moderate Pace. Depending on snow conditions snowshoes may be used. We will ski up</b> La Plata Canyon Road to about a half mile beyond the stone chimney if snow and weather conditions are suitable. Turnbacks with a partner may be permitted. Carpool \$5. No limit. Dogs OK.</p> <p><b>RSVP: Nancy Federico. 259-1949 or <a href="mailto:fortfed@gmail.com">fortfed@gmail.com</a></b></p>	<p>Moderate</p> <p>46 miles</p> <p>Minimal elev. gain</p>
<p>Weds Jan 28</p>	<p><b>SO! Board Meeting</b></p>	
<p>Weds Jan 28</p> <p>SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b></p> <p>See Dec 10. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: <b>Eric Pahlke</b> 247-1130</p>	<p>Easy</p> <p>Flat</p> <p>5 -7 miles</p>
<p>Sat Jan 31</p>	<p><b>Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin).</b> Beacon &amp; shovel required.</p>	<p>See Dec 13</p>

<p><b>Mon Feb 2</b> SRP 9:00 am</p>	<p><b>RESCHEDULED FROM JAN 26. Cross Country Skiing trip in lower La Plata Canyon at a Moderate Pace. Depending on snow conditions snowshoes may be used. We will ski up</b> La Plata Canyon Road to about a half mile beyond the stone chimney if snow and weather conditions are suitable. Turnbacks with a partner may be permitted. Carpool \$5. No limit. Dogs OK.</p> <p><b>RSVP: Nancy Federico. 259-1949 or <a href="mailto:fortfed@gmail.com">fortfed@gmail.com</a></b></p>	<p>Moderate 46 miles Minimal elev. gain</p>
<p><b>Tues Feb 3</b> 6:00 PM at 1st Forest Lakes entrance coming from Florida or 2nd Forest Lakes entrance from CR 501</p>	<p><b>New Outing. Moonlight Snowshoe:</b> We will meet at the Forest Lakes entrance parking lot and carpool up to the trailhead at 8300 ft. From here we will ascend to Grassy Mountain, 9300ft, then traverse over to the historical bench, and downhill to our origination. Headlamps required but usage not encouraged. Cancellation due to snow, cloud cover, or inadequate snow possible.</p> <p>Dogs: but of course</p> <p><b>RSVP: Michael Snyder 403-1042 <a href="mailto:comichael57@gmail.com">comichael57@gmail.com</a></b></p>	<p>Moderate 4 mi 1000 ft</p>
<p>Weds Feb 4 SRP 9:30 am</p>	<p><b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b></p> <p>See Dec 10. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: <b>Eric Pahlke</b> 247-1130</p>	<p>Easy Flat 5 -7 miles</p>
<p><b>3 days and 2 nights. Target departure date Thurs, Feb 5, subject to change depending on weather. Leave Durango by 7:30 am</b></p>	<p><b>New Outing: XC-Ski on Grand Mesa:</b> Cross-country ski atop Grand Mesa with 35 km of trails groomed for classic and skate skiing. Usually the grooming and snow conditions are both excellent, and it is mostly gentle, rolling terrain best suited for lightweight, skinny skis. You can choose which difficulty of loops you would like to try and can ski at your own pace. Since the trails are well marked, you are not likely to get lost! We will stay 2 nights in Cedaredge at the base of the Mesa (motel with hot tub and breakfast!). Other meals will be eaten out. Bring snacks and water. A \$15 donation for trail grooming should be part of your budget.</p> <p>Itinerary: Day 1: leave Durango at 7:30 am, brunch/lunch on the way, ski 3-4 hours. Day 2: leave motel by 8:30, ski about 5 hours with a lunch break at a restaurant on the mesa top. Day 3: leave motel by 8:00, ski about 4 hours, lunch somewhere between Cedaredge and Durango. Dogs are not allowed on most trails. Carpool \$30, 4WD convenient in case of snow-</p>	<p>Easy to Most Challenging Mileage and elevation gain will vary, depending on chosen routes</p>

	packed roads. Final decision on departure date will be made two days prior to departure. <b>RSVP: Charlie Berglund 247-9747 <a href="mailto:chasberglund@msn.com">chasberglund@msn.com</a></b>	
Sat Feb 7	<b>Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin).</b> Beacon & shovel required.	See Dec 13
Tues Feb 10 Rec Center Social 6:30 pm Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>SO! GENERAL MEETING</b> <b>HIKING THE JOHN MUIR TRAIL</b> with <b>Chris Blackshear</b> The JMT is over 200 miles long from Yosemite to Sequoia National Parks in California. Come hike it vicariously with logistics and photographs.	
Weds Feb 11 SRP 9:30 am	<b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b> See Dec 10. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: <b>Eric Pahlke 247-1130</b>	Easy Flat 5 -7 miles
<b>Postponed to Mar 14, snow permitting</b> Sat. Feb. 14 Twin Buttes Trail Head 10:00 am	<b>Snowshoeing 101 for beginners.</b> Join Dell & Burt to learn the ins and outs and ups and downs of snowshoeing. Practice will be near Dells home on nearly flat terrain. Bring lunch or snacks, water, snowshoes, poles, gaiters and winter snow boots or heavier hiking boots that are appropriate for snowshoeing. If you need snowshoe rentals, call Dell for suggestions. Parking for Twin Buttes Trailhead is just west of the Giant gas station on west US 160. Carpool \$2. Dogs OK. <b>RSVP: Dell Manners 385-0533 or <a href="mailto:dmanners@sisna.com">dmanners@sisna.com</a></b>	Easy Short distances Minimal elevation gain
Sat Feb 14	<b>Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin).</b> Beacon & shovel required.	See Dec 13
<b>Postponed until better snow</b> Sun Feb 15 ACP 8:30 am TC 8:45 am	<b>XC ski Red Mountain to Ironton.</b> Ski downhill from Red Mt. Pass down railroad grade to Ironton Park. Well park cars for shuttling. Entire route is downhill, probably on unbroken snow. Afterwards, Howard will serve tea and snacks at his home in Silverton. Carpool \$7. No dogs. 4WD preferable. Leader: <b>Howard Drake.</b> <b>RSVP: Connie Webbe at 382-0009 or <a href="mailto:cawebbe@gmail.com">cawebbe@gmail.com</a></b>	Moderate 4 miles Downhill 1500'
<b>Postponed until better snow</b>	<b>Backcountry ski into McMillan bowl.</b> This is intermediate terrain above Red Mountain Pass (above St Paul lodge). The area has great snow and avalanche danger is usually low. Need climbing skins	Advanced XC ski skills needed

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Weds Feb 18 SRP 9:30 am	<b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b>  See Dec 10. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: <b>Eric Pahlke</b> 247-1130	Easy  Flat  5 -7 miles
Weds Feb 18	<b>SO! Outings Committee Meeting</b>	
Sat Feb 21	<b>Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin).</b> Beacon & shovel required.	See Dec 13
Weds Feb 25 SRP 9:30 am	<b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b>  See Dec 10. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: <b>Eric Pahlke</b> 247-1130	Easy  Flat  5 -7 miles
Sat Feb 28	<b>Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin).</b> Beacon & shovel required.	See Dec 13
<b>Rescheduled due to weather</b>  <del>Tues-Mar-3</del>  Tues Mar 10th  SRP 8:30 am	<b>Sand Canyon Hike.</b> We will hike through the Monument on the loop trail checking out the ruins and enjoying an end of winter hike. Dogs OK (must be under control or on a leash), Car Pool \$9. Limit 15.  Leader & RSVP: <b>Steve Krest <a href="mailto:skrest@earthlink.net">skrest@earthlink.net</a> or 970-588-3806.</b>	Moderate  ~ 8 + miles  900
Weds Mar 4 SRP 9:30 am	<b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b>  See Dec 10. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: <b>Eric Pahlke</b> 247-1130	Easy  Flat  5 -7 miles
<b>New Outing</b> Thurs March 5  5:30 PM Sow's Ear Restaurant	<b>Moonlight Snowshoe!</b> Join the group at the Sow's Ear Restaurant at 5:30 for drinks and apps before we head out. If you prefer just to Snowshoe meet us in the Sow's Ear Restaurant parking lot at 7:00 PM (Please park in the lower parking lot). Depending on snow conditions we will either trek up the Naked Lady Trail to DMR, then traverse across the mountain....or we will cross the highway to the meadows and circle the lower cliffs around the Nordic Track. Leaders Dot	Moderate  ~ 4 miles  700

	Helling and Terri Wells. Car Pool from ACP in Durango is \$4.  PLEASE RSVP DIRECTLY TO <a href="mailto:terriwells7@hotmail.com">terriwells7@hotmail.com</a> so that we can alert Sow's Ear with the numbers of guests.	
Sat Mar 7	<b>Saturday Snowshoe with John (Martin).</b> Beacon & shovel required.	See Dec 13
Tues Mar 10  Rec Center  New Member Orientation 5:30 pm Social: 6:30 pm Potluck: 7:00 pm	<b>SO! General Meeting</b> <b>2015 Spring Potluck</b> <b>New Member Orientation 5:30 pm</b>  <b>Social: 6:30 pm</b>  <b>Potluck: 7:00 pm</b>  Bring your own table service and a dish for eight with a serving utensil. A-F Dessert G-M Main Dish N-R Salad S-Z Main Dish  In addition to your potluck dish please bring non-perishable food donations for the Manna Food Kitchen.	
Weds Mar 11  SRP 9:30 am	<b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b>  See Dec 10. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: <b>Eric Pahlke</b> 247-1130	Easy  Flat  5 -7 miles
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Sun Mar 15  Miller Middle School	<b>Hike (or snowshoe) to Trails Off Of Falls Creek Road (on the right side heading North---no Archeological Sites will be visited).</b> We will drive a short distance up the Junction Creek Road, then turn north toward the Falls Creek	Moderate  45 miles

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9:00 am	Subdivision. Depending on snow conditions, we will either hike or snowshoe to the site. The drive begins at Miller Middle School. From Main Ave., drive 0.4 miles west on 25th and Junction Streets, just past (west) the school building turn right into a large parking lot. Dogs OK. Car Pool \$2.  RSVP: Nancy Federico. 259-1949 or <a href="mailto:fortfed@gmail.com">fortfed@gmail.com</a>	Minimal elev.  gain
Weds Mar 18	<b>WW hike: Animas River Trail</b>	Easy
SRP 9:30 am	See Dec 10. No RSVP required. Dogs must be on leash per city ordinance. Leader: <b>Eric Pahlke</b> 247-1130	Flat  5 -7 miles

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