

Rocky Mountaineers Membership Invitation

The Rocky Mountaineers invite you to become a member. Dues are complimentary during your first year and then dues are \$25 annually per household or \$250 for a Lifetime Membership. We currently have 480 members.

To join, go to our website at www.rockymountaineers.us On the left side of the home page, click on “membership” and then “new member signup” and fill out the short application.

Our overall mission is to enrich and add value to the lives of Forest Service retirees, current and former employees, and others who care greatly about the agency and the Rocky Mountain Region. We enhance connectivity between members while providing important information and encouraging participation in local activities.

Among the benefits that members receive are the following:

- Our website at www.rockymountaineers.us provides just about everything you need to know about the Rocky Mountaineers.
- We send emails (hopefully not too many) on items of interest to our members.
- We publish our newsletter, *The Rendezvous*, three times per year. It usually runs about 40 pages long and is the premier newsletter among all regional retiree organizations.
- We publish a Membership Directory twice per year with contact information for all current members. This information is confidential so please do not share it with any non-members.
- We provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors to apply to their first semester of college. In 2025 we awarded four \$1,500 scholarships to students with Rocky Mountaineer sponsors.
- We manage the Memorial Grove Ceremony held on the first Saturday of May each year. We ensure that all eligible Rocky Mountain Region retirees and employees are appropriately honored, and their families are invited to the ceremony. We support the Memorial Grove site both financially and with donated labor.
- We stand ready to help fellow members in need and aid to the broader Forest

Service family when crisis and hardship arises.

- We also offer grants for projects on the National Forests in R-2.
- We offer an opportunity for international travel with other members. We generally sponsor one trip per year. Since 2015 we have traveled to Ireland, England, Scotland, France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein, Costa Rica, Japan, Morocco, Finland, Norway, Greece and Sicily. We have a trip planned in in the Fall of 2025 to Nepal and Bhutan. In 2026 we will cruise the Danube River from Budapest to Prague. In 2027 we have a trip planned for Southern Africa.
- Our Annual Gathering is held yearly in the Fall in a different location that allows members throughout the region to be able to attend a business meeting, a special program, and social event. We met in Delta, Ft. Collins, Durango, Denver, Cody, Buffalo, Woodland Park, Glenwood Springs, Rapid City and Custer.
- We hold an annual Ski Day at Winter Park Ski Area each February. This year we also sponsored a Ski Day at Sunlight Basin.
- Monthly or quarterly meetings are held locally throughout the region. These meetings are intended to provide members the opportunity to periodically keep in touch with friends and associates who live in the same general area.

Membership is available to any individual who wishes to join and meets one of the requirements listed below:

- Any retired employee of the Forest Service and his/her spouse or significant other or surviving spouse or significant other.
- Any current Forest Service employee.
- Any other former employee of the Forest Service or other individual who has shown special interest in the Forest Service and seeks membership and is accepted for membership by two-thirds of the Board.