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(303) 492-8308***11th Annual Front Range Bioneers Conference at CU-Boulder Nov. 8-10***

BOULDER, Colo., Oct. 11 2013 - The national Bioneers conference will return to the University of Colorado at Boulder for its 11th year at a three-day conference November 8-10, presented by the CU Environmental Center.

The recent disastrous flooding along the Front Range has demonstrated the impact of climate change and shown our community's resilience and spirit in the face of these challenges. Even more relevant in this critical time, the Front Range Bioneers conference brings together the region's progressive ideas, people and organizations to address both global and local issues.

Bioneers is the preeminent gathering of leading scientific innovators and environmental visionaries who offer practical solutions to the most pressing environmental and social issues of our time. Bioneers, in its 24th year as a national conference, uniquely and authentically connects the dots between environment, health, social justice and spirit. Boulder is one of 20 communities in North America with a Bioneers satellite forum. Boulder was one of the first satellite locations to participate when the national conference began its beaming program.

The conference features a broadcast of national Bioneers plenaries:

- Janine Benyus - The Biomimicry Network Effect: What Will We Solve Together?
- Jason McLennan - Living Buildings and a Regenerative World
- Joanna Macy - Choosing Life
- Jay Harman - The Nature of Innovation
- Nalini Nadkarni - Between Earth and Sky: Trees as Silent Teachers
- David McConville - Cosmomimicry: Why the Universe Matters
- Tom B.K. Goldtooth - Stopping the Privatization of Nature and Commodification of Mother Earth
- Phaedra Ellis-Lamkins - Motherhood and Leadership
- Darren Doherty - Regrarianism: Re-booting Agriculture for the Next 10,000 Years
- Danny Glover - Reimagining Citizenship, Democracy and Nature
- Ilarion Mercurieff - The Womb at the Center of the Universe
- Billy Parish - 100% Clean Energy For and By The People
- Dekila Chungyalpa - Faiths for Conservation: The Hope of a New Environmental Movement

These national presentations set a global context for the local programming, which includes field trips, workshops and sessions, as well as presentations by local plenaries. The local



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programming is focused on topics of regional importance including permaculture, biomimicry, food, indigeneity, justice, youth, mycology, and economics.

Featured keynote speaker Gary Nabhan will present “Growing Food in a Hotter, Drier Land” on Nov. 9 at the Front Range Bioneers conference. Nabhan, an agricultural ecologist and ethnobotanist from Arizona, will discuss his work on sustainably growing food in the face of climate change and water scarcity in the Southwest.

Co-produced by the CU Environmental Center, Local Food Shift, Woodbine Ecology Center, Restorative Leadership Institute, the Center for Integrative Botanical Studies and Naropa University, Colorado Bioneers invites and encourages local media and business involvement in this community event.

Advance registration ends on November 5th. Registration is affordable. Single day passes are available for \$20. Discounts are available for multi-day passes, students, seniors, educators and activists. CU-Boulder and Naropa students attend for FREE with valid student identification.

Links:

To see more information, register or request a press pass, please visit <http://colorado.edu/ecenter/bioneers> or contact bioneers@colorado.edu.

View the Front Range Bioneers program here:
<http://www.colorado.edu/ecenter/bioneers/program>

To request interviews with any of the 60 local presenters, contact bioneers@colorado.edu.

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