

Arkansas Valley Audubon Society *Valley Harrier*

April 2017

1. AVAS' Mary Tucey and Drs. Leon Bright and Peg Rooney participated in a panel discussion following the 4/8/17 National Geographic film on the effects of climate change on endangered species. Seventy+ people were in attendance as the AVAS panel talked about laws designed to protect birds and discussed how the Whooping Crane and the Golden Eagle are threatened by climate change and other anthropogenic factors.
2. The National Audubon Society's 7-year climate change study identified the following Colorado species as climate-endangered: Golden Eagle, Mountain Bluebird, American Dipper, Green-tailed Towhee.
3. The BLM is taking comments about the proposed Eastern Colorado Resource Management Plan. Comments can be sent to ecrmp.comments@blm.gov. The Deadline is 5/5/17. Comments should highlight why it's important to have protected public lands. Personal stories about why you value access to public lands are especially effective. Highlight the need to prioritize conservation on public lands as opposed to oil/gas development, mining, logging and motorized trails.
4. Birding Trips: 5/13 Spring Bird Count; 8/26 Lake DeWeese/Wet Mountain Valley. Check the website www.socobirds.org for details on these and other activities.
5. CPW's infamous predator (Mountain Lion and Black Bear) killing plans have been challenged in a lawsuit filed by WildEarth Guardians.
6. AVAS continues to monitor tree/shrub/brush removal to ensure that these activities do not take place during peak nesting periods.
7. AVAS will sponsor four children for nature summer camps at the Nature and Raptor Center of Pueblo. Scholarships are \$100/child. If you'd like to donate to send even more kids to camp, go to socobirds.org and click on the 'Donate' button. Be sure and 'like' Arkansas Valley Audubon Society on facebook. www.facebook.com/ArkansasValleyAudubon

