



2018 Rocky Mountaineer Gathering at Chief Hosa Lodge

Nearly a hundred Rocky Mountaineers met at the Chief Hosa Lodge just west of Denver on July 31, 2018 for the Annual Gathering of the group. Chief Hosa Lodge is owned by the City of Denver and was an outstanding place for our group. It is a historic rock structure that was built just a hundred years ago and has a remarkable rich history. It is a great facility and even though it is right off Interstate 70, very few of us had ever visited.

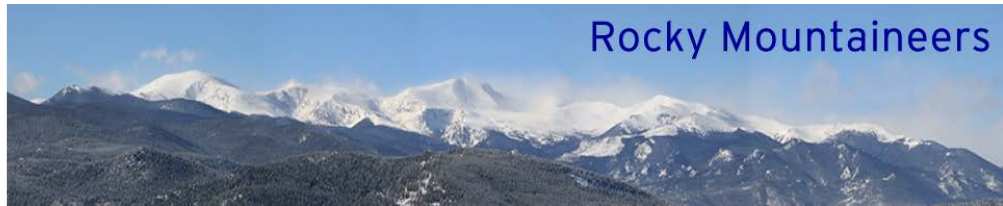
Chief Hosa was a Southern Arapaho chief of the 19th century. Hosa (Oh-has-tee) means “young raven” and Chief Hosa commonly known as Chief Little Raven. Chief Hosa was born around 1810 and was a progressive leader who sought peace among neighboring tribes and did all he could to guide his people peacefully during difficult times of the mid-1800’s. A street in Denver’s Riverfront Park between 15th and 20th is named Little Raven Street to honor him.

Those who attended this Gathering had a great barbecue lunch and plenty of time for fellowship. The conversation and visiting on the porch under the pines with views of the mountains in the distance could have gone on for hours. Patty Limerick, who is the Director of the Center of American West at the University of Colorado, in her luncheon talk shared several of her observations about what she had learned from her Forest Service connections over the past twenty or so years and shared a few thoughts about the challenges of bringing a divided populace together in today’s world. Lisa Tate, who is the Executive Director of the National Museum of Forest Service History, gave a short program that highlighted the changes, activities, and accomplishments of the Museum in the past couple years.

Rocky Mountaineer Chair, Sharon Friedman, gave a short briefing and update of our organization and the activities we are sponsoring. There were lots of memories shared and several folks who had not seen each other for many, many years were able to reconnect. It was a very special day.

On the Monday before the Gathering, about fifty Rocky Mountaineers enjoyed a “meet and greet” social at the Homestead Golf Course in Lakewood. About a dozen golfers had spent a fun afternoon on the course and no matter what the skill level, everyone enjoyed this great course: rough, water, and all.

This year’s gathering was a great success and the only disappointment was that more folks didn’t take advantage of the opportunity to participate in a great luncheon and share memories with Forest Service friends. Maybe next year in Wyoming...



We have put together 48 photos from the Gathering in an album. Many of them are a good example of how gracefully we are aging!

Here is the link - <https://2018annualgathering.shutterfly.com/4>

The photos are organized by event – first the golfers, then the “Meet and Greet” on Monday, and then the barbecue on Tuesday. Each photo has a caption at the bottom. You can view the photos individually by double-clicking on the first photo. Or you can view as a slideshow, click on “slideshow” at the top left. To view in full screen, in the upper right-hand corner, click “Full Screen”. If it is going too fast for you, click on “Options” and you can adjust the speed.

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