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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Accessibility Showcase Highlights Local Efforts in Outdoor Recreation

Estes Park, CO - What started as a unique collaboration to create a loan program for outdoor accessibility equipment has grown to include initiatives that increase access for individuals of all abilities visiting Rocky Mountain National Park, both on their own and as part of adaptive tours.

Rocky Mountain Conservancy, Estes Park Mountain Shop, and Kep Expeditions are committed to removing barriers for people to explore Rocky Mountain National Park and the Estes Valley.

On October 2nd, 2025, an Accessibility Showcase will be held at the Estes Park Mountain Shop, 2050 Big Thompson Ave, from 4:00-6:00pm to highlight these collaborative accessibility efforts and allow for demonstrations of the specialty equipment.

This free event is open to the public. Join us to view and try accessibility equipment like the Conservancy's wheelchair accessible bus, a wheelchair sled, assisted listening devices, and all-terrain wheelchairs. "The (all-terrain) chair is so easy and quick to set up and break down," said Bruce Lavash, long-time Estes Park visitor and supporter of this collaboration. "It's always worth the time to get the chair out and set it up so that our sister can experience every bit of the park that is possible."

The Estes Park Mayor, Gary Hall, will also facilitate a panel discussion on the past, present, and future of accessibility in the Estes Valley. The panel will include representatives from the Estes Park Mountain Shop, who runs the all-terrain wheelchair loan program; Kep Expeditions, who cultivates adaptive outdoor experiences; and Rocky Mountain Conservancy, who has supported acquiring these devices for users to rent free of charge, and supports accessibility in Rocky and in their own programs.

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