



Hello and thank you for your continued interest in Lightly Treading's new community newsletter.

This month's Green Fact:

Every year 17 billion catalogs, equivalent to 3.5 million tons of paper and 60 million trees, are sent to Americans. If you want to stop receiving unwanted catalogs you can use the free service www.catalogchoice.org or register for the do not mail list at www.dmachoice.org. For the catalogs you do want to receive, remember to recycle. (Source: Schildgen, Bob. *Hey Mr. Green*. San Francisco: Sierra Club Books, 2008.)

September Announcements and Resources

- Confused about energy efficiency and how to update your home? Solar Today has a great article on energy retrofits, [The Custom-Fit Retrofit](#). It has a wealth of information on beginning steps to reduce your energy needs.
- Xcel Energy's stand-alone rebates for insulation and air-sealing are doubled if you make these improvements between September 1st and October 15, 2009. See [Xcel Energy's website](#) for details on how to qualify. (If the link does not go to the correct page, make sure you specify your state as Colorado.)
- The 10th annual [Sustainable Living Fair](#) is September 19th & 20th in Fort Collins. There will be keynote speakers, exhibitors, workshops, kids activities, and more all focused on helping to educate individuals on making healthy sustainable choices.
- The 6th Annual Grand County Parade of Homes and inaugural Sustainable Building & Green Re-modeling Expo is September 19th and 20th at Hideaway Park in Winger Park. Lightly Treading partner, Dave Clingman of Imagine3 will be presenting on the benefits of energy audits. [Click here](#) for details.
- Lightly Treading will be giving several energy efficiency presentations this month in Denver (9/16) and Longmont (9/23). Please see the [events](#) page on our website for details.
- Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK) is looking for sites to host a special screening of the new Ken Burns Series *The National Parks, America's Best Idea*. The event must take place before September 27th, and is designed as a fundraiser to raise awareness about ELK and its goals. See the attached flier for specific details and to register as a host.
- Do you know someone looking to get a start in the new energy economy? Lightly Treading, Inc. is looking for a data entry and customer support representative, see our [website](#) for details.

September Feature: Education and Resources for the Growing Green Work Force

As our economy rebuilds the new 'green economy' has begun to grow and a substantial rate and will only continue to do so. If you are interested in this industry that continues to gain momentum take the first step and begin your education in green jobs. Colorado State University's Institute for the Built Environment is offering a Green Homes Certificate Program in Denver and Loveland. See the attached flyer to learn more details and sign-up as classes are about to begin! You may also check out Lightly Treading's trainings for BPI certification on our [website](#).

If you are already in a green job and looking for continuing education credits, the EEBA Conference is almost here, September 28-30. The conference is a premier event for education in the building and green industry, with 29 sessions recognized by BPI. See the attached flyer for details or register today at www.eeba.org. In case you are not excited enough, Lightly Treading's Paul Kriescher and Deacon Taylor will be presenters this year.

For contactors and energy auditors looking to increase their impact on the state and nation's energy consumption, think about a membership with Efficiency First. Efficiency First is a nonprofit trade association that unites home performance contractors, residential energy consultants, building product manufacturers and other key members of America's growing green-collar workforce in the escalating fight against global warming. The annual fee is \$250 but if you join before September 30th you can get the discounted price of \$100. View [Efficiency First's website](#) for more information and to register.

Thank you for being a part of our grassroots community.

Sincerely,

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