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Global Demand for Colorado's Natural Resources is Featured Discussion at Beet Street's April Science Café

Beet Street presents its April Science Café focusing on Colorado's natural resources and the demand for them around the globe on Wednesday, April 9 beginning at 6pm. Dr. Vince Matthews will lead a discussion on *China's and India's Ravenous Appetites for Natural Resources: Their Potential Impact on Colorado* at Lucky Joe's, 25 Old Town Square in Fort Collins.

Matthews was appointed State Geologist and Director of the Colorado Geological Survey in 2004. The author of more than 60 technical articles and abstracts, Dr. Matthews was senior editor of the multiple award-winning publication *Messages in Stone: Colorado's Colorful Geology*, from the Colorado Geologic Survey. Colorado is currently experiencing a shortage of several mineral commodities. From cement, to petroleum, to precious metals, the competition for the world's resources is in a state never before experienced. As the production of commodities such as oil reach their peak and begin to decline, the world's manufacturers are forced to seek out new sources of raw materials. Colorado will continue to be significantly affected by these escalating demands.

The monthly Cafés have been quite popular, and it is recommended to arrive by 5:30pm to order a snack and get a good seat. Details on speakers, topics and location of future Science Cafés will be posted on the web, <http://www.beetstreet.org/en/Science-Cafe.html>.

Held on the second Wednesday of each month, Science Café Fort Collins hosts expert scientists from a diverse range of disciplines who make a short presentation followed by questions,

answers and discussion among those in attendance. Science Cafés are free and open to the public. Seating is limited.

The Science Café concept originated in English pubs in Leeds, U.K. in 1988. Since then, over 160 cafes, including the newest one in Fort Collins, have emerged around the world, stimulating dialog and aha!-moments as people connect science to their everyday world. Other Science Cafes in Colorado are held regularly in Denver, Boulder, and Colorado Springs.

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ABOUT BEET STREET

Beet Street (www.beetstreet.org) is an economic development initiative created by the Fort Collins Downtown Development Authority in 2007 to distinguish Old Town Fort Collins as a cultural destination that fosters, celebrates, and inspires human creativity through diverse cultural experiences and programming. Beet Street will create a collaborative learning community in Fort Collins, Colorado, where everyone of every age is welcome to share in discussion, reflection, and creative expression.

Bio for Dr. Vince Matthews

Dr. Vince Matthews received his Bachelor and Master degrees in Geology from the University of Georgia, a Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and is a graduate of the Stanford Executive Program. Dr. Matthews held tenured positions at two universities and has taught geology at the University of California, University of Northern Colorado, Arizona State University, the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture, and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. As an executive in the natural resources industry for Amoco, Lear, Union Pacific, and Penn Virginia; Matthews explored for oil & gas in virtually every basin in the U.S., including Alaska and the Gulf of Mexico. Part of his experience in the natural resources industry included responsibility for coal, lime, and limestone activities in New Jersey, Virginia, and Tennessee. After more than two decades in the natural resources industry, he returned to academia in 1997, and then joined the Colorado Geological Society (CGS) in 2000.

Matthews is a Fellow in the Geological Society of America, a Trustee Associate for the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Past President of the Colorado Scientific Society, member of the Association of American State Geologists, and has been an officer in the Rocky Mountain Association of Geologists. Matthews was appointed by Governor Owens to represent the State of Colorado Bureau of Land Management (BLM) evaluation panel for the oil shale Research Development & Demonstration (RD&D) proposals, played a key role in developing the Department of Natural Resources recommendation to BLM on the Roan Plateau Management Plan, served as technical advisor on energy and mineral resources for the Colorado Roadless Area Review Task Force, and is currently participating in development of the programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for commercial oil shale leasing.