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50 FOR TIBET

**U.S. & WORLD STATE HIGHPOINTER ADVENTURE, A NON-PROFIT FUND RAISING PROJECT
FOR: *THE ROWELL FUND FOR TIBET***

TEAM HIGHPOINT HEADING TO JAPAN - JULY 28TH, 2012

Colorado based Team Highpoint recently had to delay the start of their **Top of Japan Expedition** to July 28th, 2012, a month later than initially planned. Despite the delay, team Highpoint is anxious to make an ascent of the country's highest mountain and one of the most sacred on Earth, Mt. Fuji (12,389 feet). This trip has more meaning than ever for Team Highpoint, as it will be in memory of Cindy Early, a member of the Top Of Japan Expedition who unexpectedly passed away last month. Team Highpoint, along with other invited members of the trip, plan to honor Cindy Early's joyous life on the summit of Mount Fuji just after sunrise on August 1st.

Team HighPoint formed the non-profit 501(c)(3) 50 For Tibet fund raising project in support of **The Rowell Fund For Tibet**. They returned from Scandinavia in July 2011 where they successfully achieved four (4) new country international highpoints (Norway, Finland, Sweden & Denmark). With the five (5) international country highpoints achieved in 2010, Team HighPoint has now accumulated nine (9) total international highpoints and 48 U.S. state highpoints (as well as Washington D.C.) since the project's inception in June 2006. Since **50 For Tibet's** beginning in 2006, over 120,000 miles of travel have been logged and approximately \$210,000 in donations have been raised to promote The Rowell Fund For Tibet (www.savetibet.org/about-ict/rowell-fund-tibet), an organization which provides grants to help preserve the threatened Tibetan culture.

Team HighPoint consists of John Jancik (Parker, Colorado), Terri Baker (Parker, Colorado), David Baker (Denver, Colorado) and Steve Gardiner (Billings, Montana). John and Terri, who originally met the late, legendary photographer and mountaineer Galen Rowell in 1995 as the three of them prepared for their participation in the 1996 Top Of The World Expedition to northern Greenland, now serve on The Advisory Board of The Rowell Fund For Tibet. On September 23rd, 2006, Team HighPoint was honored with a special meeting with His Holiness The Dalai Lama during his visit to Colorado.

To learn more about Team HighPoint and its 50 For Tibet project, see the Team's website at www.50fortibet.org or contact John Jancik at echojj@aol.com. More information about the Tibetan situation is available from the International Campaign for Tibet at www.savetibet.org or by phone at (202) 785-1515.

50 For Tibet was featured in a story aired by local Denver CBS network affiliate, KCNC-TV, Channel 4 on Wednesday, August 2nd, 2006.

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