

And now... The Beetles!

The folks at Sansin Corp. are proud to have their stain chosen for use at the Walking Mountains Science Center based in Avon, CO. This environmental education center is designed to serve as a living example of science education through the sustainable design principles of energy efficiency, alternatives to fossil fuels and low- to no-toxicity materials. Architects from the firms of Zehren & Associates and Mithun designed the center to incorporate three stage heating, low VOC coatings, straw bale walls, and Colorado harvested beetle kill pine. The pine beetle epidemic has decimated approximately 70 percent of the lodgepole pine trees in Colorado and dead or dying trees are visible in the mountains surrounding the project.

"Beetle kill pine is a beautiful material that suits the buildings and the site perfectly," said Brian Sipes, Principal at Zeh-



ren & Associates. "Using this material presents important science lessons in the value of building with regional materials. Therefore, it's well suited to the center's educational mission. We selected a custom low-VOC water-borne wood stain developed by Sansin Corporation and Vintage Woods that is UV resistant, water repellent and rot resistant. It allows the beauty of the wood and its color variation to stand out."

The Science Center will be completed in late summer. For more info visit sansin.com or walkingmountains.org.

All that talent down the drain

Seal-Krete recently teamed up with James River Basin Partnership and the City of Springfield Storm Water Services Division on "Storm Drain Reveal," a project designed to raise awareness that soapy water, litter, yard waste

and other pollutants that end up in storm drains flow directly to rivers, creeks and other waterways.

Ten downtown storm drains in Springfield, MO were transformed into public murals as reminders of their connection to waterways.

Each work of art was protected with Seal-Krete Clear-Seal, a pre-

mium low-gloss concrete sealer that seals and protects painted, stained or bare concrete. Seal-Krete Clear Grip was added to the sealant to insure a non-slip concrete texture.

"We were honored to partner with James River Basin Partnership to help raise public awareness of how stormwater drains lead directly to our waterways," says Kevin Corcoran, the company's marketing manager. "Clear-Seal will serve to protect the works of art that transformed storm drains into a daily reminder of our connection to our waterways."

"The artists were enthusiastic about protecting their murals with Clear-Seal," says Tiffany Frey, Project Manager at James River Basin Partnership. The artists were also impressed by the performance of Clear-Grip—it added a great non-skid surface to the murals' surfaces without changing the color of the artwork." jamesriverbasin.com or seal-crete.com.

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