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From the President

Greetings all. Isn't it great that the weather has finally cooled and we can feel confident the fish are a little less stressed? I hope you are all enjoying this fine fall weather. In my opinion fall is the best time of year; the time of year my father, who could be tough, and I could see eye to eye on many levels, most notably fishing. He grew up in Nevada fly fishing snelled wet flies (and that was how I got my start) but was not opposed to trying other methods including trolling on Turquoise Lake near Leadville.



Mickey McGuire, RMF President

Some days would see us fly fishing the inlet after we trailered the boat.

We have been dealing with several important issues over the past couple of weeks. With the passage of our new strategic plan. You can review it by selecting the button below:

[Strategic Plan](#)

Your leadership team would like to hear from you. You should have received a survey in your email this week. If not, please contact your newsletter editor, **Bob Green** or call 252-255-8204 and he will get you linked to the survey site.

You may also click on the button below to take the survey in its entirety or to complete the survey in case you were not able to do so.

[Survey](#)

You may wonder why we need to collect information. Well, its been five years since the last survey and a lot has changed since then. We would like your opinions on how best to direct our limited resources based on the current plan. In addition, we have had a fantastic influx of younger members and are considering different ways of communicating.

Your information will be used to create an action plan that will be put into place after we receive the data. And who knows, you may be the lucky recipient of a \$100 gift certificate!

As I mentioned in the last Newsletter, we have been hard at work looking at the Final EIS released by the Corps of Engineers regarding NISP. Our response to the FEIS is due October 4 and we will have a few things to say.



It looks like we have an interesting program for our October Chapter meeting to be held October 17th at the Fort Collins Senior Center at 7:00 PM. In addition, please mark your calendars for our November annual Guest Night meeting which, due to Thanksgiving, has been moved one week later to November 28. Stay tuned for details.

Until next month,
Mickey McGuire
President

October Membership Meeting

Restoring Yellowstone's Native Fish Populations and How You Can Help!



Paul Bunker, W Denver TU

“When Yellowstone National Park was established in 1872, early naturalists noted that about half of the waters were fishless, mostly because of waterfalls which precluded upstream movement of recolonizing fishes. Later, during a period of increasing popularity of the Yellowstone sport fishery, the newly established U.S. Fish Commission began to extensively stock the park’s waters with non-natives, including brown, brook, rainbow, and lake trout. Done more than a century ago as an attempt to increase angling opportunities, these actions had unintended consequences. Non-native fish caused serious negative impacts on native fish populations in some watersheds, and altered the parks natural ecology, particularly at Yellowstone Lake. It took a great deal of effort over many decades to alter our native fisheries. It will take a great deal more work to restore them.” —Dr. Todd Koel, Senior Fisheries Biologist, Yellowstone Center for Resources, *Yellowstone Science*, Vol 25, Issue 1.

This presentation by Paul Bunker, a West Denver TU Member and advocate for YNP fisheries, will address current efforts and progress in eradicating invasive lake trout in Yellowstone Lake. Paul will also highlight some of the projects he has been involved in throughout the park during the past 12 years while participating in the Yellowstone NP Fly Fishing Volunteer Program. The 2019 program is now reaching out to prospective volunteers to help support the park in restoring the park’s native fish populations. Learn how you can volunteer.

Join us at the Fort Collins Senior Center on **October 17**. Social gathering at 6:30 pm with the general meeting at 7:00 pm.

Meetings This Month



Board Meeting, October 10 at 7:00 PM,
Mulligan's. Everyone is invited to attend



Monthly Membership Meeting, October
17 @ 7:00. Restoring Yellowstone's Fish
Population by Paul Bunker.



Fly Swap Streamers: for Brown Trout are the flies for this month. Bring them to the to the meeting on October 17 Contact [Dave Morse](#) to sign up. He will let you know how many flies you need to tie. As usual, attach a toe-tag label with the fly recipe and your name.

[Click Here For Calendar Of All Upcoming Events](#)

From Phil Wright, Our Volunteer Coordinator

Poudre River Post-fire Restoration Volunteer Project with Odell and Rocky Mountain Flycasters

Project Background

Unnamed Tributary 3 (UT3) is a small and steep ~200-acre sub-watershed that lies just above HWY 14, the Poudre River and the Munroe Tunnel. It was severely burned during the 2012 High Park Fire. Since the fire, the small stream that was once intermittent (meaning it only had water in it during runoff or after thunderstorms) became a perennial stream and now runs year-round. Following storm events, sediment washes down from the stream and into the river and over the highway, threatening water quality, transportation and important water supply infrastructure. The private road is also at risk of being damaged in future storms.



Phil Wright, Volunteer Coordinator

The Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed (CPRW) has been working on this project since 2012 & received funding from the Colorado Water Conservation Board, the City of Fort Collins, and Northern Water to complete the restoration of the stream to increase its resiliency to future floods by stabilizing the stream and sediment, protecting the private road, and expanding culvert capacity under road crossings. CPRW hired AloTerra Restoration Services to complete the restoration. Construction will begin at the end of September/beginning of October 2018 and will take ~3 weeks to complete.

Volunteer tasks

Volunteers are needed to help revegetate the site after construction has been completed which will include:

- Seeding about 0.5 acres of stream side habitat
- Installing/planting 1,000 wetland plants
- Installing about 300 native willows
- Building vegetated soil lifts

Volunteers will be working in the main stream channel. Most of the walking will be up and down on the private road, however it is steep.

What to bring?

- Clothing for all weather conditions (it'll be late October in CO so think layers: raincoat, long sleeves, jackets, & short sleeve shirts etc.) Good idea to wear pants instead of shorts.
- Sturdy hiking boots or shoes with good traction
- Sunscreen/sun protection
- Water bottle

All tools to do the work & protective gear (gloves etc.) will be provided to the volunteers.

Volunteer sign up

To sign up to volunteer using the Rocky Mountain Flycasters volunteer management system use the following links:

Volunteer

This will greatly facilitate sending on all the project details to you and providing you with updated project details as field conditions and plans can change. If you have not created a profile on the Rocky Mountain Flycasters volunteer management system, set up your profile by using this button:

Set Up Profile

Once you have created a profile, log in to volunteer at:

Project

and select the day(s) of the October 25, 26 revegetation project when you would like to volunteer.

From Wil Huett, Our Volunteer Coordinator



Wil Huett, Community Outreach

Wanted: Volunteers to Fly Fish Yellowstone

Yellowstone National Park is recruiting volunteer flyfishers to assist the park's scientific research efforts during the summer of 2019. Volunteers will assist in genetic identification of fish in remote waters, tagging fish for telemetry studies, catching and removing non-native fish in designated waters and other projects. Interested individuals can learn details of the program at the October meeting of the Rocky Mountain Flycasters.

The meeting will take place Wednesday October 17th at the Ft Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive. Social hour begins at 6:30, the program at 7:00 pm. Non-members are welcome, there is no charge. Started in 2002, the Yellowstone Fly Fishing Volunteer Program is trying for a fresh restart in 2019 and we are seeking volunteers from the TU community to make it happen. Volunteers are "tasked" to fish a variety of waters to support the projects designated as vital to the park's objective of restoring native fish populations to park waters. Projects include genetic identification of fish in remote waters, tagging fish for telemetry studies, catching and removal of nonnative fish in designated waters,

among others.

The program is tentatively scheduled to run from 1 July to 6 September. Volunteers typically fish for a week at a time, starting on Monday and finishing on Friday, but schedules are usually adaptable for those with only a few days in the park.

Currently, the program provides FREE use of a campsite with room for at least two tents or a medium sized RV/5th wheel/pop up. There are showers, restrooms and a coin operated laundry about 20 yards away. Volunteers can cook their own meals at the site taking typical Yellowstone Bear food storage precautions or take advantage of the dining facilities at nearby Fishing Bridge and Lake Lodge. Also, the program provides a free park pass to volunteers.

A typical day starts with the program coordinator picking you up at the campsite, driving you to the project worksite, making sure everyone understands the day's objectives, collects the necessary data from the volunteers, and drives you back to the campsite through perhaps the most interesting landscape and wild nature tour in the country or the world! All you do is fish, eat your favorite PBJ, look out the car's windows and tell tales of the day!

What you will have to do as a volunteer is get to the park, purchase a park fishing permit for the days you will fish (a 3 day, 7day, and/or annual pass are available), bring your fly fishing gear (suggestions provided by the program coordinator), camping gear if you are staying at the campsite, appropriate clothing, bear spray, and an adventuresome spirit and volunteer heart. Volunteers can also make their own lodging reservations in the park or nearby local communities such as Gardiner or Cooke City MT and travel to project worksites at their own expense and personal transportation.

Volunteers need to be in reasonable physical shape for high country fishing excursions with some hikes up to 3-4 miles and others less than 100 yards!

Let's Go Fishing- 2018

From Mark Miller: Let's Go Fishing Coordinator

Listed below is our final trip for 2018. If interested, please sign up by calling or emailing [Mark Miller](#). We have had quite a mix of fishing destinations for 2018. Hopefully there is something for you next season. We hope you will join us for all the fun!



Oct 5-6th – Kokanee Trip – S. Platte / Dream Stream – Host: Mark Miller. Let's plan on driving to Fairplay Friday pm, get a hotel room, and then have a great day on Saturday fishing for Kokanee. Drive home late Saturday pm. Last year we cancelled our plans to fish on Oct 21st due to bad weather – hopefully, by fishing earlier in the month, we will be blessed with good weather.

The Online Fly Fishing Magazine Library

The active link (click) icons below represent a beginning attempt to put together a group of FREE resources available to fly anglers. *Trout Magazine* is published by Trout Unlimited-USA and *High Country Angler* is published by Trout Unlimited-Colorado. Both of these publications are limited to TU members. The others, however, are for everyone.

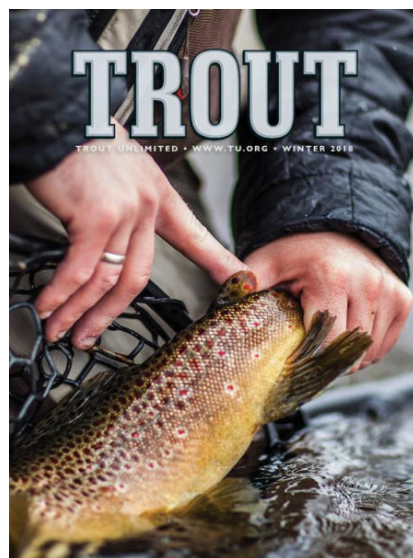
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