

The Flypaper

September 2022



A LEADER IN COLDWATER CONSERVATION

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From The President

Hello everyone, and welcome to our September Newsletter. Not sure what you think, but it sure seems to me that summer has flown by. Hope it's been a good summer for everyone. One quick fishing note – the cutthroat trout in Long Draw are still looking up – taking big bushy dries off the surface as well as a beadhead about 18" below your dry fly. Best fishing is from a float tube, as most of the fish seem to be out of range of those casting a fly from shore. This bite should last into early September.



This Long Draw cutthroat took a big bushy size 8 dry fly with gusto!

Incentive for our wonderful Volunteers

At our November meeting, we will hold a drawing for a \$50 gift card to St Pete's Flyshop. If you have volunteered this summer, your name will be entered into the drawing. We will take all the names from our iVolunteer listing. If you volunteered this summer but not via our iVolunteer system, please send [Scott Baily](#) an email with your name and date and volunteer activity, so we

can put your name in the hat for the drawing.

Legacy Roads and Trails Remediation Program

On Friday, the Rocky Mountain Region of the U.S. Forest Service learned of projects funded as part of \$65 million in investments nationwide to help the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service improve water quality, roads, trails and fish habitat through the new **Collaborative Aquatic Landscape Restoration Program** and the existing **Legacy Roads and Trails Program**.

One area to be funded is: the Corral Creek Hybrid Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP): Replacement of an undersized culvert with construction of an AOP that will facilitate fish passage above Corral Creek into the Long Draw Reservoir area. Project will improve water quality, restore habitat for greenback cutthroat trout, and maintain future access to adjacent areas for public, contractors, permittees, or firefighters.

This is fantastic news for the Poudre Headwaters Project (PHP) – which is the reintroduction of the threatened Greenback Cutthroat Trout to its native habitat. Work like this is very costly, so funding is always a big problem. Having dollars earmarked for this project is a huge step forward for the PHP.

Our Chapter Meetings resume in September – Join us in-person or virtually!

At our membership meetings this Fall we plan to take some time for our newer members to meet other chapter members. And hopefully start developing new friendships and meeting new fishing friends. We are resuming our General meetings this month. September 21 is our first meeting. I hope you will be there! (Unfortunately the timing does not work for me, as I will be taking a trip that was postponed for over 2 years due to covid, to see family and grandkids. I'll catch up with you in October).

The meeting starts at 6:30 pm at the Northside Aztlan Center if you can attend in-person. We will also begin a hybrid meeting format this month so you can attend online if you are unable to attend in-person. You can join us virtually via this zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87292529059?pwd=QktLckVXN0w3QVlxVXNRbDdNSVhMZz09>

Great Fun Stocking the Poudre

On August 25th over 20 volunteers came out to help the CP&W crew, led by Kyle Battige, release 115,000 small rainbow trout into the Poudre river. Our volunteers, with 10 vehicles, made numerous trips, with 5 gallon buckets in hand, to a variety of spots on the river to release the one inch fish. These rainbows are the Gunnison River strain, known for having some whirling disease resistance, plus having good instincts for survival in the wild. We stocked fish from near the Poudre hatchery all the way downstream to the Gateway Natural Area. Yes, the fish were really small, but what a great feeling knowing we were helping our local river recover from the horrific Black Hollow flash flood of July 2021. The hope is that these small trout will help establish a strong future population of rainbow trout in the Poudre. They have a challenge ahead of them for sure, but with a little luck, they will be sipping dry flies from the surface of the river in a few short years. Here's to the future!



Over 20 Volunteers helped stock 115,000 fish



Part of the bucket brigade carrying fish

Upcoming Events

iVolunteer: We have many interesting volunteer opportunities coming up in August and September – too many to list here. So be sure to check out all the projects listed on iVolunteer. Your volunteer hours are what makes our chapter run. With your help we can be the ‘GSD’ chapter . . . “Get Stuff Done”. Thanks so much.

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Here are just a few of the projects we hope to do this Sept and Oct:

Big South Angling Survey 2022 - Mon, Sep 12, 2022, to Thur, Sep 15, 2022. Monday and Tuesday are full, but we need more volunteers for Thursday and Friday. This is a FUN day, fishing for science!

Greenback Stocking in Williams Gulch – Tues, Sept 20. Twenty volunteers needed. Following a successful rotenone treatment in 2021, Colorado Parks and Wildlife will be coordinating a stocking effort to plant greenback cutthroat trout into Williams Gulch between the Green Ridge area and Poudre Canyon. This event will require hiking into predetermined stocking locations - details are at the above link to iVolunteer.

Poudre Headwaters Mark and Recapture Survey - Mon, Sep 26, 2022, to Thu, Sep 29, 2022. This is the final year of our fish movement study on the lower barrier site of the Poudre Headwaters Project. During the week-long effort, volunteers will have the opportunity to aid in this study. Some of the tasks may include aiding with electrofishing efforts, transporting gear to study site, transporting and releasing fish downstream of the study site, and aiding with the PIT tagging efforts. Please be prepared to hike at least 5 miles.

Thanks for reading our Newsletter – a lot of people put a lot of time and effort into the Newsletter to help keep you informed on chapter activities.

Have a great month. Oh ya, just a reminder that there are a lot of fish out there that need catching! Go get ‘em! And ‘Keep ‘em wet”!

Mark Miller
President, RMFTU



Nominate Visionary Leaders!

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Rocky Mountain Flycasters' November 16th Annual Business Meeting will include the annual election for our 2023 Chapter Board of Directors.

Article VI. Election, Term, Vacancy

Section 1. The Chapter Officers shall be elected for one-year terms. Directors at Large will be elected for two-year terms staggered such that one or two Directors at Large will remain on the Board after elections. The newly elected Board, including officers will assume their duties on January 1 of the year following the elections. The President and Treasurer may serve no more than three consecutive terms. The Vice President, Secretary, and Directors at Large may serve an unlimited number of consecutive terms.

Section 2. In the event of a vacancy in any office, the Board of Directors shall appoint an individual to serve until the next regularly scheduled election.

Section 3. A majority vote of those Chapter members in good standing present at the annual business meeting will be sufficient to elect all officers and directors.

Section 4. The Leadership Development and Nominations Committee shall nominate members for each elected office. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Positions for nomination include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and three Directors at Large. The Board Nominees Election Slate will be finalized and published to chapter members by late October.

Chapter members are encouraged to submit recommendations of deserving members to the Leadership Development and Nominations Committee now at ldrdev@rmftu.org and through September to be considered as nominees for an open position this election year. Please include the recommended member's qualifications; it is preferred but not required that a nominee has agreed s/he will accept a position.



Stream Temperature Monitoring

Fall Data Retrieval Campaign to Begin Soon



The Fall 2022 data retrieval campaign for the Rocky Mountain Flycasters Stream Temperature Monitoring Project will kick off soon. Chapter volunteers will be visiting stream temperature sensors to retrieve data from sites on tributaries of the Poudre River beginning mid-September for higher elevation sites and continuing into October for the balance of sensor sites.

We plan to identify geographic area leaders and organize groups of volunteers to visit temperature sensor sites to retrieve data. If

you are interested in volunteering to be the lead volunteer for a specific geographic area or would like further details about this role, please email Phil Wright philwright@ieee.org and let him know your interest and availability. If you would like to retrieve data this fall, or if you know of folks who would like to be trained as volunteers, please email philwright@ieee.org so that we can match up volunteers for training and to go into the field. It's a fun and satisfying project to carry out and will likely take you to new places you have not been to before. Take a fly rod along and fish!

The Rocky Mountain Flycasters Stream Temperature Monitoring Project began in 2018. With the assistance of the Forest Service and RMF volunteers, the team has now installed and is visiting 26 temperature monitoring sites in tributaries of the Cache la Poudre River. The aim of the Project is to identify suitable habitat for the reintroduction of native cutthroat trout.

Also, we have recently received the EnviroDIY water quality monitoring station for our initial pilot installation. We are now in the process of building up and testing the equipment, and drafting the protocol that we will use to install, maintain and retrieve data for the Water Quality Monitoring Project (WQMP). Several volunteers have expressed interest in this new WQMP initiative. I will be reaching out to volunteers to get engaged with the WQMP in the coming weeks. See you on the stream – *Phil Wright*



THREE REASONS TO PROTECT 78.4 MILLION SALMON

How you can help urge the EPA to finalize protections for Bristol Bay.

There are less than two weeks left to [submit a comment](#) to urge the Environmental Protection Agency to safeguard clean water and fish habitat in Bristol Bay.

Click [HERE](#) to read more!



RMNP September Volunteer Opportunities

The Rocky Mountain National Park field season is in full swing! The RMF chapter has been diligently assisting Chris Kennedy, Fish Biologist with the USFWS, for many years to restore cutthroat trout to RMNP.

His big field work project for the summer is the Upper Ouzel Creek greenback cutthroat trout restoration project and he is in need of help. The project is to remove fish that currently reside in the creek with electrofishing to open up habitat for the federally threatened greenback. The work that you would be doing would be netting fish as they are stunned, assisting measuring fish and setting up nets.

Volunteers will camp at the Upper Ouzel Creek campsite throughout the project which is a 5.5 mile hike with a 2600 foot elevation gain. Work will be conducted downhill of the campsite up to one mile from camp. Everyone would be responsible for all their own gear (camping, food, raingear, etc.). In addition volunteers will need disinfected waders and polarized sunglasses for the work.

Work dates will be :

August 29 to September 2

September 6 to September 9

September 13 to September 16

September 20 to September 22

There are mules scheduled to carry in gear the first day of each work week (8/29, 9/6, 9/13 and 9/20) which will carry personal gear (tents, food, waders, etc.) which will lighten the load significantly. But note that there is not a mule trip later in the week to carry the gear out. So you will need to carry out your gear at the end of the week or leave it up there to be carried out at the start of the following week and then we can arrange to get your gear to you.

Check out the rest of this season's volunteer opportunities in RMNP by visiting <https://rmftu.org/rocky-mountain-national-park>

If you are able to volunteer for any dates, please email Chris directly at chris_kennedy@fws.gov



Share Your Content for RMFTU Social Media!

Awesome fish photos? Awe-inspiring mountain views? A conservation or angling event you want to share with the community? If you have anything you want chapter members to see, share it

with us at socialmedia@rmftu.org or tag us on social, so we can share it on the socials. Follow and tag us here:



Newsletter Editor

My time as Flypaper editor will be coming to an end in January. I have enjoyed the journey and learned many things about Trout Unlimited. I have also learned about the dedicated Rocky Mountain Flycasters leadership team and how/where they provide opportunities for our members in conservations, fly tying, volunteering and general fly fishing camaraderie.

The chapter uses "Constant Contact", an online publication program, for the Flypaper and the other email publications. It's intuitive and easy to learn. I spend between 5 and 10 hours a month with the various emails that include the newsletter, Pub & Dub, financial, volunteer and special announcements. Someone more skilled with a computer could do it in less time.

We will be seeking a replacement over the next few months. As my predecessor did with me, I will be staying on to assist the new person where needed. If you have experience with newsletters or online publications, this is a great way to provide service to a worthy organization.

Feel free to reach out with questions.

Dave Handshue
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Save the Date

Rocky Mountain Flycasters General Membership Meeting will resume on Wednesday, September 21. We will meet at the Northside Aztlán Community Center, 112 E. Willow Street, in Old Town Fort Collins. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM. Hope to see you there.



Vince Herrera's St. Pete's Fly Fishing Report For September

September is here bringing some cooler temperatures and more water time! The months have really been flying by and as we approach the fall season the fishing will begin to pick up again. In the last newsletter I spoke a lot about carrying a thermometer around with you on the river. This is a great practice to have year-round, I just keep mine in my bag but we are still facing some warm afternoon temperatures on the water so it's not time to leave the thermometers at home just yet. Hopefully everyone got out during the month of August and enjoyed some of the great hopper, alpine, and dry-fly fishing that there was to be had. Summer isn't quite over but it's getting close and I hope you all had a chance to soak in the sun (and rain).

As time continues to pass the conditions of our local waters will continue to improve. With all the rain we have been having lately the rivers continue to turn muddy which makes for some not so favorable conditions. The Poudre river actually continues to



fish very well contrary to belief. Stocking reports have left the river swimming with Rainbow Trout in several campsites and stretches of the river as you work further up the canyon with the most recent event taking place on August 25th. Not only are the fish there but the bugs are too. Hatches have been plentiful with some hatches lasting longer than anticipated like the Salmon Flies and Green Drakes. Golden stoneflies can still be found in all stretches of the canyon and the fish show no signs of hesitation when it comes to eating. The brown trout being caught are still high in quality and are very healthy. There is lots of fishing to be had in the canyon and improvements are being seen from folks who are spending the time meticulously working water. With fall among us we are excited to see how the Poudre will continue to shape up and as the season settles in so will the cool temperatures and happy trout.

Summer was hot and a lot of us took this time to enjoy the cool water coming down from the high elevations. It also was pretty hard to find water that wasn't too hot for the fish so we had to get up into the higher stretches of the mountains to find that good, cool water. I would have been pretty comfortable leaving my waders at home 2 weeks ago but starting now I will be taking my waders to the water. If you haven't noticed already, the shoulder seasons can bring some pretty chilly mornings and evenings with afternoons that will warm up and stay hot so waders will come in handy for the cool mornings. If you plan on getting up into the high country this month you will be very glad that you took your waders as well. It's going to be even cooler in the high elevations and take even longer to warm up. These seasons are incredibly fast and will start to slow down fairly quick as September passes us by. Don't be like me and try to wade these lakes without waders. You'll lose feeling in your toes and have to take breaks on the bank to dry off. Now that the seasons will start to turn, so will my techniques on the water. Bugs will get smaller, tippet will get lighter, and the water will begin to clear up.



For those of us who are starting to break out tying materials, the season is near. This is a great time of year to make plans to tie the flies you need to restock and find new patterns that are worth trying to fish during the shoulder season. This is also a great time of the year to start getting curious in the tying room at the shop. Whether you are new to fly tying or have been tying for decades, we want to be your shop to provide materials and inspiration for your journey. Starting on October 22nd we will have our first Intro to Fly Tying class on the calendar. This

class aims to get students with the basic technique of fly tying that will translate into advanced patterns. These are techniques that will stick with you throughout the entirety of fly tying so it's a great class to be a part of. We have also introduced our intermediate fly tying class to the schedule to take your tying skills to the next level with harder patterns like the Elk Hair Caddis, Parachute Adams, and the beloved Prince Nymph. Be on the lookout for more dates and get signed up. We would love to have you. Our on the water classes are coming to their final dates as we start to change seasons. Intro to Fly Fishing and Fly Fishing School only have select availability. Take advantage of these classes as they are starting to come to end as fall gets closer. Fly Fishing School is a great way to spend your Saturday during the fall learning the ins and outs of terminology, entomology, and technique. Fly Fishing School comes with a free lunch, gear, and time on the water with professional guides from St. Peter's. You can catch a class on September 24th from 9-5pm or October 8th 9-5pm. We have one more attentive date for On the Water Entomology scheduled for September 10th. This is a great class to help boost confidence on the water and get familiar with the rich invertebrate life that still exists even after the fire and floods. It never ceases to amaze people when I start pulling out bugs during my classes and if we know these bugs and what to reference, catching fish becomes less guessing and more

doing. This is a highly recommended class for all anglers regardless of age and experience. Call us or stop by to sign up

Get out there and enjoy the dry fly and hopper fishing while it's still around. In October we will talk about targeting fish with streamers once fall has been around for a couple of weeks. Until then enjoy the warm sunlight and we will see you around the shop.



Video of the Month



Five Flies for September, an oldie but goodie.



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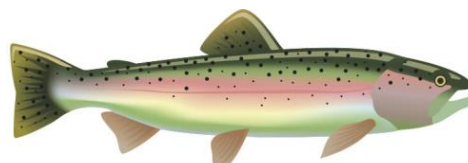
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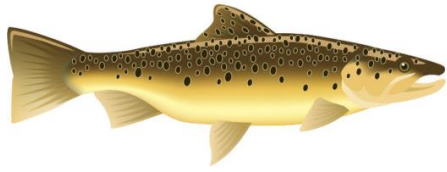
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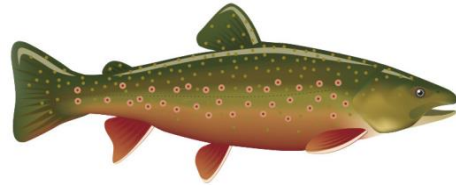


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