



*Chapter Gathering September 20 - FORT COLLINS SENIOR CENTER - 6:30 - 8:30*

## President's Note

Welcome to the September newsletter.

Summer is wrapping up and fishing is still going great. As many of you may also feel, I didn't get on the water enough and need to do some fall fishing.

As September swings around, we are back into the active RMFTU Calendar. We have Pub & Dub on the 7th, and our Chapter Gathering on the 20th. Please check the RMFTU website calendar for more details.

We had the RMFTU Member Appreciation Event at the Mishawaka on August 19th. We had a small turnout but we got to know fellow members, ate burgers, drank beer, and did a little fishing.

This month we have many volunteer activities. In particular, there is a "STREAM Girls Event" at the CSU Environmental Learning Center. Jeannie Weaver will be leading the event and we can always use more volunteers. Please check iVolunteer for more opportunities to contribute.

Let's have a great September and kickoff our fall meetings with great participation.

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## Alex Deetjen's St. Petes Fishing Report



September means summer is coming to a close and that we're nearing the end of the warm weather season. The conditions of our local waters are stable and the fishing has been great, especially for this time of year. Click the link below to find the current St. Petes' local report with a touch on streamer fishing tactics. Take advantage of the remaining summer days while you still can! - *Alex Deetjen*

[Read the St. Pete's Fishing Report Here](#)



## Fall Stream Monitoring Data Retrieval

In the second half of September RMFTU volunteers will begin to retrieve stream temperature data from 26 temperature sensor sites on small tributaries to the Poudre River. The campaign may continue into early November as weather conditions permit. To participate, email Phil Wright below and follow the link to learn more.

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## **Second Poudre River Stocking Event a Success**

Many thanks to the 20+ volunteers who stepped up to assist with the second annual Poudre River Stocking event on August 23rd! We had a great turnout of enthusiastic volunteers, and an equally strong showing from CPW in a team effort that placed over 100,000 Gunnison River rainbow trout into the Poudre River. These fish were selected because of their resistance to whirling disease, and were transported from the Glenwood Springs hatchery early that morning. After the devastating loss resulting from the Black Hollow flood a couple of years ago, these stocking efforts will go a long way in recovering the Poudre River's fishery.

Colorado Trout Unlimited posted a great summary on their blog, which includes a link to Denver Channel 7's coverage of the event. Thanks to everyone involved for a great collaborative effort!!

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## **Williams Gulch Greenback Stocking September 15 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



RMFTU, CPW, and the USFS will again join forces in the next step of the Poudre Headwaters Project (PHP) on September 15th. We'll be looking for 20 hearty volunteers to assist with stocking greenback cutthroat trout fry into Williams Gulch. In the wee hours that morning, approximately 10,000 tiny greenbacks will begin their journey from the Mt. Shavano State Fish Hatchery in Salida, Colorado. After approximately 6 hours travel, the greenbacks will be packed into predetermined areas of Williams Gulch and released. This is the second year of this effort, which is a significant milestone for the PHP. If you're willing and able, please join us for this event by signing up below:

[Sign Up Here](#)

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## Corral Creek Brook Trout Removal- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED




The USFS will be conducting an electrofishing brook trout removal in Corral Creek prior to an upcoming chemical treatment. Overnight and day volunteers are needed. If you can attend RSVP to USFS Fisheries Biologist Rachel Geiger using the button below.

**WHAT:** Preliminary removal of brook trout from Corral Creek by means of electrofishing.

**WHEN:** September 11-14 (overnight tent camping 3 nights); day volunteers would be most helpful Tuesday and Wednesday during the week

**WHERE:** Corral Creek (<https://goo.gl/maps/JkSoSeF9dwd3gHhq5>) upstream of the trailhead; camping at Corral Park Cabin (<https://goo.gl/maps/Pd1oWHh2S2DoZxbu7>)

**WHO:** Agency fish crews and volunteers



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## RMFTU Casting Club



The RMF Casting Club has been holding informal casting competition and practice on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM at Fossil Creek Reservoir Oval Pavilion 5821 S Lemay Ave, Fort Collins. It's a lot of fun – give it a try! You can also go by yourself anytime during daylight hours. The target rings will be there until we take them out in October before the lake freezes. Do you have an interest in attending and competing? Or just improving your casting skills? If so, please contact Bob Molzahn below.

Email Bob

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## Corral Creek Work in Progress



While fishing Long Draw via float tube in late August, I was able to take some photos of the Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) that will be installed on Corral Creek by October. As you can see in the photo, this is a much bigger project than I had realized – tons and tons of earth moving required and lots of heavy equipment required. What's the reason for this work? Most normal culverts keep fish from moving upstream to spawn. The new AOP will be over 14 feet wide with a continuous streambed going from one end to the other, so future Greenback Cutthroat trout in Long Draw and in the stream can migrate upstream to spawning areas. This is critical for future Greenbacks to survive and create a self-sustaining population. - *Mark Miller*

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## Long Draw Cutthroat Hitting on Top



Fishing from a float tube at Long Draw is pretty great right now – with cutthroats taking larger dries on top. Size 12-14 Hippie Stompers, Chubbies, Stimulators, and size 14-16 ant patterns as well as Elk Hair Caddis patterns. This should continue into early September. Check out a video of our recent trip below - *Mark Miller*

[Long Draw Video](#)

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## **STREAM Girls - VOLUNTEER**



Besides conservation, one of the ways we preserve fly fishing and cold water fisheries is by sharing our enjoyment and knowledge with the next generation. So, even though STREAM Girls is an impactful STEM education (science, technology, engineering, and math) program for budding river conservationist and anglers, it's also how we can ensure that future generations know what's important to us. To be a Stream Volunteer doesn't require you to be an expert, just to have some basic knowledge and a willingness to work with young Girls Scouts to explore the rivers and understand the ideas of fly fishing. The CSU Environmental Learning Center is a good place to hold this full day program where the Scouts will form two groups that rotate through activities in the river in the morning and dry land fly casting and fly tying in the afternoon. Sign up to volunteer below:

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## Video of the Month

### *Colorado Fall Fishing*

Our recent "Video of the Months" have taken us across North America. Head back to Colorado in this fall fishing stoke video.

-Isaac Fournier (The Editor)



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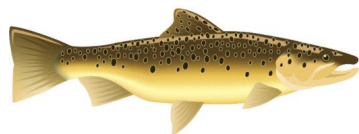
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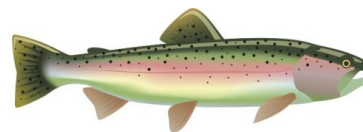
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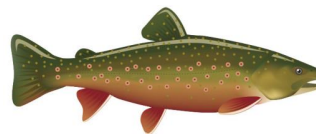
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