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Greetings,

Apples and knees! These have been occupying a lot of my time recently, and have kept me from fishing as much as I would have liked. My recovery from the latest knee surgery has been slow and painful, and our trees produced the best apple crop in the 20 years I've lived here. Both, however, have allowed time for reflection on our chapter and its accomplishments.

I think I am more committed to our cause than ever before and that is a direct result of the summer's activities and the wonderful involvement of our chapter members. Our home waters are in better shape because of our efforts; our youth are more involved in conservation and the life of the trout; a research student at CSU benefits from our financial help; Rocky Mountain Flycasters has increased its exposure to the public; Colorado and National Trout Unlimited, as evidenced by Ty Churchwell's presentation at our last meeting, are working on many fronts to help our watersheds continue to be vibrant and favorable to fish.

Can we do more? Absolutely, and our November meeting gives us an opportunity to add to our success. On Wednesday, November 17, we will have a "bring a guest or two" meeting. We are asking each of you to call a friend, fishing buddy, relative, or colleague and invite them to our meeting. Speaking will be Landon Mayer, who is known throughout the west for his fishing expertise. You've read many of his articles in High Country Angler. Landon always offers usable information, and your guest will take helpful information away from his talk.

We will make it easy for anyone to join TU if they want to, and will have a special evening regarding our accomplishments this year. Please plan to join us and bring a friend or two. Our raffle will be a bit better, and maybe we'll even throw in a few apples!

Watch our [website](#) for upcoming events, including a holiday party, fly tying expo, more quality speakers, and more opportunities to commit to helping sustain, protect, restore, and reconnect our cold water fisheries and their watersheds.

Thanks for your support,

Lee Evans, President

"We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children." --Native American Proverb

October Featured Guest Speaker

Wednesday, October 20th, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM,

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Fort Collins Senior Center



Our featured guest speaker for the October 20th general meeting is Scott Lazarowicz. Scott is a guide in Alaska and he will be comparing and contrasting lodge trips versus do it yourself trips. In this particular picture, Scott is standing next to one of his hand-made drift boats.

Social hour begins at 6:30 pm, and the program follows at 7:00 pm. Admission is free and the public is welcome. The Fort Collins Senior Center is located at 1200 Raintree Drive off Shields Avenue between Prospect and Drake.

Guest Night Featuring Landon Mayer

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Fort Collins Senior Center



Landon R. Mayer is a nationally reputed fly fishing guide living in Woodland Park, who calls the South Platte River where he started guiding thirteen years ago his home waters. He has also been a guide in Alaska. Landon will be sharing techniques and secrets from his recently released book, *Sight Fishing for Trout*. This is our guest night so please bring a friend

or two you think will benefit by joining Rocky Mountain Flycasters and Trout Unlimited (only \$17.50 for the first year). Anyone who signs up at the meeting gets five free raffle tickets. Prizes include fly fishing rods, reels, books, and other great take aways. Admission is free and we expect a large crowd. See you there!

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[To learn more about Landon Mayer, please visit his website.](#)

Save the Date - RMF Holiday Party

Thursday, December 9th, 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM,
C.B. & Potts - Restaurant & Brewery



Celebrate the holidays this year with your friends from Rocky Mountain Flycasters. The event will be held on December 9th from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at [C.B. & Potts - Restaurant & Brewery](#). Admission is \$10 per person and there will be a cash bar and h'orderves. You will receive more information about the holiday party in the near future. For now, please save the date and plan to

attend.

CTU Annual Report 2009



According to Sinjin Eberle, President, Colorado Trout Unlimited (CTU), *"Nothing in Colorado is more important than water, and Colorado Trout*

REPORT

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Unlimited is here to ensure that Colorado's rivers have a fighting chance to thrive." CTU leverages the power of its 10,000 members from 22 chapters across Colorado who

contribute approximately 44,000 volunteer hours annually to restoration, education, and other local conservation projects, equivalent to the power of 22 full-time employees. Founded in 1969, CTU is Colorado's leading non-profit, non-partisan organization providing a voice for Colorado's rivers.

[Click here to read CTU's Annual Report for 2009.](#)

Historic Water Settlement on Hold for Poudre River Headwaters

Parties call Forest Service decision a "missed opportunity"



A settlement to one of Colorado's longest-running water disputes - and the opportunity to launch the largest native trout restoration in Colorado's history - was dealt a blow by the Forest Service's refusal to accept a

collaborative arrangement for funding the project. Colorado Trout Unlimited (CTU) and the Water Supply and Storage Company (WSSC) last year agreed to settle a long-standing dispute regarding how best to address environmental impacts of the Long Draw Reservoir in the Cache la Poudre headwaters. But the Forest Service on Sept. 3 rejected the cost-sharing arrangement at the heart of the proposal. *"The good news is that the Forest Service, WSSC, and CTU all agreed that restoring native trout in the Poudre headwaters is the right approach to mitigating Long Draw's impacts,"* said David Nickum, Executive Director of CTU. *"The bad news is that the Forest Service rejected a carefully crafted proposal that had allowed stakeholders to find common ground after more than 10 years of legal battles. This is a huge missed opportunity."*

[Click here to read the full press release.](#)

[Click here to read a recent article from the Coloradoan.](#)

[Click here to read more about the Long Draw Reservoir controversy.](#)

Help Us Collect 3,000 Signatures for Save Our Rivers License Plate!



Colorado Trout Unlimited (CTU), with help from Nimby Design Group, developed the Save Our Rivers license plate to raise much needed funds for river protection right here in Colorado. But this plate

will not be produced until we collect 3,000 signatures from all our members and friends

[Click here to read more about the plate and to sign the petition.](#)

Colorado Trout Unlimited Clean-Up Day



All over the State of Colorado, Trout Unlimited Chapters gathered on local rivers to clean up trash along the banks. Rocky Mountain Flycasters members and volunteers

assembled at Picnic Rock in the lower Poudre Canyon on September 18th under foggy, misty, cool skies to clean up 14 miles of the Poudre River banks. Those who turned out for the cleanup included Dennis Cook, Ken Eis, Cullen Emsing, Grace Evans, Greg Evans, Lee Evans, Lewis Evans, Bryon Fessler, Bryan Lilly, Jerry Pelis, Dave Piske, Jim Shook, Bob Streeter, Paul Wehr, and Phil Wright.

Stamping our feet to keep warm with hands shoved in pockets, Dave Piske handed out sheets with stretches of the river for each group to clean. Each pair of volunteers was to pick up trash from about two miles of river. Shortly, we trooped off to our areas to collect paper, beverage cans and bottles, non-matching flip-flops, plastic containers, car parts, and whatever else didn't belong by the riverside from milepost 119 up to milepost 105.

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Colorado Division of Wildlife Poudre Rendezvous Outdoor Skills Day



On Saturday, the 11th of September, nearly 150 youngsters and their parents gathered at the Ben Delatour Boy Scout Ranch for Colorado Division of Wildlife's First Annual Poudre Rendezvous Outdoor Skills Day. All

the attendees (children and their parents) were assigned to one of four groups and each group had a schedule to follow that took them to four activity locations: Shooting, Archery, Fishing, and Viewing/tracking/survival. CDOW Volunteers guided each group as they made the tour. One hour was scheduled for each activity with another 15 minutes scheduled for guided foot travel between activities.

Rocky Mountain Flycasters (RMF) was there to share information about our mission, our Youth Outreach program, demonstrate fly casting, knot tying, and to help with the fishing. RMF seemed to have the greatest number of volunteers helping out with activities. We thank Todd Anderson, Rich Bader, David Cunningham, Ken Eis, Dennis and Amy Galyardt, David Piske, and Paul Wehr for their participation.

Children and parents had a great time with the activities and we watched and helped as they pulled rainbow and brown trout from a pond on the ranch. What a treat for these children to catch fish. At the end of the day, each child was presented with a casting rod and reel so that they could continue fishing on their own.

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