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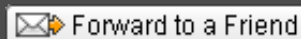


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From the President

Around The Corner-



Dick Jefferies

What's around the corner? Well, for starters, how about the next program season at Rocky Mountain Flycasters. Steve Schweitzer, Chris Kennedy and Rick Takahashi start the season off for us in a big way and the programs after the Holidays promise to be equally entertaining and informative.

Turn another corner and you will find Rocky Mountain Flycasters assisting in ongoing recovery and restoration work in both the Poudre and Big Thompson drainages. It is almost a certainty that we will end calendar year 2014 by facilitating the development, acquisition and implementation of more than one-

half million dollars of grant assistance in both watersheds. Truly a remarkable step forward in our never-ending commitment to meet the mission of TU and RMF.

The next corner could find you attending one of many community outreach programs that will be presented by Rocky Mountain Flycasters as a way of sharing the importance and need of our mission. Many, many volunteers will be needed to carry out the work needed in our watersheds. It is vital that we help as many people in Northern Colorado as possible to understand the importance of restoring and maintaining healthy and vibrant rivers, streams, lakes and their respective watersheds.

And lastly, for this month at least, turn another corner and you will find one of the best times of the year to get out and enjoy this wonderful country of ours. Fall brings those cool, crisp evenings and nights followed by sunny and warm days aglow with the colors of autumn. I can't remember the number of times I have

found myself sitting on a rock in a river or stream marveling at the beauty that surrounds me. Sometimes, just sometimes, it is almost more satisfying to sit and enjoy the splendor that surrounds you than it is to fish. Sometimes....!

More corners to come,

"Autumn...the year's last, loveliest smile."
William Cullen Bryant

[Dick Jefferies](#), President
Rocky Mountain Flycasters

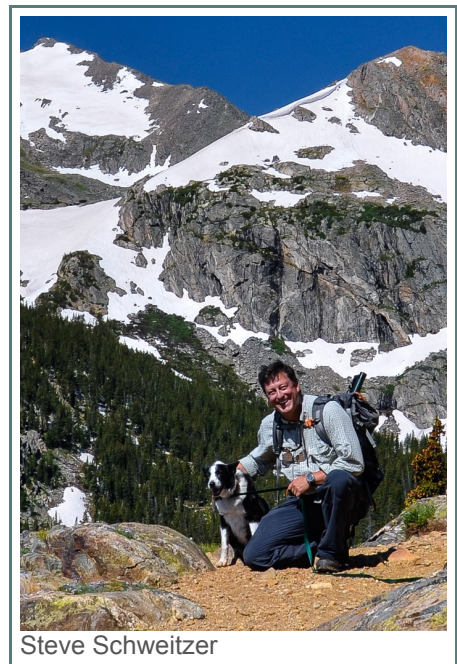
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SEPTEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Steve Schweitzer will be our speaker to open the 2014-2015 general meeting season on **Wednesday, September 17**. Mark your calendar!

You will not want to miss Steve's presentation on "Fly Fishing Colorado's Indian Peaks Wilderness Area", the area adjacent to and just south of Rocky Mountain National Park. This presentation will be a sneak preview of his newest book, *A Fly Fishing Guide to Colorado's Indian Peaks Wilderness Area*, co-authored with Mike Kruse and due on shelves October 20, 2014. In this special presentation, he will share some stunning pictures of the area, effective tactics and flies and some destinations to consider when planning your next trip to IPWA.

Steve is a contributing editor for *Angling Trade* magazine and author of the 'Masters at the Vise' column for *Southwest, Northwest and Eastern Fly Fishing Magazines*. He has authored numerous articles appearing in *Fly Fisherman Magazine, Trout, Wall Street Journal* and a myriad of other regional angling publications. He also is contributing author & illustrator for the book *Drag Free Drift - Presentation Techniques for Fly Fishing*, authored by Joe Kissane. His fly tying patterns appear in books by Chris Mann, John Shewey, FFF Masters, Rick Takahashi & Jerry Hubka. Steve makes his home in Greeley, CO. By day, he works as a consultant in the broadband and digital media industries.



Social hour begins at **6:30 pm** at the **Fort Collins Senior Center**, and the program follows at **7:00 pm**. Steve will also be our fly tier before the meeting starts. Arrive early for this Steve Schweitzer double-feature. 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.

SEPTEMBER CONSERVATION NOTES



Dave Piske, RMF Conservation Chair

Challenges to the Clean Water Act

Dear Flypaper Readers:

By now I hope you've heard a bit about the Clean Water Act rulemaking that EPA and the Army Corps are pursuing, to help clarify what waters are protected under the Clean Water Act. Without the rulemaking, it is not clear whether tributary and feeder streams that do not necessarily flow year round will be protected - even though discharge into those areas clearly effects downstream river health. In Colorado this is a big deal, as around 75% of our stream miles are intermittent or ephemeral and could therefore be at risk. Colorado TU has already been working on this issue and they have an action alert up on the Colorado TU website <http://www.coloradotu.org> and Colorado TU Executive Director David Nickum had an op-ed piece earlier in the year in the Denver Post you can read at:

http://www.denverpost.com/opinion/ci_25889325/why-colorados-headwaters-matter.

While the rulemaking process is still proceeding - with public comments due in October - there is a growing threat that Congress may step in and try to block the process. That would be bad news for water quality and for trout.

National TU has organized a sign-on letter for sportsmen groups including all TU chapters, to lend support to the rulemaking. Just [click here](#) to read the sign-on letter. Please stay informed regarding this crucial rulemaking process.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns on this.

Dick Jefferies, Board President
Rocky Mountain Flycasters

COLORADO WATER PLAN MOVES AHEAD ON MANY FRONTS

Governor Hickenlooper has called for filling the vacuum of having no statewide Colorado water plan by charging state government agencies to produce a Draft Colorado Water Plan and presenting it to him by the end of this year. There is a tremendous amount of activity going on to produce such a report.

Within our home waters, the South Platte Basin Roundtable has produced a draft report that reflects the views of a host of interested parties. Colorado Trout Unlimited has provided input comments to that plan, as have many other parties with wide-ranging and diverse interests.

Given our readers' strong interests in local waters, it follows that each of us should become informed about the issues and proposed plans for the South Platte basin. That draft plan can

be read at www.coloradowaterplan.com, click on: Resources, then: IBCC and Roundtable Documents, and scroll down to: DRAFT Metro/South Platte Basin Implementation Plan. You will encounter an astounding 404-page document, but scanning the table of contents will get you to topics most interesting to you.

On Wednesday, September 17, at the Fort Collins Senior Center, from 1 PM to 4 PM there will be a legislative hearing for public input. Representative Randy Fischer, chairman of the legislative committee interested in the Colorado Water Plan, expects there will be 6-8 members of the legislative Water Resources Review Committee there to hear from the public. Note that this is during the afternoon of the Rocky Mountain Flycasters September meeting and in the same building. Hopefully many of you will be able to attend both meetings.

At the legislative hearing, Sean Cronin as chairman of the South Platte Basin Roundtable, will give a brief presentation with highlights of the South Platte Basin Draft Implementation Plan for the meeting attendees to respond to.

Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed Launches Community-driven Restoration Planning

The Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed is launching a new initiative to plan and prioritize new watershed restoration activities in the upper Poudre watershed as a long term follow-on to its High Park post-fire recovery projects. The dual aims are to build a robust community-driven watershed restoration plan that will define restoration priorities, and to lay a foundation for a workable watershed investment fund that will help finance such projects.

If participation in this sounds interesting to you, your input into this process is invited and will be much appreciated. To learn more about participation in an advisory capacity to CPRW and its partner, the Colorado Conservation Exchange, plan to attend a kick-off meeting on Tuesday, September 23 from 8:30 AM until noon. The place will be the Carter Lake meeting room on the 1st floor of the Larimer County Building in Fort Collins.

Discussion topics will include:

- Purpose, roles, and tasks of the committee
- Watershed issues/priorities that should be addressed
- Information currently available as a foundation for planning restoration priorities
- Best approaches for determining restoration priorities

A detailed agenda, meeting materials, and directions will be circulated prior to the meeting. To receive this advance information, and to assure there will be sufficient seating and refreshments for participants, be sure to inform Jen Kovecses no later than September 12 that you will attend; jenk@poudrewatershed.org, and kindly also send a copy of your email to dpsk@aol.com.

SEPTEMBER YOUTH OUTREACH NOTES



Dennis Cook,
Youth Outreach Chair

Day for Kids Festival, September 20, 2015

Volunteers are needed to host a RMF's booth at the Day for Kids Festival held by the Larimer Boys & Girls Clubs at the Promenade Shops at Centerra-5971 Sky Pond Drive, Loveland. This is a fun event and does not require any unusual level of experience or skill.

Eight volunteers are needed across two shifts. Shifts will run from 9:30am (including setup) to 1:00pm and from 1:00 to 4:30pm (including teardown). Please commit just a small amount of time to help make this a success for the kids, and...contact Dennis Cook at rkymtnangler@Q.com or call 372-9229 before it slips your memory.

Each shift needs one fly tier plus three others to demonstrate & instruct simple casting and several basic fishing knots, discuss the aquatic insects display with guests, answer fishing questions, hand out information, discuss Rocky Mountain Flycasters activities and explain how the TU mission benefits Northern Colorado.



Paul Wehr assists casting while parents and Adam Omerick watch.



Jerry Pelis ties flies as Wil Huett discusses bottled insects

SEPTEMBER "LET'S GO FISHING"



Mark Miller, "Let's Go Fishing" Coordinator

Listed below are the remaining trips we'll take in 2014. New information is in **red**. There is still time to sign up for the September trips - Green River at Flaming Gorge, and the one day trip to the Blue River near Silverthorne. So far, we have no one interested in the Blue River trip. We also need a volunteer to act as a Trip Host - assuming we have some interested people. If you have been to the Blue once or twice, you qualify! To sign up for a trip, or just ask questions, Contact: Mark Miller at flytyer.miller@gmail.com or 970-744-8229 (cell).

Sept 12-15 -Flaming Gorge/Green River (UT) (2-3 nights) (Host: Jim Booth)

You can still sign up for this trip. You can wade fish the Green River easily, or get a buddy and rent a raft to float fish the river. If you have any questions about this trip, please give Mark Miller a call or email. You have to fish this river someday! It's absolutely beautiful !

We plan to leave about **7-8 a.m.** on Friday morning, Sept 12th, and return home about 10 pm **Monday** night (you can also plan to come back on Sunday). Cost will be about \$100 for 2 nights lodging, or \$150 for 3 nights, with food and Utah licenses on top of that.

If you haven't fished the Green River, check out these fly fishing videos on this youtube link !!

<http://m.youtube.com/user/SpinnerFall1>

Sept 20 - Blue River (Host needed) - **downstream of Silverthorne.**

Oct 4 - Poudre (Host: Dennis Cook) Join a gang to fish the Poudre in several stretches between M.P. 84 (Hatchery) and M.P. 79 (Sleeping Elephant). This is a good trip for new and other anglers trying to learn about more good river spots, or for others who haven't yet ventured beyond the canyon's lower or middle stretches. We all fish just as friends enjoying our pastime amid beautiful fall colors along these ruggedly beautiful waters, spinning stories of other exciting places, occasionally seeing a wayward moose, and sharing tips about how to catch more or larger fish. It's also a great activity for newer members to meet others and make new friends. Contact: Dennis Cook rkymtnangler@Q.com or (970) 372-9229

Oct 3-5 - **new trip to the Frying Pan River near Glenwood Springs. Host: Ben Zomer. Ben has a rental cabin on hold just across the street from the river! I'm guessing if you are interested and would like to stay at the cabin, please let me know not later than Sept 18th.**

Nov 1- (weather permitting) - Cheesman Canyon/South Platte. - (Host: Mark Miller). This is a state treasure, and a beautiful stream in a beautiful canyon. The rainbows there aren't too bad either, if you can catch them. Plan on nymphing with small stuff - size 20 and smaller. Could also be a good time to get lucky with a nice Blue Wing Olive hatch.

Fishing Trip Report: The Annual RMNP/Colorado Headwaters Brookies Bash

Once again Dennis Cook hosted the annual Flycasters' August trip to the headwaters of the Colorado River in Rocky Mountain National Park. It was a beautiful, mid-August Colorado day. The river was perfect, running almost full and gin clear. As you can see from the smiles in the photo below everybody caught fish, some in the teens+, and many picked up at least a few new tricks of our trade. Looking forward to next year already!



Left to right: Paul Wehr, Leo Katalinas, Bob Green, Tom Thomas, Dennis Cook, Donna Burrill, Rich Bader, Fred Ebert

In addition to "official trips" this summer, RMF-TU members made many less formal trips to local waters. Check out, for example, photos below of some local fish caught and released by RMF-TU members. The Cutthroats were taken by Mark Miller and Bob Green on recent trips to Lawn Lake in Rocky Mountain National Park and the Brown Trout by Dennis Cook in the Upper Poudre Canyon. Mark's Cutthroat and Dennis' big Brown were taken on conventional fly rods while Bob's Cutthroat took a fly on one of Adam Omerick's Tenkara rods.





OCTOBER 14, 2014: SAVE THIS DATE!!!

Odell Brewing
800 East Lincoln Avenue
Fort Collins CO
October 14th
Doors open at 7pm

Please join Odell Brewing and Rocky Mountain Flycasters for an evening presentation of **the Patagonia™ film DAMNATION.**

Stunning cinematography highlights this compelling look at the ecological benefits gained from the removal of obsolete dams.

Admission (\$10.00) covers the movie, one Odell beer and snacks.

5.00 for additional beers. Gear and swag to be raffled off.

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