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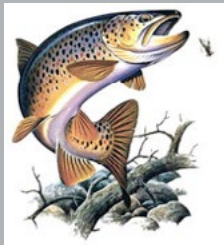
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From the President

It's very hard for me to believe summer is almost over. Though the thermometer is not showing it yet, in a few weeks leaves will be falling and the temperature will drop. I hope you've had some great fishing trips. In August, I made a short trip with some friends to the Big Horn near Fort Smith, Montana and had a wonderful day with Ben Zomer and Bobby Bottles on the Poudre Headwaters.

I hope to fish a bit more in the fall than I did in late summer. Work has kept me plenty busy. With cooler weather, lower water flows, fish storing up fat for the winter and Browns spawning, it should be a great season! Another reason to look forward to fall is that our chapter meetings resume. We are planning some great programs and speakers for this year.

RMF is not just about fishing. Without conservation, there will be no fisheries for succeeding generations. September brings us a couple of opportunities to give back. We need several volunteers for work on the Big Thompson on September 19th and have a limited slot for a clean up/fishing day at Phantom Canyon on September 30.

More information on both of these projects is available in the article by Dave Piske, our Conservation Chair, and Phil Wright, our Volunteer Coordinator. Also, don't forget to sign up on our new Volunteer Management System. Instructions for doing are provided by Linda Jefferies, our Membership Chair, in the article below.

So whether its with your favorite four weight or a shovel, let's get out there on the river this month and enjoy our abundant resources!

Coy Wylie, President
Rocky Mountain Flycasters



Coy Wylie, 2016-2017 President
Rocky Mountain Flycasters

[Chapter Event Calendar on our web site](#)

Filling up the Calendar

Our calendar pages are some of the most frequently visited on our web site. Wouldn't it be great to see your own pictures displayed there? There are many opportunities for months into the future. Pictures that are well-lit, in focus, on TU topic, and a minimum of 530 pixels wide and 400 pixel in height. Send a copy of fishing or conservation-related pictures to:

Paul Wehr, Webmaster



September Membership Meeting

Our speaker at the September (Wednesday, September 20) meeting will be Adam Jokerst, P.E., Water Resources Project Engineer at Fort Collins Utilities. He will discuss and take questions about the proposed changes to the Halligan Reservoir. The meeting, as usual, will be at the Fort Collins Senior Center, located on Raintree off Shields Avenue between Prospect and Drake. Please enter from the main entrance. The north entrance is now routinely locked for security reasons. The Program begins at 7:00 PM, but all are welcome to join us for a social half hour at 6:30 PM.



Adam Jokerst



New Volunteer Management System



Linda Jefferies, Membership Chair

The Rocky Mountain Flycasters' Volunteer Management System (VMS) is now online and ready for you! This new application will allow members to create volunteer profiles, sign-up for activities, projects, and fishing trips, create a personal volunteer calendar and keep track of their volunteer hours.

To create your volunteer profile, use the link for the Volunteer Application at <https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?ap=763710236>

In this application, you will give information about yourself your skills and interests. This information is secure and will not be shared except for use with our volunteer system. You will also use your email address and a password to create your Volunteer Information Center (VIC) login.

After you submit your application, you will receive an acceptance notice. Following acceptance, you will then be able to login to the VIC site using the VIC login link. <https://www.volgistics.com/ex2/vicnet.dll/?from=298024>

As a volunteer, you can sign up for projects, create a volunteer calendar, contact coordinators and more. In addition, you can access our volunteer opportunity directory on the RMF

website or by using the following link. Use the directory to view all of the exciting projects and activities that are coming up. <https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/od?from=298024>

I hope you will all sign up on the VMS system. Since this is a new system, please be patient, but do contact me, Linda Jefferies, at membership@rockymtnflycasters.org, if you have problems logging in or otherwise. You can also send me emails once you are in the system if you need help working with the system.

I appreciate your help with making the VMS a success!
Linda Jefferies



September Conservation Notes

Volunteer with Rocky Mountain Flycasters in September!

As we enter September, Rocky Mountain Flycasters has volunteer projects scheduled which will give you a chance to get on the water and give back to the streamside environment we all value. For project details, see below:

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 9 AM - 5 PM - Jasper Lake reach of Big Thompson River



Phil Wright

Rocky Mountain Flycasters will partner with the Big Thompson Watershed Coalition to plant willows and container plants along the Jasper Lake reach of the Big Thompson River (starting below the Jasper Lake Bridge, through Narrows Park, to the top of the Narrows). Technical guidance and direction will be provided by AloTerra Restoration Services. Volunteers should bring rain gear and weather-appropriate clothes, water, sun-screen, hat, lunch, work gloves and planting tools, if you have them (additional tools and gloves will be provided by AloTerra).



Dave Piske, Conservation Chair

Parking for the project will be along US-34 close to Narrows Park (1027 West Highway 34, Loveland, CO 80537). Parking is limited so please carpool. A convenient place for assembling ad hoc car pools is the southeast corner of the parking lot at the Kmart store located at Eisenhower and Wilson in western Loveland. Be there before 8:30 AM to facilitate arrival at the project site before 9:00 AM.

To register your interest in the project email Volunteer Coordinator Phil Wright at volunteercoordinator@rockymtnflycasters.org. We also encourage you to register your profile information and interest in participating in this volunteer effort at <http://rockymtnflycasters.org/volunteer.php> using Rocky Mountain Flycasters NEW! Volunteer Management System as described by Linda Jefferies earlier in this newsletter. For additional background information about the project see the following article entitled Big Thompson Watershed Recovery Project - Jasper Lake Bridge to Narrows.

Saturday, September 30, 2017 and Sunday, October 1, 2017 - George Creek

Rocky Mountain Flycasters will partner with the Wildland Restoration Volunteers (WRV) for a second field season to go back to the George Creek watershed to finish the road obliteration component of this exciting greenback cutthroat reintroduction project! By de-compacting, re-contouring, stabilizing, and re-vegetating another 3 miles of road this ongoing project is intended to improve the quality of the watershed, improve habitat, and enhance water quality in George and Cornelius Creeks; the future home of a new population of this threatened native species.

The heavy work of tearing up the travel-way of unauthorized roadways, and obstructing them with fallen tree trunks will be done in advance by a contractor. Likewise, the heavy lifting involved in staging bales of wood mulch along the roadways will be accomplished by an earlier group of volunteers. Thus, the tasks awaiting the project-day volunteers are lighter than one might expect and will mainly include moving smaller trees and branches to cover the roadway, enriching soils where important, dispersing native grass seeds, and spreading wood mulch over the newly seeded areas.

The volunteer work effort will start first thing the morning of Saturday, September 30 and end Sunday PM October 1. A campsite will be available Friday night through Sunday. Friday night arrival is encouraged because the campsite is over 2 hours from Fort Collins. The campsite is not far off the Pearl Beaver Road and is accessible to most vehicles. A really low clearance vehicle is not recommended after dark.

WRV will provide all the food for the weekend. Volunteers should bring their own tents, sleeping equipment, etc. The volunteer effort will be spreading seed, fertilizer and wood straw mulch along 11 sections of road that are negatively impacting the habitat quality of the creek. Volunteers should have sturdy footwear, long pants and shirts, a backpack and the capacity to carry 2 liters of water. Added details about the project will be briefed to volunteers several days prior to the project by Nate Boschmann at the WRV office on East Mulberry in Fort Collins.

To register your interest in volunteering for this project go to this link on the Wildland Restoration Volunteers website (<https://www.wlrv.net/index.php?section=events&action=list&type=projects#event2072>). For additional background information about the project see the following article entitled Progress toward George Creek Greenback Cutthroat Trout Restoration.

Big Thompson Watershed Recovery Project - Jasper Lake Bridge to Narrows

The Big Thompson Watershed Coalition's river restoration project between Jasper Lake Bridge and the entrance to Narrows canyon encompasses 2600 linear feet of river restoration and approximately 1 acre of floodplain area. The project uses federal, state and private funding, including funds from the Rocky Mountain Flycasters Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Trout and Salmon Foundation. This project is led by the Big Thompson Watershed Coalition with design consultants, Stantec, and construction contractor, RMC consultants. It is producing significant improvements for one of the highest priority reaches for restoration on the Big Thompson River, including stabilizing the river banks and bed, improving floodplain access, and revitalizing native vegetation and aquatic and fish habitat. The photo below shows the state of the restoration area after completion of major restoration heavy construction.

A multi-stage channel was constructed throughout the project area to restore the river processes that were lost as a result of the flood and subsequent emergency repairs. Multi-stage channels provide many overarching benefits including habitat improvement during low flows and floodplain relief during storm/runoff events. The multi-stage channel implemented through the Jasper Lake reach included a low-flow channel with a design discharge of 30 cfs and a bank-



full channel with a design discharge of 650 cfs. Through most of the project reach, a floodplain was created and extends 15 to 30 feet outward from the bankfull channel. This floodplain provides appropriate flood relief and hydrologic access during high water events, and reduces the rate of increase in shear stress as the river stage rises. As such, providing appropriate floodplain access will reduce erosion potential through this reach. During the late summer and early fall when flows are typically low, the low-flow channel will provide deeper water and improved fish habitat. The photo at the right shows one phase of the restoration work and reveals some of the construction details which are concealed below water level and the restored banks and in the photo above.



In-channel features, including rock grade control and stabilization structures, boulder toe, woody debris toe protection and soil lift bank protection, were installed to provide stabilization for the channel bed and banks. These structures reduce potential bank erosion and channel down-cutting that could impact stream function and threaten infrastructure. In addition, these channel and bank features help maintain the appropriate riffle/pool morphology and improve channel and floodplain habitat complexity.

Upon completion of the channel grading and installation of stabilization features, the site was revegetated with native seed mixtures, live-stakes and brush-layered willows, container-grown plants, and bare-root trees and shrubs. Successful vegetation establishment will provide further stabilization for the channel banks and floodplain areas as well as improve riparian and aquatic and fish habitat.

Progress toward George Creek Greenback Cutthroat Trout Restoration

In 2016, Rocky Mountain Flycasters partnered with Wildland Restoration Volunteers and the US National



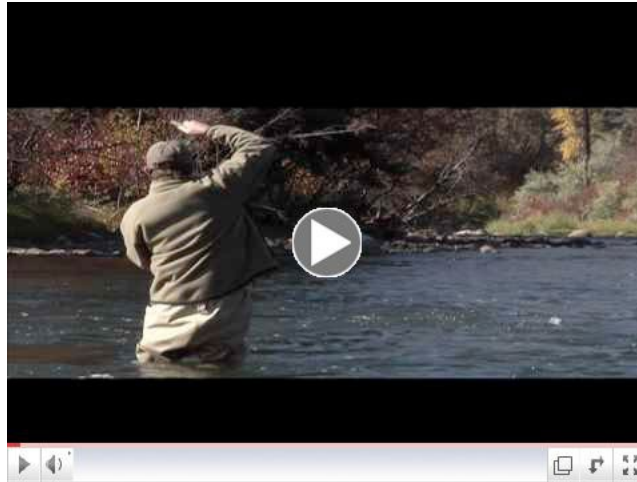
Forest Service to begin a multiyear greenback cutthroat trout project on George and Cornelius Creeks in northern Colorado. The photo below shows volunteers in the fall of 2016 performing restoration work in the George Creek watershed aimed at reducing erosion and sedimentation of the creek in preparation for the restoration of cutthroats to the area in subsequent years.

In 2017, restoration efforts at George and Cornelius Creek will continue and you can be a part of the effort by registering and participating in the volunteer effort described above and taking place on September 30 and October 1, 2017.



***The Flypaper's* Video of the Month**

This month's video is for anyone thinking about fly fly fishing in Colorado in the fall. Isn't that all of us?



Fall Fly Fishing in Colorado



September Youth Outreach Notes

Congratulations: 2017 Youth Day Camp Graduates



RMFC's Youth Day Camp has several primary objectives:

- Introduce young men & women to fly fishing as fun and as a possible lifelong pastime
- Enlighten campers to the need for coldwaters protection, restoration and advocacy
- Inspire the campers to possibly become the conservationists of tomorrow

Several of the post-camp comments received from parents and campers have been abbreviated and are copied below. These should help every chapter volunteer and guest presenter feel confident their roles helped make a difference in the lives of our 2018 campers:

"It's Dillon from the youth camp. I wanted to email you and just say thank you. I really don't have the words to say how thankful I am for your group at TU. I mean we got so much knowledge that I never would've known without this camp. We paid 30 dollars for this exceptional class. How incredible. Thank you. I truly will miss that experience.

Sincerely,
Dillon S"

"Tyler was excited every night telling us every detail about the day. I know he'll use all that you guys taught him and gave him knowledge on in his future. He plans on owning his own fly shop /fishing guide shop after he graduates highschool. I just wanted to let you know how much Tyler is loving this week!! What an amazing opportunity this has been for him!! Thanks for everyone involved! He says everyone is so kind and great to be around!!"

"I was thoroughly impressed with every aspect of the camp- your chapter should be extremely proud of what you've created and the great service you are doing for the community. Max had a fantastic time, and I enjoyed the chance to help out a bit on Thursday. Max is really excited about fly fishing and fly tying. We will do more of both together!"

"WOW! A huge thank you to your team. This experience has been life changing...not just for Cooper, but for our family. Cooper persuaded me to take him to Joe Wright Reservoir today. He was able to share more about the camp on our drive. I was impressed by the depth of his knowledge. He had never been interested in entomology before last week; however, we talked about it for quite a while today. He has convinced his dad to take him to Zimmerman Lake after church on Sunday. The selling point being the wild cutthroats. He has all but convinced his sister (who is 16) to apply for the camp next year. You have thought of every detail and every way to give the boys the best experience possible. Your time and effort truly has impacted our family. I am so excited that he is passionate about fishing and I can experience that with him. I will make sure we find time for this."

Our twenty-seven volunteer mentors deserve hearty "congratulations" for having achieved delivering these objectives successfully. Twenty were repeaters and seven were first-timers.

Troy Anderson
Katie Beamon
Robin Brown
Frank Cada
Bob Castner
Dennis Cook
Amy Galyardt

Dennis Galyardt
Colin Glover
Scott Gould
Bob Green
Ted Hendrickx
Will Huett
Dick Jefferies

Brett Johnson
Ruthie Ketola
Ed McConnaughey
Mickey McGuire
Dave Morse
Tim O'Connell
Adam Omernick

Jerry Pelis
Dave Piske
Domingo Rodriguez
Marty Staab
Paul Wehr
Coy Wylie

Community guest presenters included Kyle Stack, Joel DeJong, Jason Small, Charlie Denatale from St Peter's Fly Shops; Jessica Mascarenan, Kyle Battige, Robert Walters from Colorado Parks & Wildlife; Dr. Boris Kondratieff from CSU; Sam Adams of the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service and Dan Omasta of Colorado Trout Unlimited.



Want to Buy a Driftboat?

50% ownership opportunity: 2004 Hyde Low Profile Series Driftboat: \$2500.00 for 50% ownership.

Buyer would also share annual costs such as insurance, trailer registration, and storage. If interested, please contact Mark Miller (970-744-8229).



Tell us your favorite fishing stories.

Every time I fish or socialize with RMF members and friends, I hear wonderful captivating stories about fishing adventures. We all have them- you're not an angler if you don't. Why not have one or more published in The Flypaper? If you are interested or have questions contact **Bob Green**, *The Flypaper* Editor.



Or Send Us a Video

Just send a link think to **The Flypaper Editor**. It will be considered for a future video of the month.

Share a few experiences or a laugh. Did you see something online or did you record a great Experience? Share it!!



Want a fishing buddy?

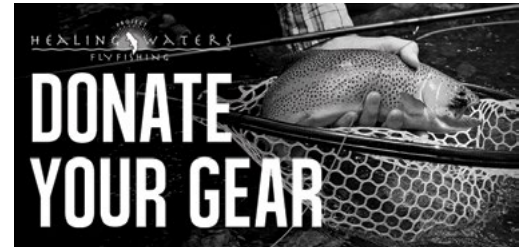
I created FindAFishingBuddy.com a couple of years ago. I recently launched FindAFishingClub.com, the largest directory of active fishing clubs in the US. Your chapter (RMF) is including on our roster.

Thanks, Chuck Christopher.



Donate Your Gear

For the third month, RMF will be collecting donated fishing gear so we can equip needy veterans participating in our Healing Waters program. This can include serviceable waders, boots, nets, vests, rods and reels, etc. There will be a collection box at the May TU meeting, or call Dave Morse to arrange a pick-up. (217-418-9386). Thanks for your support!



Or, would you like to be the RMF Treasurer?

Treasurer - need an experienced accountant/bookkeeper with knowledge of QuickBooks. Ideal for a retired accountant/bookkeeper who would like to donate those skills to a great organization. If you are interested in the position or merely want more information, please contact [Tom Culbertson](mailto:Tom.Culbertson@rmf.org) or 970-541-7029 or 970-685 1401 (cell).



Let's Go Fishing



Mark Miller, *Let's Go Fishing Coordinator*

Please see our line-up of fishing destinations for 2017 below. Hopefully these trips will appeal to a lot of you! I'm always open to suggestions if anyone has a special fishing hole they would like to share with our chapter members. If you do, please give me a call and I can help you make it happen.

Here is our RMF 2017 line-up for the rest of the summer and fall:

Sept 15-17 - Yampa River, Steamboat Springs - Host: Dennis Cook

Sept 22-24 - Frying Pan - Stay on the river and fish a private stretch of the river. - Host: Ben Zomer

Oct 21 - Possible Kokanee Trip - S. Platte / Dream Stream - Host: Mark Miller (weather dependent)

Questions? Contact: [Mark Miller](mailto:Mark.Miller@rmf.org) or 970-744-8229 (cell).

Trip report for Sat, Aug 27th: RMNP Headwaters of the Big Thompson River

Our Host Bill Gillett and Mark Miller were the only two fly fishers that participated in last Saturday's trip (Aug 27th) to fish small streams on the east side of RMNP - headwaters of the Big Thompson.

What a day it was! Perfect weather, and very few other fishermen on the stream. Starting our fishing around 9 am, nothing rose to our dry flies until someone turned a switch at 9:30am. As if on cue, we started getting rises to our dries in almost every new pocket of water we cast our flies into. Of course, many trout were very small, but nearly half of those in the net were in the 9-10 inch range, nice size for such small water at such a high altitude. Best fish of the day was a 13" brown that inhaled a parachute cinnamon ant. Ants seemed to be the ticket of the day, both black and cinnamon, in size 14 and 12, rather large patterns. Brookies, browns, and one beautiful cutthroat (caught by Bill) added variety to the fishing. Just one rainbow and we would have had the Rocky Mountain Grand Slam.

As we headed back to the car at 3pm, we both looked at each other with the same thought in our heads, "It just doesn't get any better than this." Check out the photos below:



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