



# ANGLERS' EDGE

CONSERVING, PROTECTING AND ENHANCING COLORADO'S COLDWATER  
FISHERIES THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

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## Our Mission

To conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

## Our Vision

By the next generation, Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and wild cold-water fish once again thrive within their North American range, so that our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.

## Who We Are

Founded in Michigan in 1959, Trout Unlimited today is a national non-profit organization with 150,000 members dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. Our staff and volunteers work from coast to coast to protect, reconnect, restore and sustain trout and salmon habitat on behalf of today's anglers and coming generations of sportsmen and women who value the connection between healthy, intact habitat and angling opportunity.

From forested rivers like the Farmington in Connecticut to the pristine waters of Alaska's Bristol Bay and all points in between, TU's work spans nearly a million miles of cold water all across North America. TU is the most effective coldwater fisheries conservation organization in the country. Donors invest in TU because we get things done on the ground, in statehouses and on Capitol Hill.

TU has a basic approach to its conservation strategy. First, we use the best available science to protect headwater spawning habitat for trout and salmon. We reconnect tributaries with their rivers to ensure resilience, and we restore waters where development has impacted trout and salmon and the opportunity to fish for them. Second, we sustain our work on the ground by:

- Using the best science to drive conservation priorities
- Promoting and maintaining a strong legal and regulatory framework to protect fish and fishing opportunity
- Connecting with passionate anglers who want to give back to the resource they value so much
- Increasing our ability to engage TU members in conservation by training, educating and building a strong community of angler advocates
- Connecting with generous donors and helping them give to the fish they cherish and the places they love
- Helping members connect and communicate with one another via our website, TROUT Magazine and the TU Blog

From the Penobscot in Maine to the South Fork of the Snake in Idaho and west to the Klamath in Oregon and California, TU and its staff and volunteers work on the ground in hundreds of places, protecting, reconnecting and restoring trout and salmon habitat for the benefit of today's anglers and generations to come.

If you're interested in becoming a part of TU and giving back to the fish and the places you value, become a member and help us 'save the world, one trout at a time.'

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at sunset. Trout streams are calling our  
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fishing?

photo by Chris Hunt  
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# The President's Message

Normally about now we would be working hard at planning and organizing spring activities like:

- Monthly Chapter Meetings
- Fly Tyers' Nite Out
- The Green River Trip
- The Yellowstone Volunteer Fly Fishing Program
- Lakewood Parks and Rec Fishing Day
- Bear Creek Lake Park "Let's Go Camping" weekend
- Windy Peak Outdoor Lab classes
- Trout In the Classroom
- River Watch

Needless to say, all these activities are cancelled or on hold, as we comply with the state's Stay At Home order and do everything we can to stay well.

I have been asked about going fishing, which sounds like an activity that could be done with social distancing. However, the Governor is asking people to stay close to home and stop all but essential travel. Limiting travel is one way to stop the unintended and unknowing transmission of the virus.

We will get through this, working together. The better job we do of Stay At Home, the sooner we can go fishing while practicing social distancing. As Governor Polis said, the mountains will be there when the pandemic ends.

For updates about a return to our normal activities, watch for email blasts and check our website periodically, [www.westdenvertu.org](http://www.westdenvertu.org).

Hey, did you know you can buy Fantasy Raffle tickets online?

Stay well, and for a laugh, check out Hank Patterson explaining Trout Unlimited to some newbies at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krwjQ-5WosE>



# To fish or not to fish during the outbreak

by Kirk Deeter

*Editor's note: The following first appeared in Angling Trade magazine.*

Admittedly, things are moving fast and my own opinions have evolved quite a bit in the past several days especially. But one thing that really sticks out and absolutely warms my heart is the sheer class and integrity of the many people in fly fishing with whom I have talked this issue through. We are definitely a community, and we are in it for the long haul. There will be another side of all this, and fly fishing will be just as cool, captivating and interesting on that other side as it was before... maybe even more appreciated. Keep the faith.

That said, I cannot count how many times in recent days I have been asked: "Should we be fishing ourselves, and should we be encouraging others to fish?"

I'm not brave enough to answer those questions myself. So the first thing I did was reach out through my co-editor of Angling Trade, Tim Romano, to ask an ER physician—and avid angler—Dr. Cliff Watts. Dr Watts started working in the emergency department in 1974. After completing an Emergency Medicine Residency in Charlotte, N.C., he moved to Boulder, Colo., in 1978. After many years in the Boulder Community Hospital Emergency Department, and a few years as Associate Faculty for the Denver General Emergency Medicine Residency program, and 10 years as physician advisor for over 16 volunteer EMS agencies, he ended his active career at Boulder Medical Center Urgent Care in late 2013.

Having caught his first fish at age 5, he has fished around the world from the Arctic to Patagonia, from the Kola Peninsula to Tibet. He still spends much of time helping people in need of medical information, travel questions, fishing information concerning gear and destinations, taking kids fishing, as well as having a spey rod in his hands while standing in flowing water.

We hit him with five straightforward questions, so here they are, with his responses.

1. Is it okay to fish in a "lockdown" or "shelter in place" state? If I am completely alone, get in my vehicle, get out and fish, never encounter another human within six feet or more, and have a healthy (at least mentally) escape, is that cool?

*Yes, I believe that is very safe. If you are alone, the gas pump or the convenience store that you might visit on the trip is probably the most potent risk of exposure or transmission. Not the water. Not the fish. But I am unsure about (different states') regulations.*

2. What is the max distance one should travel to fish? Are we talking about "walk to fish?" or is it okay to drive an hour to the river if part of the isolation appeal is to keep people off the roads entirely?

*I do not think driving will increase your risk or that of others as long as you follow CDC guidelines. See: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html> Now, if you feel sick or later get sick, going too far might lead to a difficult return home.*

3. How about a boat? Like a drift boat... is there any way you see a fishing boat being a safe "socially distanced" scenario?

*Most drift boats mandate the rower and the fisherperson to be less than six feet apart. The person downwind of a sneeze, or a spit, would be vulnerable to "droplets" and hence there could be a significant potential to spread any virus.*

4. Assuming I can go fish, and I buy a dozen flies and a spool of tippet from my favorite fly shop (online, sent to me through the mail, or they leave it out the door), do I have to disinfect those flies and tippet somehow, and if so what is the best way to do that?

*According to a recent study published in the New England Journal of Medicine, SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, can live in the air and on surfaces between several hours and several days. The study found that the*

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*A trout stream running through a canyon at sunset. Trout streams are calling our names... but is it safe and smart to go fishing?*

*photo by Chris Hunt*

*virus is viable for up to 72 hours on plastics, 48 hours on stainless steel, 24 hours on cardboard, and 4 hours on copper. But the actual viral load decreases rapidly on most of these surfaces. Cleaning surfaces with disinfectant or soap is very effective because once the oily surface coat of the virus is disabled, the virus should not be able to infect a host cell. The facts and science change daily. I do believe soaking anything in 91-percent isopropyl alcohol or 80-percent ethanol (real moonshine) for one minute would kill any virus on a fly or tippet materials, but this might affect those materials. Letting any of these fishing materials just sit*

*for 72 hours, should certainly make them virus free. I would not hold fresh flies or tippets with your lips until you do so.*

5. Is the virus transmitted through water?

*According to the CDC, there is no evidence that COVID-19 can be spread to humans through the use of pools and hot tubs. The virus has been detected in patient's feces, but I doubt that the virus has significant presence or danger as far as fishing waters in North America.*

Okay... so let's start there, and build out the discussion. Based on that information, fishing seems like a healthy, safe option and a welcome diversion from all that is going on—especially if you fish as an individual (or with family members with whom you share your space), and especially if you can walk to the water, be that a local pond, or a river, etc. I certainly wouldn't get in a boat with someone who isn't an immediate family member, and if we are going to do a float, I would for darn sure run my own shuttle. But that leads us to another important question... driving to fish and how far (see question 2 above)?

I'm actually a bit more conservative on this point, and I think that driving distances to fish opens up other points of "contact" you might want to consider. What if you get a flat tire, or heaven forbid, get in an accident driving far to fish? Longshot, sure, but worth even a tiny risk to involve others who would have to bail you out of trouble? I think not.

Moreover, every single rural fly shop owner and guide I have spoken with (via email or over the

phone) in the past few days is in agreement that they **do not want** people from urban, heavily affected areas driving up and fishing in and around small communities with little or no healthcare infrastructure—certainly nothing capable of handling something of the COVID-19 magnitude.

So you are really not doing anyone in small fish-town America a favor by showing up to cast a line. As someone living in said small fish-town America, even if some guide trips might be good for you and your business, you must also

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be thinking about the local convenience store, and doctors and nurses, and so on. It's about a lot more than you and your business.

Fly shops... manufacturers and *commerce*.... Well, suffice it to say that the very foundation of my professional life is encouraging people to get out and fish, and more specifically, to send them to fly shops so they can buy stuff manufacturers produce. I'm still all-in on encouraging e-commerce, and innovative ways of getting consumers product and information. But there's no sugarcoating the fact that we're all going to take a big economic kick in the shins, from manufacturers where the layoffs have already started, to shuttered fly shops... to magazines and digital media (we're going to keep cranking because the thirst for distraction-type content has never been greater, but we don't know how advertisers are going to pay us either). Guides... I absolutely love you like family, and the guide world is where my roots were sunk, going way back over 20 years to a little book called "Castwork."

One of the guides in that book, Terry Gunn, proved to me today why he still remains a mentor and example for all of us. He sent this to his clients:

*A resounding THANKS to you and all our customers! We have seen a lot together over the years — the stock bubble of 1999, the tragedy of 9/11, The Great Recession, government shutdowns ... but nothing like this devastating virus and its consequences.*

*Arizona Gov. Douglas Ducey has ordered a statewide shutdown. Under certain conditions, Lees Ferry Anglers, Cliff Dwellers Lodge and Kayak Horseshoe Bend might remain open, continue operations and go fishing with the lodge open for guests. However, after careful consideration, we have decided the prudent and compassionate action for our staff and guests is to temporarily close all business operations as of 5 p.m. today [March 31].*

*We are cancelling all fishing trips, kayak launches, hotel and lodge operations until April 30, at which time we will reevaluate conditions and either reopen or extend our closure.*

*We are all in this leaky boat together. Please think about fishing, the river and the canyon. We are really going to need your support when this is all behind us. We are keeping all staff on payroll so we will all be here for you when the time*



*photo by Chris Hunt*

*is right. Words cannot express how much we are looking forward to shaking your hand and telling you in person how greatly we appreciate seeing you back at Lees Ferry. In the meantime, be safe and healthy.*

That is exactly the right play. And I believe that this market, when it rebounds, which it surely will, will reward those who sacrifice for the greater good now. You can count on the fact that *Angling Trade* will.

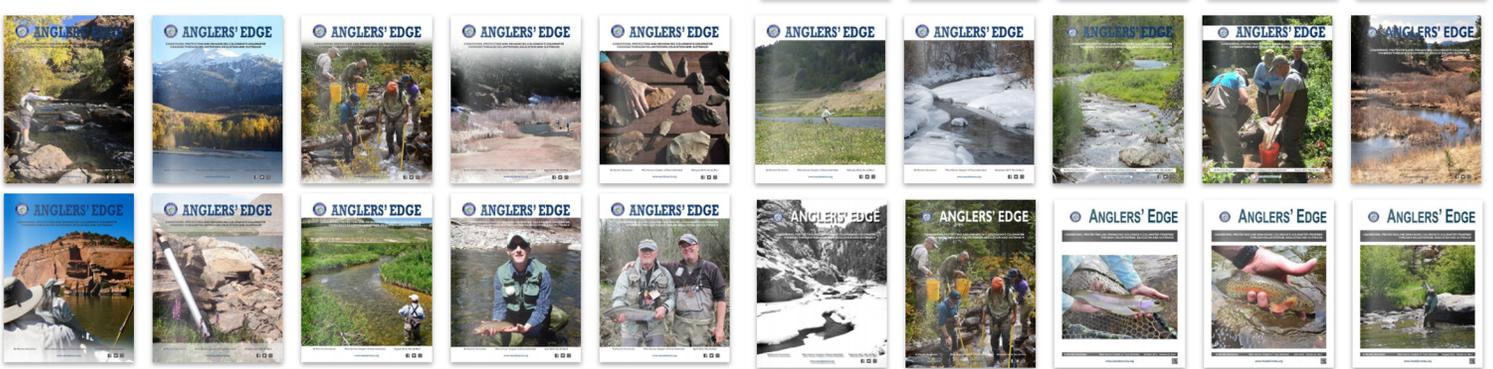
One last point of punctuation. It's just *fishing*. Sure, we hold it sacred, special, and it is part of all of us... but it's a *recreational* activity. Think about the doctors and nurses and EMTs and others in New York City, and what *their* professional lives look like right now before you drive 100 miles to a river to get your Ya-Ya's out, or load up your Instagram feed, or whatever, by pulling on a tiny animal through a graphite stick and a strand of monofilament... and then consider whether or not that's an insult to people who are literally laying their lives on the line right now. Symbolically, if nothing else, solidarity means staying home.

In sum, *Angling Trade's* position relative to that elephant in the room: Fishing is great, done alone, or with household members. We encourage hyper-local fishing, whenever possible. Social distancing is a must, and every angler should adhere to exactly what their state and the CDC advises, without question. We don't think people should drive far to fish, and we don't think guides and shops should invite people from affected urban areas to rural areas to fish. We encourage e-commerce, community and the broader exchange of information and ideas. We're in it for the long haul, and lives matter most now. We're going to throw our strongest support on the other side of this to those who act most responsibly now.

Be smart and safe, and protect yourselves and your families.

*Kirk Deeter is the vice president and editor of TROUT Media. He lives and works near Denver.*

# Anglers' Edge Needs A New Editor



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- \* edit, lay out, and complete newsletter every other month (February, April, June, August, October, December)
- \* upload newsletter to Issu account
- \* email pdf and jpg of cover to WDTU Board
- \* attend WDTU Board meetings

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# CSU Scholarship Recipient Tawni Riepe



Tawni Riepe, our CSU scholarship recipient, was going to nerd us out with her talk on the transmission of bacterial kidney disease in cutthroat trout. She is a Master's student in Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology at CSU.

This annual scholarship of \$4,000 is made possible by your support of the Chapter. For a heart-warming moment, check out this personal thank you from Tawni:

*I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of this scholarship as I complete my graduate education at Colorado State University. Because of your generous gift, I am able to present the findings of my study to fish biologists in both state and federal agencies, travel to national conferences, publish my research in peer-reviewed scientific journals, and continue to engage in community outreach through science-based programs in Colorado public schools. Thank you again, your gift has changed the course of my graduate work!*

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## Partnering with USFS Fisheries' Biologist Val Thompson

One of the speakers scheduled for our (cancelled) April chapter meeting was USFS Fisheries Biologist Val Thompson. Val was going to speak about summer and fall conservation projects in the Clear Creek watershed. It has been agreed that the projects identified in the existing High Peaks to Headwaters Plan are good starting points.

The scope of the plan is limited to four sub-watersheds within Clear Creek, all on USFS property. So, of course, there are other projects on other ownerships within Clear Creek that deserve attention. But, as WDTU's Conservation leader Rick Dornfeld noted, High Peaks is a good starting point... and the planning work has already been done by Kelly Larkin of USFS.

# WDTU Celebrates its 5th Year at Rainbow Falls!

by Matt Rivera



**O**n March 14, 2020, WDTU was fortunate enough to have one of the last social gatherings before COVID-19 shut down most functions, social and otherwise. We were very careful to keep safe distances and practice fist pumps, waves and elbow bumps... but who has time for that when there are willing trout to be exercised?

This special day sold out a month prior to the event date with 40 anglers registered, and for that I was very excited.

Now the only worries were whether Mother Nature would bless us with favorable weather. We were fortunate that she not only provided nice weather, but that she provided us exceptional weather allowing us the opportunity to gather outside at the pavilion between the top three lakes for the entire day. That allowed for even further social distancing and the ability for all of us to get



some much needed Vitamin D and a great deal of fresh air.

As I prepared for the event day, I researched to see how many folks had made the commitment to support the chapter for each of the 5 years and I was not surprised to see that 15 folks were scheduled to fish for the 5th year. This represents a tremendous commitment both in terms of time and dollars. This also includes folks who drive in from as far away as Kansas and Trinidad. Regrettably, two of those folks had to cancel last minute, however, both maintained their financial commitment so I am counting them (just like baseball, "paid" attendance) anyway!

Folks this year did not mess around. Everyone checked in before 10:00AM and got to fishing. Because of this and our close proximity to the water, I was able to fish nearby prior to lunch this year along with my assistant for the day, George Hussey. After landing a few willing trout, I was able to refocus my attention on helping prepare for lunch. Ed Calmus, our Chapter President, helped set up as well so we were ready to enjoy steak and chicken prepared by David Dudden, who has generously supported us through his expertise on the grill since our first year. This year, he

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*Bruce Ferguson  
photo by Ed Calmus*



*J Dodd  
photo by Ed Calmus*

even secured and contributed enough chicken for us by purchasing some on Friday morning after my failure to locate any due to the pandemic fears. Folks didn't spend a lot of time gathering for lunch. Once done, most were ready to hit the water once again... perhaps to secure that favorite fishing spot along Trout Creek? Just prior to lunch ending, Ed Calmus thanked our attendees and Rainbow Falls for allowing us to enjoy a day.

At this point, Richard Johnson provided some history about Rainbow Falls, which has a very long history that includes wintering grounds for Utes, one of the earliest fish hatcheries in the state and of course as a private fishing club. It truly is a piece of Colorado history, and we are privileged to be able to spend a day on this wonderful property. Richard also thanked us and offered a tour of the fish runs where he raises lots of fish for his members and guests to catch. This is always a highlight of the day and one I encourage anyone who attends to take part in.

I have a few fond memories of the day that I would like to share. First and foremost, I always look forward to seeing families fishing together. To see different generations of families enjoy times fishing very much makes me smile. This year we were slated to have two grandfathers who planned to bring grandsons to fish and another family with a grandson,

father, brother-in-law and grandfather attend. Towards the end of the day, I was able to watch and help two of these groups catch a number of fish and to see the excitement on the youngsters' faces was truly something special. I look forward to seeing Jack and Alex again, and perhaps in a few years they will be able to attend CTU's annual Youth Camp to further learn about conservation and ecology. I know they have a passion for fishing, but days spent with families will give them memories that they may not be aware of just yet. Regrettably, many of us know and cherish those times now, but a little too late to realize it at the time. I do know Jack's favorite fly is a Royal Wulff! And I thank their families for bringing them out to fish. Another great memory was the smile on Fred Portillo's face when I saw him at the end of the day. I didn't think it was humanly possible for a person's lips to touch in the back of their head from smiling, but I can honestly say, Fred's was! George Hussey and John Vialpando can attest to it! Fred was ecstatic because he told me he had the best day ever at Rainbow Falls, and for those of you know Fred, he is a very accomplished angler, so "best ever" is a tremendous statement.

Overall, the day was incredible! We have already been given the go ahead to plan on next year, and just like in year's

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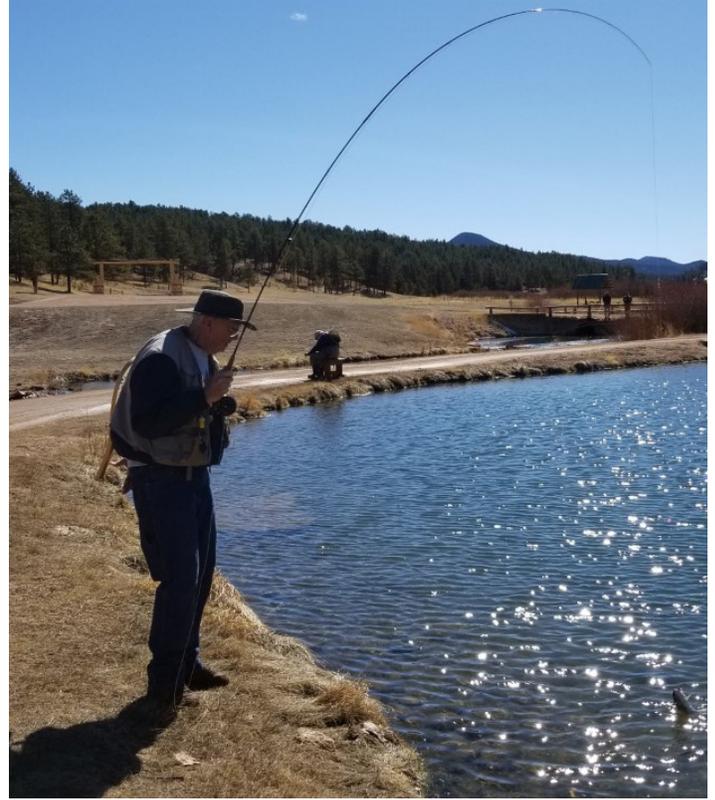
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past, the folks who attended the prior year have the first right of refusal for reservations for the first month we are accepting them. If you have an opportunity to join us, or to fish Rainbow Falls some other time, I strongly recommend you make the effort. Then you may be able to see how far your smile can stretch!



*Ken Bower and Jack  
photo by Matt Rivera*



*George Hussey fishing  
photo by Matt Rivera*



# WDTU Clear Creek Stream Management Plan

by Darren Beck

The West Denver TU Chapter Board has expressed interest in developing a Stream Management Plan for Clear Creek from the canyon mouth to the South Platte River confluence and is requesting member support.

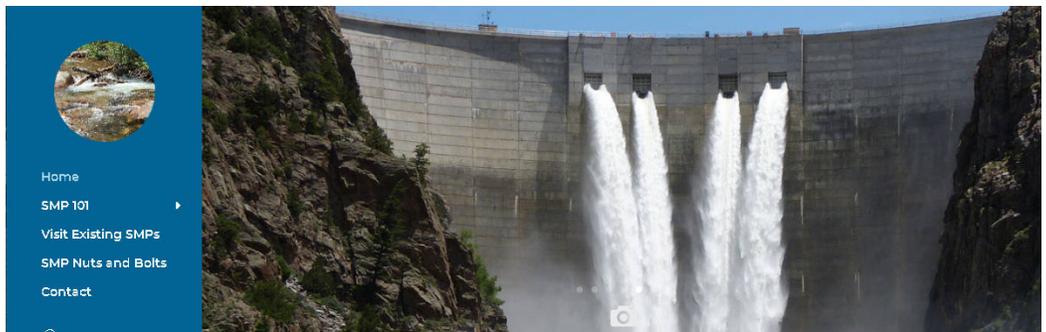
This project provides our chapter a great opportunity to re-envision Clear Creek as a healthy urban fishery by improving in-stream flows, restoring and creating aquatic habitat, and addressing water quality through collaboration with local stakeholders and the community. We are requesting member input to define the purpose, scope, and goals of the project so it aligns with TU's mission and our chapter's efforts to conserve, protect, and restore coldwater fisheries.

A Stream Management Plan (SMP) is an assessment of river health that assists communities to prioritize efforts toward the improvement of environmental and recreational assets. The concept of a SMP was included in the 2015 Colorado Water Plan, which was developed to identify the gap between available water supplies and future demands including uses for agriculture, municipal and industrial use, conservation, and water storage, as well as streamflow for environmental and recreation purposes. The Water Plan addresses environmental and recreation streamflow improvement opportunities through SMPs which identify instream flow needs and assists in identifying areas where historical alterations of streamflows most likely affected ecological conditions. Colorado Trout Unlimited and the West Denver Chapter have an opportunity to contribute to the State's efforts to promote healthy river systems while advancing conservation and fishing opportunities in our community.

There are several SMP examples and online resources available at ColoradoSMP.org to help guide this effort. Similar efforts, including Boulder Flycaster's Lower South Boulder Creek SMP, have received Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) grant funds and as well as contributions from interested stakeholders to fund the projects.

**If you would like to be involved or have any questions, please contact Darren Beck at [darren.s.beck@gmail.com](mailto:darren.s.beck@gmail.com).** I'll start an email list and may post to the West Denver TU website to provide updates and opportunities to participate. Also, please feel free to invite anyone in our community to be involved. This process won't work without broad participation from anyone interested in how Clear Creek is managed and maintained.

*Darren is a hydrologist and member of the West Denver TU chapter. He has been involved in the Stream Management Plan process through his role as the Metro Roundtable Recreation Representative and as a senior hydrologist and project manager with Otak consulting engineers.*



## Stream Management Plan Resource Library

Are you interested in learning about Stream Management Plans (SMP) in Colorado? This Resource Library contains everything you need to understand what they are, where they are, how they can be used, and how to do them well.

The Resource Library is meant to help enlarge the pipeline of local coalitions that

# Volunteer Opportunities

*by John Semich*

**W**DTU has been asked by Lakewood's Bear Creek Lake Park & the City of Lakewood for volunteer assistance at several events.

The first event is "Let's go fishing" at Cottonwood Park, Saturday June 6th, 2020 from 9:00 AM until Noon. (Lake is by Kipling & Jewell, just east of Burger King & Discount tire on Kipling, south of Jewell).

This will be similar to last year's Arvada Days, with 50 kids needing assistance. They request about 10 volunteers for this event. Lakewood provides the tackle, bait, and check in table. We can have a promotional tent/table to provide information on our Chapter & for assistance.

The second event is Lakewood's "Let's go camping" program Saturday, June 13th, 2020 from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM. The Park has 47 camp sites reserved for first time campers & those families not able to usually participate in outdoor events. Typically, they draw about 200 people to this annual program. The City provides the participants with camping gear, camp sites & food, along with an introduction

to fishing, archery, and other sports for multiple educational opportunities. Lakewood also provides the fishing gear & bait. Fishing is held at Turtle Pond inside of the Park, not the main lake.

We are asked to provide up to around 10 volunteers at this event also, for fishing assistance & a fly-fishing demonstration. There will be booths from Parks & Rec; some equipment providers, Fire Dept; etc. We can have an informational table/booth for assistance and W. Denver TU Chapter promotion.

These events will hopefully help promote West Denver TU to local residents and possibly new members/volunteers. Those TU members in Lakewood/Golden in particular, are encouraged to pitch in and help make this initial paring with the City of Lakewood beneficial to all.

Please contact John Semich with any questions & to volunteer for either or both events. An email stating your volunteering preference is preferred. Thanks for your participation.

(Cell: 303-550-1380) (Email [johnsemich@comcast.net](mailto:johnsemich@comcast.net))

As of now, these events are still scheduled to happen. If you would like to volunteer, please contact John--if the event(s) are cancelled, he'll let you know!

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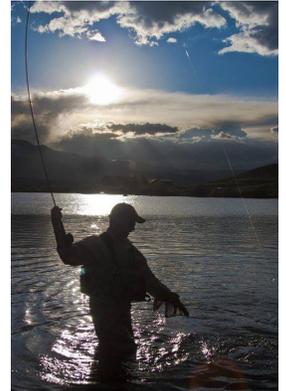
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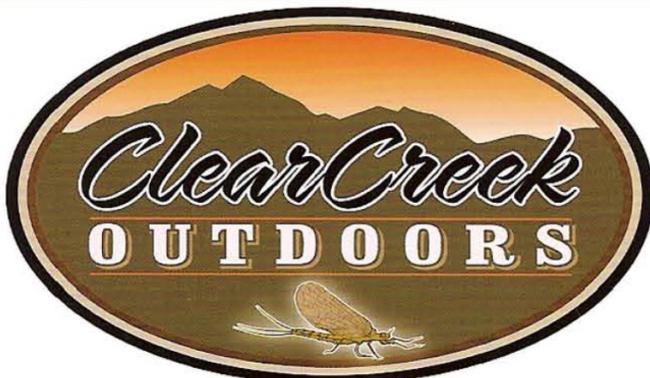


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## West Denver Trout Unlimited

The West Denver Chapter, Trout Unlimited (WDTU, TU chapter #130) is a member-driven 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is conserving, protecting, and enhancing Colorado’s coldwater fisheries through volunteerism, education, and outreach.

WDTU was founded in Colorado in 1974, and now has over 900 members across western metro Denver, including Lakewood, Golden, Morrison, Englewood, Littleton, Wheatridge, and Arvada. Our conservation and community outreach projects include the restoration and water quality monitoring of Clear Creek, Jefferson County school programs, and Joseph’s Journey. The chapter’s membership meets regularly at the monthly chapter meeting (except July). These meetings are free and open to the public.

WDTU’s governance also relies directly upon its members, who generously volunteer their time and effort to achieve the chapter’s mission. The WDTU Bylaws provide details on the chapter’s governance. The chapter’s Board of Directors has a board meeting every month (separate from the chapter meeting). Members are welcome to attend board meetings and are encouraged to volunteer to be an Officer or Director.

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Please notify us whenever you change your email address, snail mail address and/or telephone number so we can communicate with you quickly and efficiently.

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## WDTU Shirt Logo

Jackie Edwards has made arrangements with a vendor to have an official WDTU logo imprinted on your shirt for just \$5. This program was initiated several years ago and has gained popularity. You simply need to bring your shirt to the next Chapter meeting and give it to Jackie. She will take care of the rest.

# WDTU Chapter Board Meetings

**Note:**  
**Chapter Meetings** are held at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden, Colorado 80401  
 6:30 - 7:00 PM: Welcoming-Fly Tying Demo  
 7:00 - 7:30 PM: Chapter Business  
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