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From the President

Dear RMF Members and Supporters,



Although RMF membership meetings are suspended for the summer, chapter activities continue to be robust. This issue of *The Flypaper* describes many of these activities: We are working on conservation projects (see Dave Piske's article), Youth Outreach activities (Dennis Cook's report), organizing and taking fishing trips (see Mark Miller's article) and working in the general community (Will Huett's article).

In addition, I am off to Washington, D.C. next week to join with other Trout Unlimited leaders and legislators in discussing the Clean Water Act. I will report the outcomes of these meetings in the August issue of *The Flypaper*.

To get a better handle on the attitudes and activities of RMF members in the last year, and how they plan to help in the next year, make sure you read Bob Green's summary of the results of the 2014 Members and Supporters Survey, also included in this edition. You have accomplished a lot and have an ambitious agenda in front of you. Thanks for all you do!!

Finally, please join me, the RMF Trustees and Members of the Leadership Team in recognizing and thanking former Trustee Bill Perrill for his many and distinguished contributions to RMF over the past 2 years. Bill and his wife are currently in the process of moving to Salida.



Bill Perrill

Among many other leadership tasks, Bill organized and published our (first) organizational manual of roles and responsibilities and headed up the chapter's Project Healing Waters activities. Bill, you will be missed. We wish you and your family the very best....and tight lines!

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

"The solution to any problem -- work, love, money, whatever -- is to go fishing, and the worse the problem, the longer the trip should be." --John Gierach

[Chapter Event Calendar](#)

SURVEY RESULTS: CHARACTERISTICS AND VIEWS OF RMF MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS



An exceptional number of Rocky Mountain Flycasters Flypaper subscribers (n=192) responded to our invitation to provide feedback by participating in an online Flypaper survey conducted between May 21 and June 4. The results revealed that a majority of RMF members perceive their chapter as maintaining a 50%-50% emphasis balance between fishing and conservation and want to see this emphasis maintained as RMF move into its fourth decade of existence as a Trout Unlimited Chapter. To read a summary of the all the results, including members' favorite fishing places and techniques, their conservation attitudes and activities, [just click here.](#)

JULY YOUTH OUTREACH NOTES



Dennis Cook, Youth Outreach Chair

2014 YOUTH DAY CAMP - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Monday, July 28th through Saturday, August 2nd

Campers: This is the last chance for youngsters ages 14 through 18 to apply for the Day Camp. Applications will close on Friday, July 18th. Application packets can be downloaded from our RMF Chapter website home page at www.RockyMtnFlycasters.org .

Volunteers: We still need volunteers for several camp activities.
Please contact: Dennis Cook 372-9229 rkymtnangler@Q.com



2013 RMF Youth Day Camp Participants

DAY FOR KIDS STEAMfest - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Saturday, September 20th

10:00am to 4:00pm

The Promenade Shops at Centerra-5971 Sky Pond Drive Loveland, Colorado



Cullen Emsing Helps with Fly Casting

Rocky Mountain Flycasters will again host a booth at the 2014 Day for Kids Festival held by the Larimer Boys & Girls Clubs. This event is in support of an important partner of RMF's Youth Day Camp, and it is sponsored by the OtterCares Foundation that also is a sponsor of RMF's Youth Day Camp.

Two, 4 or 5-person crews are needed from 9:30am(incl. setup)-1:00pm and from 1:00pm-4:30pm(incl. teardown). Booth activities include RMF image displays/materials, fly tying & aquatic insect exhibits, assisted casting introduction, knots tying, kiddies fly fishing "pool", TU conservation mission & day camp exhibits.

It's fun! This is a Family Festival, full of kids' entertainment to create interest in the Larimer Boys & Girls Clubs.

Come and bring your kids or grandkids to enjoy the festival and museum while you volunteer, For more information contact: Dennis Cook 372-9229 rkymtnangler@Q.com

YOUTH SKILLS DAY - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Saturday, September 20th

9:00am to 5:00pm

Swift Ponds - Fort Collins



A Happy 2013 Youth Day Participant and Her Catch

This will be the third year for this outdoor skills day at which youths get to sample experience archery, trap shooting, BB Gun shooting, spin fishing and fly fishing. About a dozen volunteers are needed for each of two shifts, 8:30am-1:00pm (including setup) and 1:00pm-5:30pm (including teardown). Youths must pre-register and be accompanied by an adult. RMF will make a presentation of casting and fish handling, after which volunteers will circulate the fishing pond and assist youths. More details to follow in the August newsletter, so please reserve this date now.

For more information contact Dennis Cook 372-9229 rkymtnangler@Q.com

LETS GO FISHING



Mark Miller, RMF Fishing Trip Coordinator

Click [here](#) to view a list of fishing trips we hope to take in 2014. You will be able to indicate your interest online at this new website created for Lets Go Fishing.

Also, Dennis Cook, our Youth Outreach Chair, describes the forthcoming RMF trip to the Colorado River Headwaters trip that he will host in August. Just [click here](#) to learn more about the Colorado River trip.

We did not plan any trips on the Big Thompson this year due to last Sept's flood. However, the fishing from Drake up to Estes is as good as ever, and the fish are just fine.

We do need a volunteer to act as a Trip Host for the Blue River trip in Sept. If you have been to one of these areas once or twice, you qualify! Additionally, if anyone would like to host a trip elsewhere, please feel free to let me know and I will add your trip to the list. Contact: Mark Miller at flytyer.miller@gmail.com or 970-744-8229 (cell).

JUNE CONSERVATION NOTES



Dave Piske, RMF Conservation Chair

Enjoy a 5-day back-country campout with Chris Kennedy next week

Chris is the U S Fish & Wildlife Service biologist assigned to Rocky Mountain National Park. His field season for trout research in the Park's back-country is now underway. It began this week at Haynach Lakes just west of the Continental Divide and continues there next week. He is still in need of assistance from July 14 through July 18. This two-week project is a mark-recapture population estimate on Haynach Lakes, altitude about 11,000 feet. During this week of July 7 through 11, Chris and his volunteers are capturing fish from the lake by hook-and-line, marking them with a fin clip, and returning them to the lake.

Chris describes next week's action: "We will continue with marking of fish during the first part of the 2nd week, July 14 through 18, and at the end of the 2nd week we will conduct net surveys on the lake. Based on the number of marked fish versus un-marked fish that are captured in the nets, we can obtain a population estimate for the lake. This will be a backpack trip and we will stay at the Haynach llama campsite which is

7.2 miles from the trailhead with a 2000 foot elevation gain. Haynach Lake is a mile with a 320 foot elevation gain from the campsite."

Volunteers will be responsible for all their own gear; camping, food, fishing, rain, etc. The lake is pretty open along the shore for casting so waders are not necessarily needed, but if people want to bring them to get further out into the lake they must first be disinfected to prevent spread of disease and invasive species.

If you can join Chris on Monday next week, send an email to Austin Condon at [AWCFlash @ aol.com](mailto:AWCFlash@aol.com), telling him so, and he will let Chris know you will join him on Monday, July 14. Austin will then send you directions as to where and when to meet Chris.

If you are already booked for something else next week, remember it is just the start of Chris' fieldwork. Other destinations coming up include: a trout population survey at Lake Husted July 21 thru 25; and August 4 thru 8, fish surveys at Mirror Lake and Cascade Creek, both accessed off Highway 14 and Long Draw Road.

Discover what's happening now in the Poudre River Watershed

On Tuesday, July 15, 3 PM - 5 PM, the Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed is hosting a Community & Stakeholder Forum to discuss the status of post-fire restoration in the High Park Burn area and the Coalition's next steps for restoring the health of the Poudre River Watershed. All persons interested in these activities are encouraged to participate in these discussions in the Morgan Library Event Room at Colorado State University.

Selected agenda topics include:

- Restoration accomplishments
- State of post-fire restoration treatments to date
- Plans for 2014 restorations
- Priorities of the watershed stakeholder community
- Community watershed management plan

If you are interested in the future of the Poudre watershed, (and who among our readers, is not?) be sure to attend this forum.

Colorado Watershed Symposium, Friday, July 18, 2014

Working with Watersheds - It's More than just the river

This event, handily nearby at Embassy Suites Conference Center adjacent to The Ranch fairgrounds, is an opportunity to learn what's happening in the nine watershed coalitions engaged in flood recovery activities in the aftermath of the September 2013 Front Range floods. The Big Thompson River Restoration Coalition is one of the coalitions that will be reporting. The Symposium is open to the public at no charge. But due to limited space, registration is required by July 14. If you register, please identify yourself as a member of Trout Unlimited.

Click the link below to see the agenda and to register:

<https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/watershed-symposium/?pli=1>

Fort Collins Natural Areas Draft Master Plan 2014

The updated Master Plan, in its final version, will be presented to City Council for adoption this fall. This Draft, <http://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/pdf/draft-master-plan6-14.pdf>, is open for comments from the public through July 19. The contents of the Draft encompass many subjects associated with Natural Areas. Of strong interest to our readers is the section addressing the Cache la Poudre River. This writer's perusal of the Draft revealed a welcome and comprehensive set of goals to sustain and improve the urban reach of the Poudre. Our readers are encouraged to read the Draft and then send comments using the form at <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1689709/Natural-Areas-Master-Plan-Comment-Form>. The Master Plan will only be adopted if City Council perceives sufficient public support for it, and that means adding your voice by using this comment form.

As you see, July is a busy time for conservation-related activities, and try to also allow time for supporting our Conservation Day Camp for Youth.

JULY COMMUNITY OUTREACH NOTES



Will Huett, Community Outreach Coordinator
(and a "prime time" Canadian Smallmouth)

Let's Show Off! We have a lot to be proud of and we're Ready for Prime Time!

Those of you who attended the 30th Anniversary celebration back in April saw our newly minted video presentation. In 15 minutes it highlights who we are and what we do to Protect, Reconnect, Restore and Sustain the waters and watersheds we all love. It speaks to our proud history as well as ongoing efforts; everything from building plunge pools on the Michigan River 30 years ago to helping kids catch their first fish last year and restoration efforts after the late fires and floods. The format is flexible enough to be slanted to the particular interest of most any audience.

If you are a member of a group for which this would be an appropriate presentation, let me know. We'll be happy to take this show on the road! Just click the link below:

[Wil Huett](#)

Community Outreach Coordinator

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