



## August 2018

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## Quick Links



## From the President

Now is the time to get involved! You may have seen the blast emails we have been sending as a new way to keep members informed during this summer when we don't have Chapter meetings. I trust you are all seeing the volunteer opportunities and participating as time allows. Most notably are the myriad projects related to Greenback restoration. Go to our [volunteer link](#) on the web page and to check things out.

Even though I was in the middle of a household move (now complete!!!), I was able to find time to spend a day at the Environmental Learning Center with a day camp of enthusiastic kids learning about stream ecology. Other RMF volunteers taught the kids to tie flies. As part of the stream ecology, I noted that the insects we kicked up were a little different than those we collected last summer for this camp. No-



Mickey McGuire, RMF President

tably, last year the only stonefly nymphs we saw were very small, probably in their first or second instars. This year we found larger nymphs of both golden and salmonfly species. To me this indicates we had continuous water flows over

the past year in the Poudre. Previously, the entire river had likely dried up at the ELC location which is located where Drake turns into Ziegler.

More water and more and larger insects are, of course a positive for fish populations.

As we enter into August, our youth camp is taking place. Bill Gedge has taken on the role of coordinator and has done a fantastic job with recruitment of volunteers and students. We have the full complement of

15 eager kids signed up with many more on the wait list. Last year was my first year participating and, like other volunteers, I learned a lot about fly fishing! What an experience and I am looking forward to helping where I can this year.

Please be aware of the recent news items related to fishing in waters that are warming up. Especially as we see low flows in the Poudre and Big Thompson and their tributaries, it is important to protect our trout resources by not fishing should the water temperatures exceed 65 F. While at ELC, Wil Huett noted the water temperature



was 69 degrees about 1:00 PM. A fishing guide I follow on Facebook has been commenting that he takes personal financial losses by not fishing the afternoons when water temperatures escalate. It is important we follow these guidelines as well.

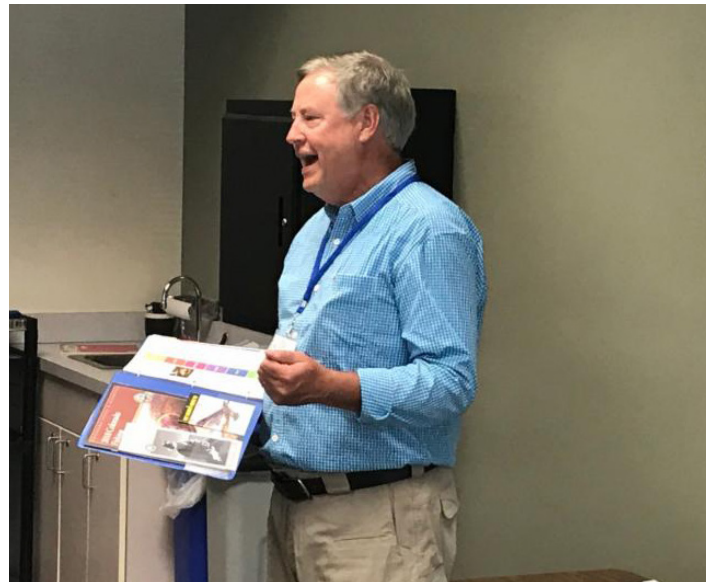
Hope you all are enjoying the wonderful environment in which we live. RMF, Colorado Trout Unlimited and Trout Unlimited National are all working hard to protect our natural resources.

Mickey McGuire  
President

## Breaking News: Fishing Day Camp is Taking Place Now!



Thirteen of the camp participants receive the orientation provided by Bill and other chapter experts. Although the enrollment for the camp is 15, two members were ill. The orientation includes a large notebook filled with aspects of the 6 day event



Bill Gedge, Camp Director, orients participants to the River Conservation and Fly Fishing Day Camp Monday morning. In the forthcoming days the teenagers will learn about conservation, water safety, fly tying and lots of on-the-water flyfishing. To examine the day to day activities, go to [Fb.me/nocoyouthcamp.com](https://www.facebook.com/nocoyouthcamp.com)

## Meetings This Month



Board Meeting, August 8 at 7:00 PM, Mulligan's. Everyone is invited to attend



Monthly Meeting, No meeting until September. Go Fishing!



Our Fly Swap will resume in September when we resume monthly TU meetings. Bring your favorite (and successful) fly of the Summer. Contact Dave Morse (dgmorse45@gmail.com) to sign up. He will let you know how many flies you need to tie. As usual, attach a toe-tag label with the fly recipe and your name.

[Click Here For Calendar Of All Upcoming Events](#)

## From Phil Wright, our Volunteer Coordinator

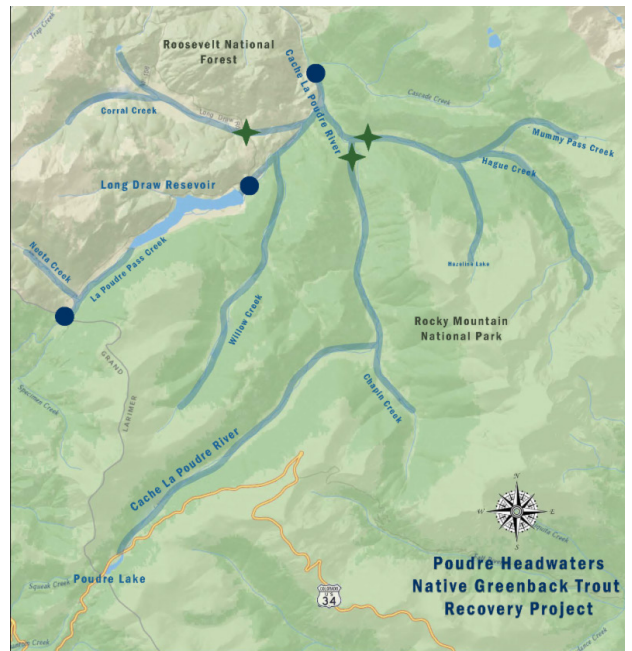


Phil Wright, Volunteer Coordinator

### Calling All Volunteers Interested in Greenback Cutthroat Trout Restoration

The 2018 field season has begun and there are imminent volunteer needs in support of greenback cutthroat trout restoration in the Upper Poudre River Watershed. During August, volunteers are needed for a project at a worksite on the Big South branch of the Poudre River near the Corral Creek Trailhead. The Corral Creek Trailhead is located in Arapahoe Roosevelt National Forest on Long Draw Road which can be reached via CO14.

The multi-week project involves installation and set-up of fish tracking equipment during



the week of August 6-10 at a waterfall on the Big South. The waterfall is planned to be the major fish migration barrier at the downstream end of the entire Long Draw Restoration Project. After equipment installation and checkout are complete, a volunteer effort at the same site to collect, tag and release nearly 1000 brook trout is planned for the week of August 27-31. For the first week of the project, several volunteers are needed August 8-10. Additional volunteers are needed the week of August 27-31 to catch all those brook trout.

Volunteers are invited to contribute for a day, or to camp in the area for a multi-day volunteer effort. Back-country camping near the work site, as well as Forest Service campground and dispersed campsites suitable for tent or RV camping are available in the locale. Please contact **Phil Wright by email:**

If you would like to learn more about the Poudre River Headwaters Native Greenback Cutthroat Trout Recovery Project and see a photo of the Big South waterfall near the worksite see **CTU Big South Waterfall.**

To register your interest in volunteering with Rocky Mountain Flycasters, or to look over and sign up for volunteer projects, please see our web site Volunteer page.

Phil Wright

## From Dave Morse, Our Adopt-A-Trail Coordinator

Our TU Chapter held its annual Adopt-a-Trail work day at Gateway Natural Area along the Poudre River on Saturday morning, July 14, 2018. For at least the past five years we have helped the Fort Collins Natural Areas Department maintain trails in this area. Work included pruning brush, grading and trail restoration, installing numerous rock steps on the southern scenic hilltop hiking route in the Natural Area.



Eleven folks from Rocky Mountain Flycasters participated. We met at 8:30 in the morning and worked til noon, then enjoyed a great picnic lunch. Afterward, several folks fished in the main stem of the Poudre, mostly up behind the old water plant; the Seaman Reservoir (North Fork) did not have enough water flow to fish. Several trout were caught on dries and nymphs.



Dave Morse, Adopt-A-Trail Coordinator

Special thanks go to Jerry Pellis, Brian, Katie and Theresa Estep, Marc Brown, Scott Baily, Mary and Steve Thompson, and Cullen and Carter Ensminger for participating. The Natural Areas Staff loves working with our group and really appreciates our efforts at Gateway Natural Area. See you next year.

—Dave Morse RMFC Adopt-a-Trail Coordinator



## From Wil Huett, Our Community Outreach Coordinator



Wil Huett, Community Outreach

### A Message From #1

I have been both intrigued and puzzled by the recent trend to identify US Presidents by their sequential number in office rather than by their names. In this structure I guess Abraham Lincoln becomes #16 rather than the Great Emancipator. Teddy Roosevelt is #25 rather than "The Colonel" and his cousin Franklin becomes #32 rather than FDR?

Maybe this is all part of the misguided plot to identify us all by numbers rather than names - a move predicted by those who object to the digitization of information?

Well...rather than appear old-fashioned, I present below a message from #1.

No, not George Washington - as far as I know his many accomplishments did not include fly fishing. I mean RMF President #1, ie Pat Beauchamp, a founding member and president for the first four years of this chapter's now thirty-five years. He is pictured here (right) along with past president Wil Huett (left) and former RMF newsletter editor Kevin Burkhardt (center).

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I remember many a meeting in the early days when Pat paced the room asking for volunteers for projects the fledgling chapter was trying to adopt. It was sometimes a hard sell since the idea of taking time away from fishing today to make the fishing better tomorrow was still pretty new. (Has that part of the job has become easier?)



At any rate, it has been my pleasure to become reacquainted with Pat over the past couple of years during joint fishing trips and to answer a few questions about the chapter.

I thought you would be interested in this comment from RMF #1 after he read last month's newsletter:

*Things have really improved and grown! That newsletter is so impressive. You guys should feel very proud of how far you have gotten with the chapter. Awesome! I remained affiliated with RMF for a couple of years after I left Colorado, but I found a small chapter here and sat on their board for a short time. During that time, I was convinced by the state to transfer my affiliation from RMF to the chapter here. Now*

*I am wishing that I hadn't changed my affiliation. RMF is doing some great work. Please make sure that I continue to get the newsletter. My congratulations to all of you!*

RMF is up to president #16 now (Mickey McGuire), and each have a claim to the growth and success of our award winning chapter, but few can lay claim to more advancement than those first years under #1. It's good to know the view from "way back there" is so positive. Will you join me in a pledge to keep up the good work?

Do you agree with this statement: the more active members we have, the more we can accomplish for stream health and better fishing?

If that's true, reaching out and spreading the word about RMF and TU become important tasks.

In the past few weeks reaching out by chapter leadership has resulted in the June 21st *Coloradoan* column by Kevin Duggan (linked in a recent email - you did read it, right?), and an upcoming interview on KRFC to be broadcast later.

## Let's Go Fishing- 2018

From Mark Miller: Let's Go Fishing Coordinator



Listed below are our trips for 2018. If interested, please sign up by calling or emailing **Mark Miller**. We have quite a mix of fishing destinations for 2018. Hopefully there is something for you on this list. We hope you will join us for all the fun!

Aug 22 (Wed)- RMNP Small Streams Sorry but this trip is full. Host: Bill Gillett and Mark Miller. Small stream fun with dry flies in the Park makes for a great day! Four people (in addition to our hosts) will have to be the max since the water is so small. This is a mid-week trip on a Wednesday.

Sep – 21-23 Upper Green River in WY Host: Ben Zomer 3 day trip – This trip to the upper Green River near Pinedale, WY, features uncrowded waters and good fishing, sort of like fly fishing was back in the 1960s era. Sign up with Mark Miller or with Ben Zomer (benmz@comcast.net). Contact Ben for info on the trip costs.

Oct 5-6th – Kokanee Trip – S. Platte / Dream Stream – Host: Mark Miller. Let's plan on driving to Fairplay Friday pm, get a hotel room, and then have a great day on Saturday fishing for Kokanee. Drive home late Saturday pm. Last year we cancelled our plans to fish on Oct 21st due to bad weather – hopefully, by fishing earlier in the month, we will be blessed with good weather.

## The Online Fly Fishing Magazine Library

The active link (click) icons below represent a beginning attempt to put together a group of FREE resources available to fly anglers. *Trout Magazine* is published by Trout Unlimited-USA and *High Country Angler* is published by Trout Unlimited-Colorado. Both of these publications are limited to TU members. The others, however, are for everyone.

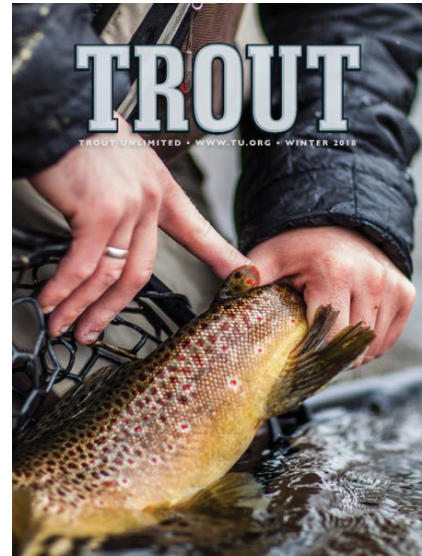
This page will be continually updated so you can always get to the most current issue of both of these magazines. Just click on the icon of the magazine you wish to read.

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