



Colorado Trout Unlimited Annual Rendezvous
April 26-28, 2019
Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Springs, CO

Session and Speaker Descriptions

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Friday, April 26, 2019

| <i>Speaker</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Description</i> |
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| | | Vendor & Poster Session Set-up |
| Kristen Doyle <i>Watershed Educator</i> Roaring Fork Conservancy | Workshop | Explore, Value, & Protect: A Snapshot of Novel Approaches to Watershed Education How do you provide exciting, meaningful environmental education while competing with other events and distractions? Roaring Fork Conservancy will share a few of our unique watershed education programs and some of our best strategies for engaging participants, reaching new audiences, and leveraging partnerships both in and out of the classroom. |
| Kevin Rogers <i>Aquatic Research Scientist</i> Colorado Parks and Wildlife | Presentation | Conserving Colorado's Native Trout in a Warming Climate Discuss recent conservation challenges facing Cutthroat Trout precipitated by the ongoing drought and the wildfires it has spawned. New molecular tools have allowed us to identify remnant Cutthroat Trout diversity in the San Juan River basin and elsewhere, highlighting the need to replicate vulnerable populations to preserve what remains in an uncertain future. |
| Travis Beam <i>Invasive Species Technician</i> Colorado Parks and Wildlife John Davenport <i>President</i> Denver Trout Unlimited | Presentation/ Workshop | Clean Boots, Clean Streams! Aquatic nuisance species (ANS) are a major threat for Colorado's rivers, wildlife, and water infrastructure. Get the latest information on the presence of ANS in Colorado, including New Zealand Mud Snails and Zebra Mussels, and what we can do as anglers to prevent the spread. |
| Celia Sheneman <i>Representative-at-Large</i> Colorado TU Council | Workshop | Board Development Strategies Whether you are from a big chapter with a large board, or a small organization with just a handful of committed leaders, good board development is necessary for long-term success. Learn about ways to identify, recruit, engage, and develop new leaders within your organization. |

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| <p>David Townsend <i>Independent Leadership Advisor</i> Bold Strategy Inc.</p> | | <p>Planning and Budgeting 101: Where Are You Headed? For many organizations, maintaining a robust strategic plan can be overwhelming. Learn about some simple planning and budgeting steps that you can use to identify objectives, generate results, and not break the bank.</p> |
| <p>Kristen Doyle <i>Watershed Educator</i> Roaring Fork Conservancy</p> <p>Phil Wright <i>Volunteer Coordinator</i> Rocky Mountain Flycasters</p> | <p>Presentation</p> | <p>Stream Temperature Monitoring: From Drought to Native Trout Learn how citizen science projects can be used to engage the public, raise awareness, and encourage responsible angling with this overview of Roaring Fork Conservancy’s temperature monitoring program, “Hot Spots for Trout.” RFC will share lessons learned and provide a loose framework for implementing similar programs with a goal of community outreach.</p> <p>Stream temperature regimes are a crucial factor in the success of native trout reintroduction. Learn more about how several TU chapters in the South Platte Basin have created a robust monitoring program, in partnership with CPW, the Western Native Trout Initiative, and the USFS, to identify new recovery sites for Greenback Cutthroat Trout.</p> |
| <p>Bianca McGrath-Martinez <i>AmeriCorps VISTA Youth Education Coordinator</i> Colorado Trout Unlimited</p> <p>Barbara Luneau <i>NE Regional VP, Youth Education Chair</i> Colorado Trout Unlimited</p> <p>Keith Krebs <i>Youth Education Coordinator</i> Collegiate Peaks Chapter TU</p> | <p>Presentation/ Workshop</p> | <p>Colorado’s Stream of Engagement Learn about the latest youth education programs being used by TU chapters across the state! Topics include:</p> <p><i>Stream Explorers</i> – A presentation on the successful partnership between the Collegiate Peaks Trout Unlimited Chapter and the Greater Arkansas River Nature Association to deliver Stream Explorers programming to youth in the Salida and Buena Vista areas of Colorado.</p> <p><i>STREAM Girls</i> – What do you get when you combine “recreation” and “art” with STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) and your local Girl Scout Troop? Learn more about the pilot event of STREAM Girls in Colorado and information on how you can bring STREAM Girls to your chapter’s youth programming.</p> <p><i>River Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp</i> – A presentation on the River Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp and opportunities for chapters and communities to engage.</p> <p><i>Trout in the Classroom</i> – An overview presentation on Trout in the Classroom in Colorado</p> |
| <p>Lisa Beranek <i>Leadership Development Manager</i> Trout Unlimited</p> | <p>Workshop</p> | <p>New TU 101/Resources for Chapters For new leaders and old, this workshop introduces the latest tools and resources available to chapters.</p> |

Friday Evening Events:

Fly-Fishing Film Night: Join fellow TU members and the Roaring Fork community for a great night of food, beer, and fishing films. Introduction by Doug Drago, Chairman of Mayfly Outdoors. Beer provided by Upslope Brewing.

Saturday, April 27, 2019

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| <p>National TU Staff Brad Powell, <i>TU Sportsmen's Conservation Project</i> Drew Peternell, <i>TU Water Project</i> Jason Willis, <i>TU Abandoned Mines Program</i></p> | Plenary | <p>ONE TU Breakfast Learn all about the latest campaigns and project updates from TU staff in the field. This informative session will cover a variety of TU programs that affect Colorado, including: abandoned mines, Sportsmen's Conservation Project, TU Water Project, and more!</p> |
| <p>Kacie Miller <i>Planning Manager</i> Colorado Parks and Wildlife</p> | Workshop / Presentation | <p>Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) We all enjoy getting out on the river, whether it's to catch wild rainbows or to just find solitude. More recently, we see increased pressure on our state's natural resources and watersheds. Learn more about Colorado's SCORP - a five-year plan that reflects the shared vision and commitment of Colorado outdoor partners to advance recreation enjoyment and conservation of Colorado's outdoor resources.</p> |
| <p>Sarah Johnson, MAed <i>Founder, Water Education Specialist</i> Wild Rose Education</p> | Workshop | <p>How to Get Started Creating New River Education Programs Do you want to develop new (or improved) river and water education programs for your organization with the best planning, executing, and evaluating best practices from the environmental education field? This fast-paced mini workshop will introduce participants to the program development cycle including needs assessment, program design and delivery, and evaluation. Participants will leave with access to the free publication: Non-formal Environmental Education Programs: Guidelines for Excellence.</p> |
| <p>Matt Nicholl <i>Aquatic Section Manager</i> Colorado Parks and Wildlife</p> | Plenary | <p>State of the Fisheries Learn about the current state of Colorado's fisheries from CPW's new Aquatic Section Manager, Matt Nicholl. This informative and compelling presentation will discuss the challenges facing CPW and statewide fisheries, new projects, and ways that anglers can get involved.</p> |
| <p>Raymond Rose <i>Principle Investigator</i> Dryland Consulting LLC</p> <p>Garrett Hanks <i>Southwest Public Lands Coordinator</i> Trout Unlimited</p> | Presentation | <p>Drought in the West: What Temperature, Flows, and new Partnerships mean for the Future of the Upper Dolores River Building off the success of their original climate change report (Coldwater-fisheries Adaptive Management Framework), local TU leaders and staff in the Dolores River Basin have been working with diverse community partners to understand what major drought means for fish habitat and western Colorado streams. New data from 2018 reveals some unexpected conclusions and mitigation strategies for protecting trout and their headwater streams.</p> |
| <p>Panelists: Doug Drago, Mayfly Outdoors Corinne Doctor, Rep Your Water</p> | Panel | <p>The Business of Conservation The Outdoor Industry has become increasingly engaged in conservation and environmental policy over the last decade. This engaging panel, led by the Outdoor Industry Association, will discuss how three unique outdoor companies have incorporated the conservation ethic into their operations, how they tell that</p> |

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| <p>Erik Myhre, Basin + Bend</p> <p>Moderator: Stewart Lewis, Outdoor Industry Association</p> | | <p>story to their customers, and the future of outdoor businesses in the fight for public lands and conservation.</p> |
| <p>Shannon Kindle <i>Development Director</i> Colorado Trout Unlimited</p> | <p>Workshop</p> | <p>Fundraising Strategies: Building Lasting Partnerships Learn some of the secrets and best practices for building strong partnerships with local businesses. From walking in the door, to joint-messaging campaigns, see how your organization can develop lasting relationships that raise money and awareness.</p> |
| <p>Andrew Todd <i>Founder</i> Running Rivers</p> | <p>Presentation</p> | <p>Conservation through Recreation: Creating Colorado's Outdoor Stewards One Kick-Ass Event at a Time The best way to ensure the protection and maintenance of public lands is to develop stewards who work to sustain natural places. Our organization was borne out of the desire to get new people outdoors and create positive experiences that enhance health and well-being and create a strong connection to nature.</p> |
| <p>Annie Smith <i>Communications and Membership Coordinator</i> Colorado Trout Unlimited</p> | <p>Workshop</p> | <p>Social Media and Online Communications TU members and the general public are increasingly moving towards email and online communications for their information. Learn how to manage your email platform and social media program in a way that stands out, engages the audience, and is simple to use.</p> |
| <p>Nicole Seltzer <i>Science and Policy Manager</i> The River Network</p> <p>Richard Van Gytenbeek <i>Colorado River Basin Outreach Coordinator</i> Trout Unlimited</p> | <p>Workshop</p> | <p>Stream Management Planning 2.0 There are more than 25 stream management planning (SMPs) efforts underway in Colorado. TU chapters' participation is vital to ensure the plans positively impact water management plans that benefit Colorado's streams and rivers. Join us in a roundtable discussion which will update each planning effort, discuss current chapter involvement and methods to increase chapter influence. Complimenting this discussion will be an introduction to River Network's newly released SMP library, where you can increase your knowledge of SMPs and receive updated information on all of these planning efforts around the state.</p> |
| <p>Madison Schoephoerster <i>Graduate Student</i> University of Northern Colorado</p> <p>Tom Jones <i>National Grassroots Trustee</i> <i>Colorado SW Vice President</i> Trout Unlimited</p> | <p>Presentation/ Workshop</p> | <p>Membership Engagement & Retention Learn about a recent survey of current and lapsed TU members to glean new insights on what leads people to be involved and to renew – or not renew – their memberships. Explore insights about conservation engagement generally, and TU specifically, that Madison has gained through her research. Following her presentation, join a group discussion about experiences and ideas from chapters in their work to bolster membership retention and involvement.</p> |
| <p>CTU Staff & Regional Vice Presidents</p> | <p>Workshop</p> | <p>Regional Breakouts Take advantage of this unique opportunity to join fellow chapter leaders, community organizations, and agency partners that all do</p> |

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| | | work in your region of the state. This is a great chance to raise critical conservation issues, brainstorm ways of working together, and develop strong cross-watershed partnerships. Participants will break up into groups representing Northwest, Southwest, Northeast, Southeast, and Denver-Metro Colorado. |
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Saturday Evening Events:

Poster Session & Happy Hour: Join us for a great networking session with our vendors, chapters, and special guests.

CTU Annual Awards Banquet: This special 50th Anniversary Annual Awards Banquet will celebrate the many successes of TU chapters and leaders in Colorado over the years. We will also be recognizing our outstanding partners who made significant impacts in 2018. Join us for a fun night filled with silent auctions, great food, and special guests. Colorado Trout Unlimited is proud to announce that Dan Gibbs, Director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, will be our keynote speaker!

Sunday, April 28, 2019

CTU Board Meeting & Breakfast (8:00am – 12:00pm): This board meeting is open to TU members and chapter leaders. The meeting agenda will be available in early April.