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Arkansas River

October 14, 2023



This Month's Events

CCTU CHAPTER MEETING - November 21, 2023

Lone Tree Brewing

8200 Park Meadows Dr.

Lone Tree, CO 80124

6:00pm Fly Tying demonstration

6:30pm Meeting begins

For those unable to attend in person, you can view via the Zoom link below.

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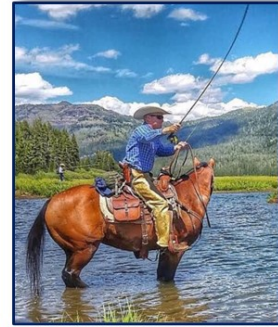
CCTU CHAPTER MEETING NOVEMBER 2023

TYLER BANKER: HORSEBACK FLY FISHING IN THE FLAT TOPS



TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21

Fly Tying Demo at **6:00 PM**
Meeting Starts at **6:30 PM**



Lone Tree Brewing Company

8200 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, CO 80124

<https://www.minturnanglers.com/>

970-827-9500 (Vail Valley)

720-851-4665 (Lone Tree)



Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83053491355?
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Meeting ID: 830 5349 1355

Passcode: Cutthroat

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Fly Tyer: John Vevurka

Come early (6:00pm) - John plans on tying the "Tavs fluff baetis". It is a pattern that was developed for the San Juan by Duranglers and that has possibilities for our blue wing olive hatches.

Attend the meeting and try your luck for these raffle prizes compliments of the CCTU Chapter



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CCTU CHAPTER EVENT DECEMBER 2023
CUTTHROAT CHAPTER
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
Potluck, White Elephant, & Silent Auction
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12



Silent Auction starts at **6:00 PM**

Potluck starts at **6:30 PM**

\$25 White Elephant

Lone Tree Brewing Company



8200 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, CO 80124

Celebrate 2023 accomplishments together during an evening of White Elephant Gift Exchanges, Silent Auction, and Potluck Dinner

Members, potential members, visitors, friends are all welcome

- **Bring a wrapped gift** to exchange: \$25 in value (or less), not including any flies that might be involved. Gifts usually have a fishing overtone, but the sillier/stupider, the more fun and better it is. A max of 3 steals per item.
- **Bring your favorite dish** to share – appetizer, main or sides
- **CCTU will provide non-alcoholic beverages**; you can purchase alcohol from Lone Tree Brewing Company
- **Silent Auction items** will be available for bidding




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CCTU CHAPTER FUNDRAISER
COLORADO GIVES DAY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

While we missed the deadline to join Colorado Gives 365 Platform this year, we are encouraging our friends, members and supporters to donate on-line to CCTU at our web site.

Help fund our **HIGHEST PRIORITY** multi-year project:

*Restoring the Gill Trail, in Cheesman
Canyon on the South Platte River*



Donate to
Cutthroat Chapter Trout Unlimited, Inc
Cutthroat Chapter of Trout Unlimited - small

\$25, \$50, \$75, or \$100

Make this a monthly donation.
Become a sustaining member of our charitable community.

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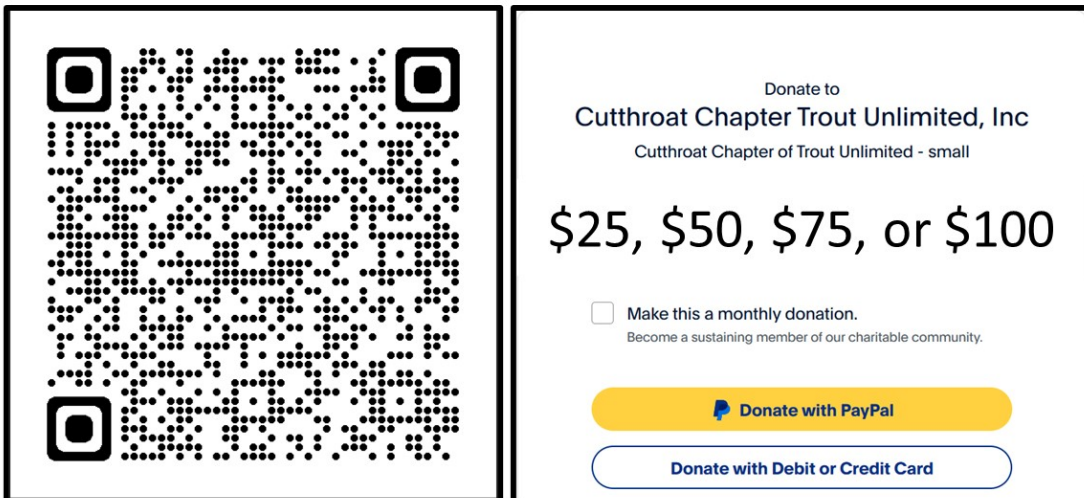
GIVE NOW TO CCTU

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- Cheesman Canyon fishery is **Gold Medal Water** and has some of the best fishing in the state of Colorado
IT IS WORTH SAVING AND RESTORING!
- Contrary to perception, your dues to Trout Unlimited (TU) **DO NOT** support Cutthroat Chapter and its operations
- CCTU receives **NO FUNDS** from donations made to TU or Colorado Trout Unlimited (CTU)

(The only TU funds we receive are rebates of \$15 for each NEWTU member joining our Chapter)

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Recaps and Information You May Find Interesting...

RECAP: October Chapter Meeting

The Cutthroat Chapter held its October meeting on Tuesday the 17th at the Lone Tree Brewery. This month the brewery welcomed us with a special, buy one beer get another for free! Thank you to those that made that happen, a number of our members enjoyed that special October perk.

Our speaker this month was Mike Geary from Healing Waters Lodge in Twin Bridges, MT coming to us via Zoom. This was our first Zoom presentation so please let the leadership know your thoughts. We prefer in person presentations, but some topic experts are not in our area.

Mike discussed the challenges the fish are having on the Big Hole, Ruby and Beaverhead Rivers. Focusing on the Big Hole River, we learned about declining fish populations in brown and rainbow trout documented by Montana FWP surveys. Guides have experienced catching diseased fish with various growths, lesions and other deformities as well as reduced angler success. We watched this YouTube video to help understand the problem.



Led by the guide and ranching community in the area, a round table discussion was held in the town of Wise River this summer. Montana's governor and state experts heard concerns from residents about the health of the fish population and decreasing water levels. While a complete understanding of the struggles in the river system have yet to be determined, state and NGO organizations are working together to resolve the issue. To learn more, visit these organizations that are on the leading edge of the challenges:

<https://bhwc.org/>

<https://www.uppermissouriwaterkeeper.org/>

Finally, the next time you are in the Yellowstone area, take a day or two to support this community by fishing these beautiful rivers. They still have fish!

Western Rivers Conservancy published two articles in their Fall 2023 issue of [Riverlands](#) that align closely to our October chapter meeting. The articles are about the WRC purchase of properties (Eagle Rock and Clemow Cow

Camp) near the Big Hole River that will add water back into the river. You can see the complete articles in Riverlands online (link above) or at the end of this newsletter where we've reprinted the full articles.

RECAP: Orvis "Down the Hatch" Film Event

On Saturday November 4, board members of CCTU joined the Orvis Park Meadows store management at their "Down the Hatch" private film screening event of the Montana Fly Fishing film tour. Orvis store manager Jakob Smith invited our Chapter to help hand out refreshments and provide the patrons entering the store their free raffle plus "refreshment" tickets. They were also allowed to purchase additional raffle tickets through the store, with all of those proceeds being donated to the Cutthroat Chapter TU. Through this generous offer from the Orvis store, CCTU received nearly \$500 which will be used for our Conservation and Education efforts in 2024.

Thank You Orvis Park Meadows and store manager Jakob Smith!



ORVIS

MEN WOMEN FLY FISHING DOGS

DOWN THE HATCH
2023

GIVEAWAYS · DRAWINGS · DRINKS · FOOD · EXCLUSIVE FILM SHOWING

NOV. 2 4-7:30 PM AT ORVIS CHERRY CREEK
NOV. 4 12-3:30 PM AT ORVIS PARK MEADOWS

- SPECIAL EVENT SAVINGS
- ORVIS GIVEAWAYS
- FREE DRAWING DURING FILM
- DRINKS & FOOD
- EVENING RECEPTION
- SHOPPING
- FILM SHOWING



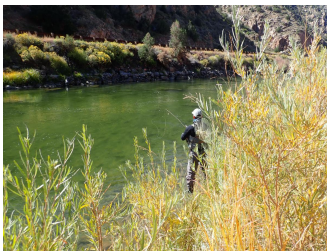
RECAP: Come Fish With Us - Moving Waters

Arkansas River, October 14

Our last Moving Waters outing for the year was October 14 where we traveled to the Spike Buck access on the Arkansas River. It was a beautiful blue-bird day, and the river was gorgeous. Euro nymphing with Perdignons and hopper-dropper fishing were the successful techniques that day.

If you have ideas for where you'd like to see us go next year, please reach out to Mark or Harlan with your suggestions. See previous issues of this newsletter for our contact information.

We'll communicate details about next year's program in this newsletter in early 2024. Keep an eye out!



Upcoming Events & Trips

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/21	November Chapter Meeting
12/12	Holiday Party (No December Chapter Meeting)
1/16	January Chapter Meeting
1/19-21	Denver Fly Fishing Show (Gaylord Rockies Resort)

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CCTU *EVERYDAY* FUNDRAISING VEHICLES

King Soopers Card Program – Link up your King Soopers Rewards Card to CCTU for their Community Rewards program and get King Soopers donations flowing to the Chapter. Requires no ongoing effort on your part. Set up is very simple....check the CCTU website at [CCTU Website](#) for the directions how to link your King Soopers card to Community Rewards donations to CCTU.



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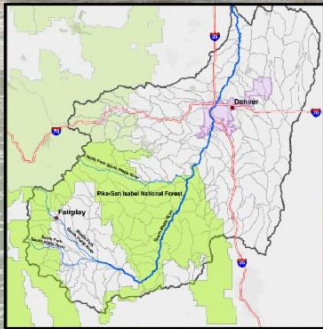
This is an **OPEN CALL** to **ALL** interested candidates

Meet people who share your same interests and passions!

**Volunteer your time, ideas, laughter,
and creative Brain Power**

• **BE THE DIFFERENCE**

• **GET INVOLVED**



For more information, contact:

- Scott Tampa scott.a.tampa@gmail.com
- John Egan john.j.egan@icloud.com

**Lead efforts to Restore and Protect
Fisheries, Watersheds and Habitats in
the local South Platte River Basin**

<https://www.instagram.com/cutthroatchaptertu/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Cutthroat.Chapter.of.Trout.Unlimited>

<https://cutthroatctu.org/>

Hello CCTU Community!

We are actively looking for additional Board of Director members for the Cutthroat Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

We are a non-profit organization dedicated to conserving Colorado cold-water fisheries and watersheds, with a focus on the local environment of the South Platte River Basin.

BOD members attend a virtual meeting once a month to plan and enact strategies and tactics for the Chapter.

We conduct monthly meetings for our members at the Lone Tree Brewing Company (near Park Meadows) and plan various conservation events during the year.

If you are curious and this has piqued your interest, contact Scott Tampa (scott.a.tampa@gmail.com) or John Egan (john.j.egan@icloud.com) for more information.

Thank you for your support!

Would you like to join us? Just hit a button below!

Yes

You bet!

Cold Water Delivered to the Wise and Big Hole Rivers

Courtesy of Western Rivers Conservancy

Eagle Rock Ranch, Wise River, Montana

In partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, Western Rivers Conservancy has permanently conserved the 200-acre Eagle Rock Ranch and is employing a new approach to returning 11 cubic feet per second (CFS) of vitally important clean, cold water to the Wise River while protecting habitat for fish and wildlife.

The Wise is a major tributary to the Big Hole River, one of Montana's most famous fly-fishing streams and one of the last remaining strongholds for fluvial Arctic grayling in the Lower 48. It is also a critical source of cold water for the Big Hole, supplying the primary life-giving ingredient that grayling and the river's other fish need to survive.

WRC and the U.S. Forest Service have developed an innovative split-season approach that will deliver water for fish exactly when they need it while allowing water for agriculture when flows are strong. When the river is running high in early spring, the Forest Service will allocate water to the ranch's meadow and its wild hay. The meadow will naturally store and filter the water through the spring and summer, allowing it to seep back into the stream colder and cleaner later in the season. In the hot summer months, when the river needs flows the most, the ranch's water will remain in the stream to benefit the fish that depend

on it. It's a win-win-win for fish, wildlife and local livelihoods alike.

WRC purchased Eagle Rock Ranch, along with its all-important water rights, in summer 2021, then held the property while assembling the funding and partnerships needed to permanently protect it. In late July, WRC conveyed the property to the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, which will now manage the property in perpetuity for the benefit of the fish, wildlife and people of the Big Hole Valley and beyond.



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Clemow Cow Camp, Big Hole River, Montana

Western Rivers Conservancy and the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest successfully conserved the 317-acre Clemow Cow Camp property this summer, keeping precious cold water in the Big Hole River at a moment when alarm bells are sounding about the river's warming temperatures. Our efforts also protected outstanding habitat for fish and wildlife and secured new public access to the West Pioneer Wilderness Study Area. The 150-mile-long Big Hole River, which tumbles through some of the most diverse geography of any river in Montana, is a beloved trout fishery and one of the last rivers left in the Lower 48 with fluvial Arctic grayling.

The 317-acre Clemow Cow Camp is a sweeping expanse of wetland meadows with two high-mountain streams, Cox and Old Tim creeks, flowing through the property for two miles. Just off the property, these streams join Warm Springs Creek, a tributary to the Big Hole.

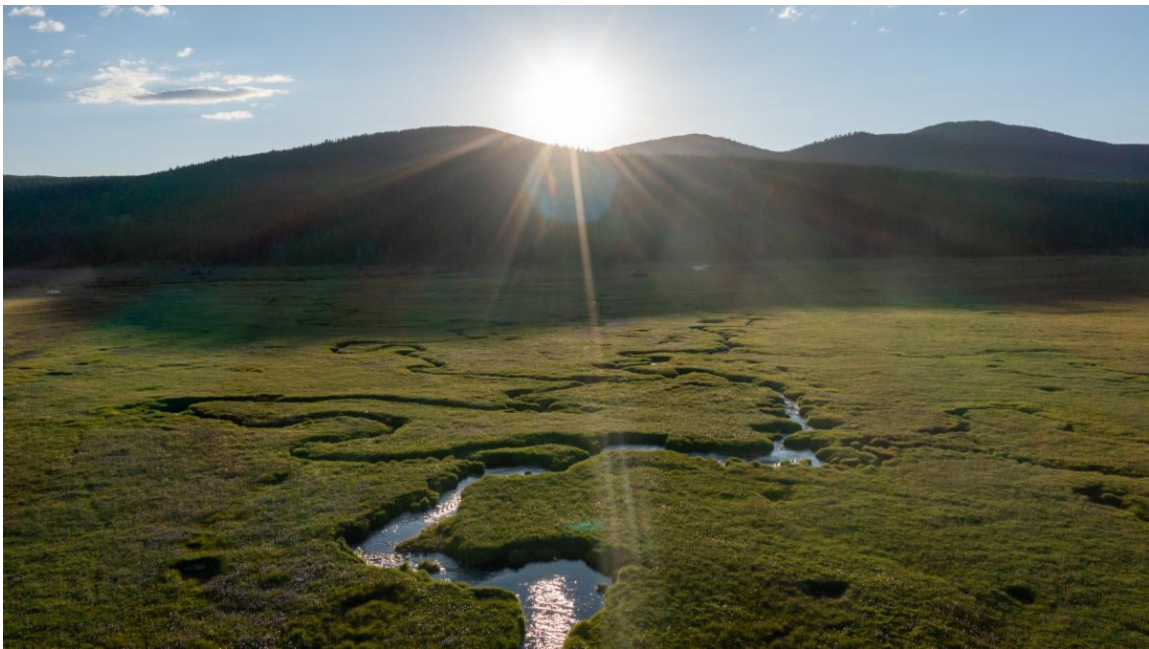
Conservation of Clemow Cow Camp ensures protection of 154 acres of riparian wetland habitat that supports numerous species of waterfowl and shorebirds, as well as top-notch habitat for grizzly bear and Canada lynx, both federally Threatened. Importantly, the creeks on the ranch supply water for fish in the Big Hole basin, including westslope cutthroat trout, mountain whitefish and nonnative trout.

WRC purchased Clemow Cow Camp, along with its 2.77 CFS of water rights, in August 2022, and conveyed both to the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest in September 2023. The U.S. Forest Service will use the ranch's water rights to reinvigorate the property's fragile meadows and feed the creeks through seepage over the course of the summer. When flows get low, that water will be kept directly in-stream for fish, an innovative split-season approach that ensures fish get cold water when they need it most.

Clemow Cow Camp is also a key entry into the Forest Service's adjacent 148,150-acre West Pioneer Wilderness Study Area, one of the largest roadless areas in southwest Montana. WRC's efforts permanently secured access to the wilderness study area through the ranch for hikers, hunters and others.



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