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For our fellow stewards of our Colorado streams



Cutthroat Chapter of Trout Unlimited

To conserve, protect and restore Colorado's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds

FEBRUARY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife funding bill (SB18-143) is in jeopardy! Your help is urgently needed to help insure its passage.

This bill would modestly increase fishing and hunting licensing fees as well as State Park entrance fees. Resident licensing fees have not increased since 2005. As a result of inflation, CPW's effective budget has decreased by nearly 30%.

In order for the bill to advance to the full Senate (where it will likely pass), it needs to survive the Finance Committee. Senator Jack Tate (District 27) holds the deciding vote, which will take place this Tuesday, February 13. I, Matt Moskal, and our representative liaison Jen Boulton met with Senator Tate on February 9. With your encouragement, we believe he will vote this bill through. But he needs to understand the degree of public support. That is why your urgent efforts are desperately necessary.

Call or email Senator Tate today!

Phone: (303) 866-4883

Email: jack.tate.senate@state.co.us

<https://leg.colorado.gov/legislators/jack-tate>

Below is a sample letter for you to consider. It was recently published in four local community newspapers. We encourage you to use this letter as a template for your own correspondence.

"I strongly support the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Future Generations Act (SB18-143), a bill that will provide critical resources for public lands and wildlife in Colorado.

In the recent State of the Rockies Poll, 96 percent of Colorado respondents indicated that a strong economy is driven by outdoor recreation, and 87 percent said it was a significant advantage over other states when it comes to attracting a qualified workforce and business investment. In 2017, outdoor recreation contributed over \$34 billion to the Colorado economy. We must make sure that Colorado continues to invest in this major economic driver.

Unfortunately, CPW has been prevented from raising fees since 2006, resulting in major cuts to staff and over \$40 million from their wildlife budget. These financial decisions create significant impacts on hunters, anglers and all outdoor recreationists in Colorado. Since the CPW is funded primarily through user fees, they do not pose a tax burden on our communities.

The CPW Future Generations Act will restore funding to the department by enabling CPW to increase resident licenses (by only \$8) and invest in the future of our public resources. Additional funds will eliminate deficit spending, increase hunting and fishing opportunities, and protect critical wildlife habitat. Learn more about the bill at www.cpw.state.co.us.

This common-sense initiative is an investment in the future of our public lands and our state's economy. I support this important legislation."

REMINDER...CHAPTER MEETINGS HAVE A NEW LOCATION...CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL



Just a friendly reminder that CCTU Chapter Meetings are now being held at Cresthill Middle School, one block north of Highlands Ranch High School, right off University, in Highlands Ranch. The address is [9195 Cresthill Lane, Highlands Ranch, CO 80130](https://www.google.com/maps/place/9195+Cresthill+Lane,+Highlands+Ranch,+CO+80130). This month's meeting (Feb 20) will be held in the cafeteria, which is reached through the main entrance. Look for the CCTU banners at the main entrance to the school.

Directions from C-470 and University Blvd – Head south east on University Blvd. Travel through the intersection of University/Highlands Ranch Pkwy/Colorado Blvd for a total of 2.4 miles to Cresthill Lane. Turn left on Cresthill Lane. Drive past Highlands Ranch High School and you will reach Cresthill Middle School in 0.4 miles, on the left side of Cresthill Lane. Click on the attached Google Maps link for more details <https://goo.gl/maps/FVbNmtxo76J2>.

Directions for I-25 and Lincoln Ave – Head west on Lincoln Ave for 2.4 miles. Lincoln Ave turns into S University Blvd at Quebec Street. Travel 1.0 miles and make right on Cresthill Lane. Drive past Highlands Ranch High School and you will reach Cresthill Middle School in 0.4 miles, on the left side of Cresthill Lane. Click on the attached Google Maps link for more details <https://goo.gl/maps/kVNJkfHaNVn>

CCTU'S PAT DORSEY AT ORVIS PARK MEADOWS – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 6-7:30PM



Stop Orvis Park Meadows this Thursday, Feb 15 for *Tying and Fishing Tailwater Flies*, a seminar by long-time CCTU member and legendary guide/author/Blue Quill Angler co-owner Pat Dorsey. Pat has guided his native Colorado for 25+ years. He spends 200 days a year guiding/fishing on the water, continues to write some of the most informative and readable books in the industry, maintains his online stream report and Blog, co-owns the Blue Quill Angler in Evergreen, and is a highly sought after speaker across the country. Join Pat for a tying session and presentation based upon his best-selling book *Tying and Fishing Tailwater Flies*. Learn how to tie his favorite "guide flies" for the South Platte and other local tail-waters, and his techniques for how to rig and fish them. Definitely not one to miss. Ice-cold hand-crafted beer from Lone Tree Brewing, with wine, soft drinks, and light snacks on hand as well.

CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED – FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 7PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:30)

CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL – MEETING IN AUDITORIUM...ENTER VIA MAIN ENTRANCE (NOT THE LIBRARY)

3195 CRESTHILL LANE, HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80130

Program 1: David Nickum, Executive Director Colorado Trout Unlimited – Greenback Restoration, Public Lands Debate & More



We are lucky to have CTU Executive Director David Nickum with us for the conservation portion of the meeting. His presentation will include an update on the Greenback Cutthroat Restoration plan and a discussion on TU/CTU efforts Defending Public Lands.

Under David's leadership, CTU has successfully reformed state whirling disease policy, secured passage of legislation strengthening Colorado's in-stream flow program, and conducted many on-the-ground restoration projects for stream habitat and native trout recovery. David previously worked for National Trout Unlimited and authored TU reports on whirling disease, fish stocking programs, and how to conduct coldwater habitat improvement projects. Prior to that he worked on behalf of fishing tackle manufacturers at the Sport Fishing Institute in Washington, DC. He holds a BA in Public Policy from Duke University. David enjoys fishing in RMNP and hiking and camping in Colorado's high country with his wife and two children.

Program 2: CHANGE John Davenport, Denver TU – Fly Fishing & Conservation on the Denver South Platte

John Davenport is the eNewsletter Editor for Denver Trout Unlimited, the author of many fly fishing books, a devout conservationist, and a lifelong angler. He has pursued trout in 21 states and 18 countries. The focus of John's books and blogs (fishb4ufly.blogspot.com) are to answer angler's most pressing questions in unique and humorous ways. He and fellow Denver TU member Ronnie Crawford are two of the keys behind a lot of the work being done on the Urban South Platte...and they are on the river fishing as much as anyone. Their passion is showing the strength of the urban South Platte Fishery from C-470 to Commerce City. From a 24 inch rainbow near Evan's Ave to numerous large walleye, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and carp, John will give you an education on the fantastic, and somewhat ignored, urban fishery that exists right in town. He will also talk about the work being done on the Denver South Platte, including the new L.U.N.K.E.R structures (concrete pipes with windows) currently being put in place to solve the problem of a lack of habitat shelter on the DSP. Check out Denver Trout Unlimited's South Platte gallery and get a sense of the fishery John will discuss. <https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipOOgjcClc6LCAqTZB8PPm1BfKCOtiFpzVbZjwCa9Ac9Sw8VBPQu3pKcaN7aJTjYjg?key=bnN5aHvyTjM0cFjPmFFNRUtTb18wUINoRHNvQ2In>

CUTTHROAT CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED – MARCH CHAPTER MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 7PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:30)

CRESTHILL MIDDLE SCHOOL –9195 CRESTHILL LANE, HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO 80130

Program – Tim Wade, North Fork Anglers, Cody Wyoming, "The Other Side of Yellowstone"



Tim Wade, owner and guide for North Fork Anglers, has been guiding, instructing and assisting fly fishers in the Yellowstone and Cody, Wyoming region for almost 35 years. Tim founded North Fork Anglers in 1984 and still loves to see his guests hook up with a native Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout, or fight a monster Brown on the Lower Shoshone. He has taught and written extensively about fly fishing, fly tying, fly casting and entomology, and shared his knowledge of trout behavior in speaking engagements across the country. He is fortunate to have some of the best fly fishing guides in the business working for him...all his guides love to fly fish, love to make their guests better anglers and love the wild trout resource in Wyoming and elsewhere. He specializes in instruction, casting and learning the water infinitely well. He is also an accomplished fly tier and has invented numerous trout and saltwater patterns, including the infamous North Fork Special and Ho Candy.

Tim's presentation is *The Other Side of Yellowstone*, which features some amazing photography and covers the major trout fisheries from the east side of Yellowstone and Cody to Thermopolis. He will also discuss TU's efforts in Northwest Wyoming regarding the conservation and preservation of native Yellowstone Cutthroats. **Tim will also tie flies from 6:30 to 7, including his two of his legendary signature flies The North Fork Special and the Ho Candy.**

Check out www.northforkanglers.com for more information on the guiding business and the eastern Yellowstone area.

CCTU CHAPTER FISHING TRIPS

CCTU Chapter fishing trips sign-ups are currently under way. Please contact each of the CCTU leaders below for more information.

- **Green River Fishing Trip** – March 14 – 18, 2018
 - Contact – Jim Schmidt...jjasden@aol.com
 - Sign-ups will close by mid-Feb. At this point, any additional folks must be added in “twos” from a lodging standpoint
 - Deposit \$75

- **Bighorn River Fishing Trip** – May 14 – 19, 2018
 - Contact – John Aaron...jjraaron@mail.com

- **Green River Fishing Trip** – October 20 – 24, 2018
 - Contact – Jerry Shin...gjshin@msn.com

KEEP YOUR KING SOOPERS GIFT CARDS CHARGED UP AND IN USE!

The King Soopers Gift card fundraising program is the easiest and simplest way to help raise money for the chapter and requires virtually no work or extra money from any members! King Soopers gift cards are set up specifically for the Cutthroat Chapter. Cards are preloaded with \$25 and sold to Chapter members at face value...no extra cost! Anyone that would like one just needs to contact Allen Adinoff (ad.adinoff@coloradoallergy.com) for the card. Once you've used the \$25, you can “reload” the card using your credit card (or cash) at the beginning of your checkout (any checker can do it). **CCTU gets 5% of every dollar loaded onto these cards, and that raised nearly \$3,000 again in 2017!**

We have had a productive year for both fishing and conservation. Your dollars and your efforts have certainly had a positive impact on the health of our mountain streams and our angling community. As always, we thank you for your commitment, your donations and your time.

Don't forget! Monthly member meetings at South Metro Denver Realtors Association (7899 S. Lincoln court Littleton, CO 80122). **Always the third Tuesday of the month. Doors open at 6:30PM meeting begins at 7:00PM.**

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