

  
**Colorado Watershed Assembly**  

# Inflow Newsletter



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**Announcements**

**Opportunity to Log Your Sightings of Wildlife at a New Website**

Log your sightings of wildlife (alive or roadkilled) on I-70 between Golden and Glenwood Springs at a new website, [www.I-70WildlifeWatch.org](http://www.I-70WildlifeWatch.org), launched by the Colorado Wildlife on the Move coalition. It's easy – simply use the interactive mapping tool to identify what you saw and where.

**WQCC November 2009 Notice Distribution**

For the Water Quality Control Commission's list of hearing notices filed and posted in November, 2009, click [here](#).

**Farm, Ranch and Rural Communities Committee is soliciting applications for membership**

They would welcome any current member who wishes to continue serving on the Committee to reapply through the process outlined in the FR notice, and would also welcome all of you to share this FRN with any individuals who may be interested in serving on the Committee. Please note that applicants are encouraged to submit all nominations materials by December 31, 2009 to ensure fullest consideration of all applicants. For full details and contact information, please visit <http://www.thefederalregister.com/d/p/2009-11-06-E9-26820>.

**The Colorado River needs your help!**

On October 30th, the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Denver Water's Proposed Moffat Collection System Project and scheduled four meetings to solicit public comments. The Moffat Project proposes pumping 18,000 acre-feet of water (more than 5.5 billion gallons) annually from the headwaters of the Colorado River to serve residents on the Front Range. A majority of the water will come out of the Fraser River, a river that has already seen significant dewatering. [learn more](#)

Two ways you can help protect our rivers:

1. Attend a public meeting:
  - **Boulder:** Tuesday, December 1st- Boulder Country Club (7350 Clubhouse Rd, Boulder, CO) Open house begins at 4PM, Public meeting will begin at 6PM
  - **Granby:** Wednesday, December 2nd- The Inn at Silver Creek (62927 US Highway 40, Granby CO) Open house begins at 4PM, Public meeting will begin at 6PM
  - **Denver:** Thursday, December 3rd- Double Tree Hotel Denver (3203 Quebec St., Denver CO) Open house begins at 4PM, Public meeting will begin at 6PM
  - **Keystone:** Tuesday, December 8th- Keystone Conference Center (0633 Tennis Club Rd., Keystone, CO) Open house begins at 4PM, Public meeting will begin at 6PM [more info and talking points](#)
2. [Request that the Corps extend the comment period](#) to provide additional time for reviewing and commenting on the DEIS. The DEIS took years to compile and it's pages number into the thousands; we simply need more time to provide substantive comments. [learn more about the project](#)

  
**Conferences & Events**

**Calendar of Events**

For a comprehensive calendar of events, please visit the Assembly's [website](#).

**New Events**

**December 5, 2009: Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust's Stuffed Stocking Gala & Auction**

Come over to the Ruth Marie Community Center, 575 Columbia Ave., Del Norte. The viewing begins at 6:30 P.M., and the auction starts at 7:00 P.M. There will be food, drink, and fun all evening! Admission is only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and includes fabulous food, locally brewed beer, an extensive wine bar, and free child care. Come bid on art work, gift baskets, home-cooked meals, vacation packages, local tours, and much, much more! Proceeds from the event benefit the [Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust](#), the

  
**Roundtable Meetings**

- [Metro roundtable - 12/3](#)
- [Gunnison basin roundtable - 12/7](#)
- [Rio Grande basin roundtable - 12/08](#)
- [North Platte basin roundtable - 12/8](#)
- [South Platte basin roundtable - 12/17](#)
- IBCC Homepage: <http://ibcc.state.co.us/>

  
**Flows**

- [Big Thompson River in Loveland: 10 cfs](#)
- [Clear Creek near Georgetown: Seasonal Operation](#)
- [Cache La Poudre River in Fort Collins: 51 cfs](#)
- [Cherry Creek in Denver: 52 cfs](#)
- [South Platte above Cheesman Lake: Seasonal Operation](#)
- [Arkansas River at Parkdale: Seasonal Operation](#)
- [Colorado River below Glenwood Springs: 1,370 cfs](#)
- [Colorado River near the Stateline: 2,990 cfs](#)
- [Gunnison River below Gunnison Tunnel: Eqp](#)
- [North Fork of the Gunnison below Paonia: Seasonal Operation](#)
- [Dolores River Near Slickrock: 14 cfs](#)
- [Yampa River below Craig: Ice](#)
- [Animas River in Durango: 148 cfs](#)

[Ruth Marie](#), and the Del Norte Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call the Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust at (719) 657-0800.

**December 10, 2009: Exciting opportunities for instream flows on the San Miguel River**

On December 10th at 6PM the San Miguel County Commissioners will be meeting at the Norwood Community Center to take public comment on the [Colorado Water Conservation Board's](#) (CWCB) upcoming consideration of the lower San Miguel instream flow application. Staff from the CWCB, the Colorado Division of Wildlife and the US Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will also be on hand to hear your comments. The protections being considered run from Calamity Draw (below Naturita) to the Confluence with the Dolores River and will aim to protect several species of concern and riparian habitat. If successful the filing could also prevent an endangered species listing. To learn more about conserving, protecting, and restoring Colorado's rivers, visit <http://www.ourcolorado.org/what-we-do/water/cpr/>.

**December 11, 2009: Benefit for the Roaring Fork Conservancy: "A Mid-Winter's Evening of Art"**

The event will feature work by over 35 artists, wine, hors d'oeuvres and sparkling merriment! The location will be the Ann Korologos Gallery in Basalt and will run from 5:30 - 8:00 PM. A \$20 donation per person is requested. All proceeds from the sale of art will benefit Roaring Fork Conservancy programs. For more information, please call 970-927-1290.

**Upcoming Events**

**December 3, 2009, from 5:45 - 8:15 pm: Uncompahgre Watershed: Agriculture Forum**

At the Holiday Inn Express in Montrose, come and learn about the steps local organizations are taking to balance the Uncompahgre Valley's rich agricultural legacy with growing populations, increasing demands on water supplies, and the environment. Food and refreshments will be served beginning at 5:45 pm. This event is free and open to the public. Visit [Ag Save Date.pdf](#) for further details. For more information, contact Sarah Sauter at 303-408-1312 or [sarah@coloradowatershed.org](mailto:sarah@coloradowatershed.org).

Presentations include:

- Agriculture and Water Quality - Dennis Reich, CSU Extension
- Ranching Heritage - Linda Ingo, local ranching historian
- Irrigation - Marc Catlin, Uncompahgre Valley Water Users Association
- Selenium - Sonja Chavez de Baca, Gunnison Basin Selenium Task Force
- Small Acreage Farming - Ron Godin, CSU Extension

**December 11, 2009: Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership to Host a Workshop Focusing on Reclamation Activities and Abandoned Mine Lands Issues in the Upper Uncompahgre Watershed**

The program, titled: "Examining Abandoned Mine Lands in the Uncompahgre Watershed" will be held on Friday, December 11th, from 9:30-3:30 at the Ouray Community Center. This event will bring together representatives from state, local and federal agencies, as well as local organizations and industry representatives to discuss how different agencies are handling AML issues as well as future strategies for remediating and safeguarding abandoned mine sites. To read the full press release, visit [UWPP Mining Forum.docx](#). For more information about "Examining Abandoned Mine Lands in the Uncompahgre Watershed" please contact Andrew Madison at 413-297-7232 or [Ridgway.vista@gmail.com](mailto:Ridgway.vista@gmail.com).

**December 15-16, 2009: Colorado Water Congress Seminars: "Legal Ethics in Water & Environmental Law" and "Colorado Water Law"**

This year the ethics and water law seminars will be held in a back-to-back format, on Tuesday December 15th and Wednesday, December 16th, 2009. They will be applying for CLE credits for both seminars. Further details and registration information will be posted on their website as they become available. For the ethics seminar, visit <http://www.cowatercongress.org/EthicsWorkshop/index.aspx>. For the water law seminar visit <http://www.cowatercongress.org/WaterLawSeminar/index.aspx>. Full scholarships for the Water Law Seminar are available.

**January 12-13, 2010: Tamarisk Symposium at the Two Rivers Convention Center in Grand Junction**

For complete details on the Symposium and to register, visit <http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/CoopExt/TRA/2010Tamarisk.shtml>.

**January 28, 2010: 5:45-8:15 pm - Uncompahgre Recreation Forum at the Ridgway Community Center**

Come and learn about the challenges and opportunities associated with boating, fishing, and parks planning in the Uncompahgre Watershed. Food and refreshments will be served beginning at 5:45 pm. This event is free and open to the public.



**Funding Opportunities List:**

The Colorado Watershed Assembly has compiled a list of governmental and non-governmental funding sources for restoration projects and organizational capacity building. The list can be found on our [website](#).

**EPA Environmental Education Grants Program**

The Grants Program sponsored by EPA's Environmental Education Division (EED), Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education, supports environmental education projects that enhance the public's awareness, knowledge, and skills to help people make informed decisions that affect environmental quality. Applications must be sent by mail and postmarked by the December 15 deadline. For more information visit [http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants\\_apply.html](http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants_apply.html).

**Support for Youth Environmental Projects Worldwide**

[Captain Planet Foundation](#)

The mission of the Captain Planet Foundation is to support hands-on environmental projects for youth throughout the world. The Foundation is interested in funding innovative programs that empower children and youth to work towards solving environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. All funded projects must involve young people ages 6-18 (elementary through high school). Nonprofit organizations and public schools worldwide are eligible to apply for grants of \$250 to \$2,500. Applications are reviewed quarterly; the upcoming deadline is December 31, 2009. Online application guidelines are available on the Foundation's website. Visit the link above.

#### **Grants Encourage Wildlife Conservation**

##### [Wildlife Forever](#)

The mission of Wildlife Forever is to preserve America's wildlife heritage through conservation education, preservation of habitat, and management of fish and wildlife. Grants from Wildlife Forever support habitat restoration and acquisition, research and management, and educational projects throughout the United States. Special emphasis is placed on grassroots programs that involve local conservation, sportsmen's, or outdoor recreation groups. All Wildlife Forever grants are challenge grants, and funds must be matched on at least a one-to-one basis. The application deadlines for 2010 are January 1 and July 1. Visit the Wildlife Forever website at the above link to review the grantmaking criteria and download the application forms.

##### [Environmental Protection Agency: 7th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet](#)

This program supports student efforts to research, develop, and design solutions to real world challenges involving the overall sustainability of human society. Click on the link above for more information.

#### **Colorado River District expands grant program for water supply projects in 2010**

Beginning December 1, 2009, the Colorado River District will be accepting grant applications for projects that protect, enhance or develop water resources in their 15-county area within the Colorado River Basin; this includes all tributary watershed areas in Colorado, except the San Juan River basin. The application deadline is Jan. 29, 2010. For the complete details, visit [http://www.crwcd.org/page\\_193](http://www.crwcd.org/page_193).



For a comprehensive list of trainings visit the Assembly's [website](#).

#### **Quivira's New Book - Let the Water Do the Work: Induced Meandering, an Evolving Method for Restoring Incised Channels**

The Quivira Coalition is very pleased to announce their latest publication: "*Let the Water Do the Work: Induced Meandering, an Evolving Method for Restoring Incised Channels*" by Bill Zeedyk and Van Clothier. This 239-page how-to manual on riparian restoration is the product of six years of intensive writing, research, and field testing. It represents the culmination of Bill Zeedyk's nearly twenty-year career in developing and implementing his Induced Meandering methodology. The Quivira Coalition is very proud to be the publisher of this important contribution to the art and science of stream restoration. For those of you who are familiar with Bill's work and would like to purchase this manual it is now available for \$50 (plus shipping and handling) from the website's on-line store: [http://quiviracoalition.org/On-Line\\_Store/Books/index.html](http://quiviracoalition.org/On-Line_Store/Books/index.html).

#### **December 3, 2009 at 2 PM ET: Teleconference: "The Procrastinator's Guide to Year-end Fundraising."**

Is your nonprofit ready to ramp up your online fundraising this holiday season? The last weeks of the year are the biggest and most important for online charitable giving. By implementing some quick tweaks to your website, as well as incorporating marketing and communications best practices, you will have all the tools you need to take advantage of the season. To register visit <http://web.networkforgood.org/np911120309>.

#### **December 17, 2009: Webinar: Recruit 4 Great Board Members in the Next 4 Months - 11 AM**

The webinar will focus on how to get names of the right people and how to approach them using both strategic and ultra-practical tips. Click [here](#) to register.

#### **Contaminants of Emerging Concern (CEC) Project Launches Community Education Program in Golden**

This fall, the CEC Project began its community education initiative in Golden, which aims to inform citizens how to shrink their "chemical footprint", or personal contribution of toxic chemicals to the environment. IES will present workshops at the Golden Community Center, where participants will learn to make their own household cleaners and personal care products from non-toxic materials. The education initiative will include a CEC-based science program for children ages 5 to 12, supported by a grant from the RBC Blue Water Fund. For more information or to participate, contact CEC Project Coordinator Sara Klingenstein, [Sara@i4es.org](mailto:Sara@i4es.org).



#### **Job: Outreach and Watershed Programs Coordinator**

The Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District is seeking a creative and enthusiastic team member to support its efforts to protect natural resources in Fairfax County, Virginia. Applicants should demonstrate experience:

- \* Facilitating hands-on watershed stewardship opportunities
- \* Developing and implementing adult and student environmental education programs
- \* Managing and supporting volunteers
- \* Coordinating multi-organization projects

\* Creating web and print environmental outreach materials.  
Two or more years of experience in watershed education and outreach and an undergraduate degree in environmental education, natural resources, environmental science or a related area is also desired. Applicants with expertise in native plants, wildlife habitat, sustainable landscaping, stormwater issues and/or low impact development are especially encouraged to apply! Please submit a resume, cover letter and a 1-2 page writing sample to Diane Hoffman, Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 905, Fairfax, VA 22035, or via email to [diane.hoffman@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:diane.hoffman@fairfaxcounty.gov) by December 7, 2009.



**EPA Issues Rule to Reduce Water Pollution from Construction Sites**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency today issued a final rule to help reduce water pollution from construction sites. The agency believes this rule, which takes effect in February 2010 and will be phased in over four years, will significantly improve the quality of water nationwide. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency today issued a final rule to help reduce water pollution from construction sites. The agency believes this rule, which takes effect in February 2010 and will be phased in over four years, will significantly improve the quality of water nationwide. EPA; 11/23/09  
To read the full press release, click [here](#).

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