

Inflow Newsletter



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Holidays!

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, 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.

EPA FR Notice for Public Input and Listening Sessions for Stormwater Rulemaking

EPA would like to announce its plans to open a public input period and hold listening sessions to inform a rulemaking to strengthen national stormwater regulations by establishing a program to reduce stormwater discharges from new development and redevelopment and making other regulatory improvements. EPA is issuing a second FR Notice this week which requests input from the public on preliminary considerations for modifying and/or supplementing EPA's stormwater regulations. In addition, the notice provides the opportunity for the public to voluntarily provide information on current stormwater control practices that retain stormwater on-site including design, performance, operation and maintenance, cost, and benefit information. The FR Notice, registration information, and information about the listening sessions are posted to the following website: (www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/rulemaking). The listening session for Colorado will be held at the EPA Region 8 Office, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202-1129 on January 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have questions about the Notice and/or the rulemaking, please contact Holly Galavotti at galavotti.holly@epa.gov or (202) 564-1489.

WQCC December 2009 Notice Distribution

For the triennial review informational hearing, click [here](#). For the April rulemaking hearing notice, "Classifications and Numeric Standards for South Platte River Basin, Laramie River Basin, Republican River Basin, and Smoky Hill River Basin", click [here](#).

Strategic Plan & Instructions for Your Non-Profit... For The Asking

If your organization does not have a Strategic Plan, or needs help developing one, Not For Profits America is offering assistance, no strings attached. The offer includes:

- * A four page boilerplate Strategic Plan for Non-Profit organizations
- * An article explaining why Strategic Plans are so critical (to give to Board members)
- * And, they'll sign you up for a short series of articles explaining, point by point, how to complete the Strategic Plan in a way that will make the Plan the beginning of having a living document you use and review to help direct your activities

To get the Strategic Plan, the article, and the detailed series of point by point explanations of how to complete the Plan... send an email to Martin Foner at mfoner@notforprofitsamerica.com ... one line... "Please send me the Strategic Plan and articles". They'll email the Plan and the first article to the email you indicate, and put you on the list to receive the rest of the point by point articles over the next few days so you can get started on creating, or reviewing and revising what you have-a new Strategic Plan for 2010 and beyond. Visit their website at www.notforprofitsamerica.com.

The December 2009 edition of the Tamarisk Coalition Newsletter is now available!

To read it, visit [Newsletter Dec 2009.pdf](#).

CU Boulder Sustainable Management Program

The latest expansion of the sustainable practices program at the University of Colorado at Boulder's division of continuing education and professional studies is a [sustainability management certificate](#). This offering for professional development begins with the spring semester. Five full scholarships are available for the new certificate. Nominations for eligible organizations and/or individuals are due Dec. 22; scholarships will be announced before the end of January. Scholarships include full tuition for classes taken for completion of the certificate. All course work must be completed in one year or less. For more details and a nomination form, [click here](#).

Roundtable Meetings

[Rio Grande basin roundtable - 1/12](#)

[South Platte basin roundtable - 1/12](#)

[Arkansas basin roundtable - 1/13](#)

[Southwest basin roundtable - 1/13](#)

[North Platte basin roundtable - 1/19](#)

[Yampa/White basin roundtable - 1/20](#)

[Colorado basin roundtable - 1/25](#)

[Metro roundtable - 2/4](#)

[IBCC Meeting - 3/5](#)

IBCC Homepage:
<http://ibcc.state.co.us/>

Flows

Big Thompson River in Loveland:
[4.6 cfs](#)

Clear Creek near Georgetown: [Seasonal Operation](#)

Cache La Poudre River in Fort Collins: [49 cfs](#)

Cherry Creek in Denver: [30 cfs](#)

South Platte above Cheesman Lake: [Seasonal Operation](#)

Arkansas River at Parkdale: [Seasonal Operation](#)

Colorado River below Glenwood Springs: [1,330 cfs](#)

Colorado River near the Stateline: [3,350 cfs](#)

Gunnison River below Gunnison Tunnel: [829 cfs](#)

North Fork of the Gunnison below Paonia: [Seasonal Operation](#)

Dolores River Near Slickrock: [Ice](#)

Yampa River below Craig: [Ice](#)

Animas River in Durango: [172 cfs](#)

Conferences & Events

Calendar of Events

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

New Events

January 14, 2010: Panel Discussion: "Defining Sustainability: People, Planet and Profit"

The event will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at 1505 University Ave., Room 140, Boulder. Panelists include Kai Abelkis, Boulder Community Hospital sustainability coordinator; Dave Newport, director of the CU Environmental Center; Lauren Coyne, co-owner and education and outreach manager of Namaste Solar; and Cindy Carillo, founder and former CEO of Work Options Group. Geoffrey Rubinstein, director of the sustainable practices program, hosts the event, which is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to sustainable@colorado.edu. For more information, click [here](#).

January 27-29, 2010: Colorado Water Congress Annual Convention in Denver

This premier event draws more than 500 attendees from across Colorado, including legislators, representatives of state and federal agencies, leading water attorneys, water resource managers, engineers, scientists and a broad spectrum of water users. All share concerns about the legislation, management, protection and preservation of Colorado's water. For complete details including the program and registration information, visit <http://www.cowatercongress.org/AnnualConvention/index.aspx>.

February 25-28, 2010: 15th Water Conservation/Xeriscape Conference and Expo in Albuquerque

To see the agenda, speaker information, and other information, please visit xeriscapenm.com. To register, click [here](#).

April 16-18, 2010: Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education's Teaching Outside the Box Conference in Denver

Teaching Outside the Box is an action-packed workshop that brings together the best in environmental education for a weekend of engaging presentations, networking, resource sharing, and more. This conference is for Teachers, Interpreters, Environmental Educators, Youth Group Leaders, Naturalists, and anyone who appreciates and wants to learn about environmental education. The deadline to apply to be a presenter is Dec 21st. Visit their website at <http://www.cae.org/development/conference> for complete details.

Upcoming Events

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 16, 2010 from 1:00-4:30: Saguache Energy Workshop

This event is **free** and will be held at the Saguache Community Building. Attend the workshop to learn what energy efficient and renewable programs are available and how to access them. Visit [saguache.pdf](#) for more information.

May 16-21: Tamarisk Coalition 2010 Trip

Join the Tamarisk Coalition and O.A.R.S. on the river trip of a lifetime through Utah's stunning Cataract Canyon in the spring of 2010! For complete details, visit [Tamarisk Coalition 2010 Trip Flier.pdf](#). For questions, please contact Tamarisk Coalition Education Intern: Sarahlee Lawrence at sarahlee.lawrence@gmail.com, or (541) 279-0841.

May 21-24, 2010: River Network's 2010 River Rally in Snowbird, UT

For all the information you need including workshops and presenters, logistics, and registration, visit <http://www.rivernetwork.org/programs/national-river-rally>.

Funding Opportunities

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](#).

Pilot program to provide technical assistance to Clean Water SRF programs in states to identify opportunities to support location efficient investments

There are two opportunities to apply for this opportunity, the first deadline is January 6, 2010, a second deadline will be sometime in March 2010. The pilot program will provide technical assistance to 2 - 4 states and/or associated financing authorities who want to modify their existing Clean Water program. Currently, the technical assistance program applies only to the Clean Water SRF programs to ensure their state water infrastructure investments are used to promote location-efficient investments. The aim of EPA's offer of technical assistance is to promote more widespread adoption of practices that encourage states to reinvest in their existing infrastructure systems. Please see [SRF Pilot.doc](#) for more information. For questions, contact Dennis O'Connor at oonnor.dennis@epa.gov or 202-343-9213.

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 Expand Aquatic Education Programs for Youth

[Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation: National Youth Fishing & Boating Initiative](#)

The mission of the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation is to implement a national outreach strategy that will increase participation in recreational angling and boating. The Foundation's National Youth Fishing & Boating Initiative is offering grants to youth-focused boating, fishing, and conservation organizations for aquatic education programs with the potential for national scope that introduce children and their families to boating and fishing. Priority is given to programs that target minorities and underserved communities. The application **deadline is January 4, 2010**. Visit the link above to review the grant guidelines and submit an online application.

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.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Five-Star Restoration Matching Grants Program

This program supports community-based wetland, riparian, and coastal habitat restoration projects throughout the United States. Grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$40,000 are provided to projects that build diverse partnerships and foster natural resource stewardship through education, outreach, and training activities. Partnerships should include at least five organizations (nonprofit organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, businesses, etc.) that contribute to project success through funding, land, workforce support, technical support, and/or other in-kind services. Projects that can leverage the amount of funds requested with significant cash or in-kind contributions from project partners are given priority. The application deadline is **February 11, 2010**. For full details, click [here](#).

EPA Five-Star Restoration Program

This program provides modest financial assistance on a competitive basis to support community-based wetland, riparian, and coastal habitat restoration projects that build diverse partnerships and foster local natural resource stewardship through education, outreach and training activities. Proposals for Five Star Restoration Grants are due in **mid-February** each year. For eligibility and application instructions, visit <http://www.epa.gov/wetlands/restore/5star/>.

EPA seeks applications for Environmental Community Grants

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is making \$2 million available in 2010 to reduce pollution at the local level through the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program. CARE is a community-based program that works with county and local governments, tribes, non-profit organizations and universities to help the public understand and reduce toxic risks from numerous sources. Applications for the CARE grants are due **March 9, 2010**. EPA will conduct three Webcasts to answer questions from prospective applicants about the application process on Feb. 2, 23, and 26 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. More information about the grants: <http://www.epa.gov/care/>. If you have questions, you may contact Dennis O'Connor at oconnor.dennis@epa.gov or 202-343-9213.

Colorado Watershed Restoration Program Grant Cycle

The Watershed Restoration Program objective is to provide planning, engineering, and construction services for watershed/stream restoration studies and projects. The Program also provides support for flood mitigation. Special consideration is reserved for planning and project efforts that integrate multi-objectives in restoration and flood mitigation. This may include projects and studies designed to restore stream channels, provide habitat for aquatic and terrestrial species, restore riparian areas, reduce erosion, reduce flood hazards, and increase the capacity to utilize water. For guidance and application instructions, visit <http://cwcb.state.co.us/WatershedProtectionFloodMitigation/Watershed/>.



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

New Training Available from the Drinking Water Academy

This training follows nine EPA experts as they provide comprehensive instruction on the Safe Drinking Water Act. Since travel to training sites has become more and more difficult, this training will provide the basics for anyone that needs to know about the Act. You may go directly to the new training at: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/dwa/pdfs/2%20Introductory%20Overview%20Modules/flash/sdwa101/index.html>. Visit the newly renovated Academy web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/dwa/index.html>. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Sean Daly at 202-564-3927 (daly.sean@epa.gov) or Charlene Shaw at 202-564-4635 (shaw.charlene@epa.gov).

Water Course Coming in January!

The Mesa County Water Association invites community leaders and interested citizens to attend a 3-evening "Water 101" course. The Water Course, held from 6-9pm on **Tues 1/19, Wed 1/27, and Tues 2/2**, will provide an introduction to water law, water quality and the challenges of balancing competing water demands. Qualifies for CLE credits. Special attention will be given to water issues in the Grand Valley, including how Grand Valley water rights relate to Denver and California rights; who is responsible for

irrigation water after it leaves a canal; and how our local drinking water is protected and treated. Course program and registration form are available at <http://www.mesacountywater.org> or by calling Hannah Holm at 683-1133.

January 12, 2010 at 1 p.m. (eastern): Free Nonprofit 911 Teleconference: How to Thank Your Donors So They'll Come Back and Give More

Amidst the hub-bub of annual reports, strategic planning and grantseeking calendar development, your focus as a fundraiser is out in front of you to the year ahead. But as your attention shifts from this year to the next, are you maintaining and building your relationships with donors as well as you could be? Are you saying exactly what your supporters need to hear such that they'll become repeat donors? Join Network for Good's Katya Andresen and Care2's Jocelyn Harmon as they delve into effective donor cultivation and ideas for effective messaging. To register, visit <http://web.networkforgood.org/np911011210>.

January 14, 2009: Denver Nonprofit Leadership Series: Building a strong and healthy board of directors - Denver

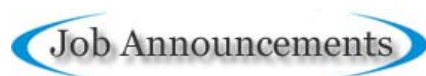
If you are looking for ways to jump start your board and make it more effective, this session is not to be missed. For complete details and to register, visit http://cfnp.org/Denver_Nonprofit_Leadership_Series_02.aspx.

Creating Time: A Practical Guide to Grants Development

The number one reason people give for not applying for a particular grant is that they don't have the time. And it's probably true. This 90-minute webinar is full of practical advice that can help participants organize their approach to grantseeking by teaching them how to create the time to do the job and do it well. Cynthia Adams, CEO of GrantStation, will cover everything from big picture thinking and how it can drive grantseeking efforts to how to use volunteers effectively. The webinar will be held **Thursday, January 14, 2010**. Visit the link listed above to register.

January 20, 2010 from 1 p.m. ET-2:30 p.m. ET: Webinar: Stay Ahead of the Eight Ball in 2010

What do donors say about your organization? Your reputation, both online and off, drives your contributions. Join GuideStar for this **free** webinar on polishing your image in 2010. Hear from the trifecta of experts in the fields of online marketing, branding, and sustainable fundraising. To register, click [here](#).



GOV. RITTER APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

Gov. Bill Ritter announced today he has appointed Martha Rudolph as the new executive director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Rudolph has served as director of the department's environmental programs since June 2007. Her appointment is effective immediately. As director of environmental program, Rudolph oversees the Air Quality, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management, Water Quality and Consumer Protection Divisions. An environmental attorney with over 29 years of experience, she served for 14 years in the Colorado Attorney General's Office, where she represented the Air Pollution Control Division, the Hazardous Waste Commission and the Water Quality Control Commission. 12/18/09

To read the full press release, visit <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/GovRitter/GOVR/1251569251746>.

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