

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, 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.

Watch the Video: "Act of Congress: Good Samaritans & Draining Mines"

The video, produced by Tom Schillaci at Biscuit Boy Productions, is now on Youtube. The following is a brief synopsis:

"Because of the high liability that third-party watershed groups face, many remediation projects are not getting done. Dissolved metals are still entering our streambeds, and work is not being completed at many draining, inactive hardrock mines. As a result, some aquatic habitats still do not support much life. This video introduces the issue of draining mines and the legislation needed to reduce the liability of Good Samaritans."

To see the video, visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EFDxhyqomQ>.

Wanted: Outreach/Volunteer coordinator job descriptions

If you have sample job descriptions for an Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator and wouldn't mind sharing them, please send them on to Diana Toledo at DToledo@rivernet.org.

Early Winter 2009 Edition of the EcoFlight eNewsletter

This newsletter is now available online. To read it, visit <http://www.ecoflight.info/current-newsletter.html>.

Colorado Water Wise Winter 2009 Newsletter

The newsletter is now available on the CWW website. Visit <http://www.xeriscape.org/> and click on the link to download the pdf located at the left of the page under "NEWSLETTER".

Conferences & Events

Calendar of Events

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

New Events

December 10, 2009: Association of Fundraising Professionals December Coffee Chat: "Should non-profits run more like for-profit businesses?"

The chat will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and is free to the public. For further details, visit <http://www.afpc.org/coffeechats.html>.

December 18, 2009: Glen Canyon Resurrection Film in Boulder

The Glen Canyon Institute is screening their new film, "Resurrection: Glen Canyon and a New Vision for the American West", at REI Boulder on Friday, December 18th. Showing historical video clips of Glen Canyon before the dam along with more than 100 images from the associated book, this beautiful new film showcases the remarkable reemerging canyons of Glen while providing a hopeful message for the future of the West and its rivers. Here's a link to the movie trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=orjlitSiqIU>. Check out their website: www.glencanyon.org.

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.rivernet.org/programs/national-river-rally>.

Upcoming Events

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)

Roundtable Meetings

[Yampa/White Special Meeting - 12/16](#)

[South Platte basin roundtable - 12/17](#)

[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](#)

IBCC Homepage:

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



Big Thompson River in Loveland: [6.5 cfs](#)

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

Cache La Poudre River in Fort Collins: [27 cfs](#)

Cherry Creek in Denver: [46 cfs](#)

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

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

Colorado River below Glenwood Springs: [1,020 cfs](#)

Colorado River near the Stateline: [2,640 cfs](#)

Gunnison River below Gunnison Tunnel: [935 cfs](#)

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

Dolores River Near Slickrock: [Ice](#)

Yampa River below Craig: [Ice](#)

Animas River in Durango: [354 cfs](#)

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: 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.

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.

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.

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.

Great Outdoors Colorado's Spring 2010 Grant Cycle Announcement

The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund is pleased to announce its next round of competitive grant cycles. The Board will be accepting applications for Conservation Excellence, Local Parks and Outdoor Recreation (LPOR), Mini, Open Space and Planning grants. Please visit www.goco.org for details on deadline dates and the schedule of LPOR Grant Writing Workshops. If you have questions about GOCO's programs, please contact the following:

- Conservation Excellence and Open Space - Kathleen Staks at KStaks@goco.org
- LPOR and Mini - Jackie Miller or Aimee Wesley at JMiller@goco.org or awesley@goco.org
- Planning - Wally Piccone at WPiccone@goco.org



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

December 10, 2009: Webinar on NFWF Five Star Restoration grant application

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) has just released the 2010 Request for Proposals for its Five Star Restoration Program. It provides funding to diverse local partnerships for wetland, riparian and coastal habitat restoration. The Five Star partners will host a webinar for potential applicants on December 10, 2009 from 2 to 3pm EST. The webinar will provide information about NFWF's online application system, as well as guidance on how to prepare competitive applications for the Five Star Program. For a [copy of the RFP](#) or to [register for the webinar](#), visit www.nfwf.org/fivestar.

Registration Extended for Erosion and Sediment Control Webcast on December 15 at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

The Center for Watershed Protection is pleased to announce the fifth and final offering in the 2009 webcast series. The erosion and sediment control (ESC) program is a fundamental water quality initiative that has been around in many parts of the country for decades. Managing runoff from an active construction site while construction equipment is literally moving the ground under your feet has presented continuing challenges for the regulator and regulated communities. This webcast will begin by highlighting the latest EPA rulemaking: Final Effluent Guidelines for the Construction and Development Industry, and provide a detailed overview of how the federal, state, and local permit implementation programs are designed to work. To register and for more information about this webcast and the entire 2009 series, visit <http://www.cwp.org/Webcasts/>.

January 19, January 27, and February 2: 3-Evening "Water 101" Course

The Mesa County Water Association invites community leaders and interested citizens to 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 the laws that govern how we use water and the challenges of balancing competing water demands. 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. Registration deadline is January 11; full details and registration form available at www.mesacountywater.org or by calling 683-1133. Full press release is available at: <http://www.mesacountywater.org/WaterCoursePressRelease.doc>. If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Holm at hannah@mesacountywater.org or 970-683-1133.

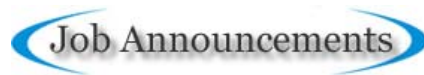
GrantStation/PhilanTech Free Tour

Nonprofit organizations nationwide are invited to join Cynthia M. Adams, CEO of GrantStation, and Dahna Goldstein, founder of PhilanTech, to learn the ins and outs of doing grants research and developing a grant proposal. Ms. Adams will demonstrate how to use the GrantStation website to identify the most appropriate grantmakers (government or private) for any given program or project. Ms. Goldstein will review how to use PhilanTrack to build your grant proposals and manage your post-award reporting requirements. This no-cost webinar will end with a special offer from both companies for participants only. The webinar will be held **Wednesday, January 20, 2010**. Visit the link listed above to register.

Tracks to Success

Creating a Grantseeking Calendar for 2010

This five-part series walks you through the process of building next year's grantseeking calendar for your nonprofit organization. Written by GrantStation's CEO, Cynthia M. Adams, these articles focus on how to design and effectively use a grant decision matrix, simplify your grants research, and create project specific grantseeking strategies. Full of easy-to-follow "how to's" and several worksheets, these articles will make establishing a calendar for 2010 a great project for you, your staff, and your fundraising committee. Click on the link provided above to read Part Two: "Developing a Decision Matrix."



The Nature Conservancy is Hiring for a Resource Economist

The Nature Conservancy is hiring a Resource Economist to develop and implement a sustainable funding strategy for its Colorado River program. The Resource Economist will conduct research, analyze funding models, and lead the efforts to implement sustainable funding plans. Requirements include: master's degree or PhD in finance or economics and 10-12 years of experience, or a combination of education and experience. Excellent organizational and communication skills are necessary. The deadline is December 21, 2009. To read the job posting, visit [Resource Economist Final.doc](#). For instructions on applying, visit <http://www.nature.org/careers/>.



The Dry Garden: 'Sustainable Landscaping for Dummies' author lays out 9 steps for a greener future
What does sustainable mean? Landscape architect Owen Dell has cut through the eco-babble to offer not just a definition, but also a how-to book. The Santa Barbara-based author of "Sustainable Landscaping for Dummies," published by Wiley this year, begins by defining sustainability. It is a principle that he has spent the last 28 years testing as garden designer and home gardener. It all began, he said recently, in thinking about how to "firescape," a term he says he coined. This turned into an adult lifetime spent addressing, challenge by challenge, how to turn the environmental and financial net costs of gardening into net gains. Los Angeles Times; 12/4/09
To read the full article click [here](#).

White House Council on Environmental Quality Releases Revised Principles and Guidelines for Water Resources
The White House Council on Environmental Quality today released a proposal to the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) for their review that would significantly change the principles and guidelines that govern America's water resource planning. The proposal would require that such projects help to improve the economic well-being of the Nation for present and future generations, better protect communities from the effects of floods and storms, help communities and individuals make better choices about where to build based on an understanding of the risk, and protect and restore the environment. Whitehouse.gov; 12/3/09
To read the full press release, click [here](#).
Additionally, CEQ will take public comment on the new draft Principles and Guidelines for 90 days via the [CEQ website](#).

EPA Releases Guidance to Help Federal Facilities Better Manage Stormwater
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued guidance to help federal agencies minimize the impact of federal development projects on nearby water bodies. The guidance is being issued in response to a change in law and an Executive Order signed by President Obama, which calls upon all federal agencies to lead by example to address a wide range of environmental issues, including stormwater runoff. EPA; 12/8/09
To read the full press release, click [here](#).

House Passes Landmark Legislation Addressing the Integration of Energy and Water Research
The House of Representatives approved by voice vote H.R. 3598, the Energy and Water Integration Act, which addresses the critical nexus between energy and water resources. The bill was introduced by Science and Technology Committee Chairman Bart Gordon (D-TN) and directs the Department of Energy to better integrate water into existing federal research, technology and development efforts. The legislation directs DOE to advance energy efficiency technologies and practices that would minimize water consumption, increase water use efficiency, utilize nontraditional water sources, consider the effects climate change may have on water quality and quantity, and improve understanding of the energy required to provide water supplies and the water required to provide energy supplies. Alliance for Water Efficiency; 12/3/09
More information can be found on [AWE's Legislative Watch Page](#) and on the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science and Technology [Press Release Page](#).

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