

Inflow Newsletter



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Announcements

Support the Healthy Rivers Fund This Tax Season

Formerly the Colorado Watershed Protection Fund, the Colorado Healthy Rivers Fund is financed by the Colorado checkoff program which provides tax payers the opportunity to contribute a portion of their tax return or to make a donation to assist locally-based conservation groups in their efforts to protect our land and water resources. To find out more, visit <http://www.coloradowater.org/cwfpf.php>.

Moffat Collection System Project

Denver Water encourages comments on the Corps' Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Moffat Collection System Project. The Corps recently extended the comment period to March 17, 2010. The proposed Moffat Project is part of the three-pronged approach (conservation, recycled water, new supply) to ensure reliable water for Denver Water's service area. A link to the DEIS, proposed enhancements in Grand and Summit Counties, environmental pool in Gross and general project information is available at www.denverwater.org/moffat. Contact Joe Sloan, joe.sloan@denverwater.org, if you have questions about the proposed project.

Deadline for Comments on EPA's proposed national rulemaking to strengthen the stormwater pollution control program

For those of you who have been working on stormwater pollution control in your watersheds, you may have heard that EPA is planning a rulemaking to update the requirements for the stormwater programs. They are accepting written comments until **February 26, 2010**. You can find detailed information on their website: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/rulemaking.cfm>. EPA is considering several changes to the programs, and in their listening sessions they specifically asked questions about these changes. You can find the detailed questions starting on slide 24. You are encouraged to review the EPA presentation from the previous listening sessions before preparing any comments. You can find it here: http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/sw_rule_listening_sessions_presentation.pdf. Early next week, River Network will put out a simple template letter touching on some of the key points that any of you can tailor and use as your own. Feel free to contact Gayle Killam at GKillam@rivernetwork.org or (503) 542-8387 if you have questions.

EPA Offers New Round of Smart Growth Implementation Assistance

The Development, Community, and Environment Division in EPA's Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation is seeking applications for technical assistance from communities that want to incorporate smart growth in their future development to meet environmental and other community goals. Eligible entities are tribal, local, regional, and state governments, and nonprofit organizations that have a demonstrated partnership with a governmental entity. Letters of interest are due at 3:00 pm EST, April 9, 2010. For more information and application materials, visit http://epa.gov/smartgrowth/2010_0128_rfi.html.

Colorado State Parks Seek Public comment on Strategic Plan

Colorado State Parks invites the public to "Have a Say in How You'll Play" by attending one of five public meetings scheduled in the state's major metropolitan regions during the month of March. Public input is needed to help guide development of the state parks' 2010-2014 Strategic Plan, which will outline the agency's top priorities and objectives for the next five years. All meetings are free and open to the public—there is no need to RSVP. For more information, visit their website at www.colorado.gov/parks and click the heading "Have a Say in How You'll Play." Or, call Scott Babcock, Colorado State Parks' Planning Manager, at (303) 866-3203, ext. 4306.

The Mile High Mile Scholarship Fund

Last year over 300 children from across Denver participated in the second annual Mile High Mile. For many of them, it was the first time they had ever run in an organized race. This was made possible through the Mile High Mile Scholarship Fund. The money raised last year through this fund ensured that every child who wanted to participate in the race could, no matter their socio-economic status. There are three ways that you can get involved:

- 1) **Sponsor a child** by making a tax deductible donation to the Scholarship Fund: <http://www.milehighmile.com/pages/scholarshipfund.html>
- 2) Join them on **March 22nd at the Bonnie Brae Tavern** for a Scholarship Fundraiser. Each ticket (\$30) sponsors one child and gets you all-you-can-eat pizza and soft drinks. More Information at - <http://www.milehighmile.com/pages/bonniebrae.html>
- 3) **Volunteer** on race day to make this an outstanding event for all of the kids! The race is also open to adults

Roundtable Meetings

[Gunnison basin roundtable - 3/1](#)

[Public Education Subcommittee Meeting - 3/4](#)

[IBCC Meeting - 3/5](#)

[North Platte basin roundtable - 3/9](#)

[Rio Grande basin roundtable - 3/9](#)
CANCELLED

[Arkansas basin roundtable - 3/10](#)

[Southwest basin roundtable - 3/10](#)

[Colorado basin roundtable - 3/22](#)

[Metro roundtable - 4/7](#)

[South Platte basin special meeting - 4/12](#)

[Yampa/White basin roundtable - 4/21](#)

[South Platte basin roundtable - 5/11](#)

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

Flows

Big Thompson River in Loveland:
[31](#)

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

Cache La Poudre River in Fort Collins: [18 cfs](#)

Cherry Creek in Denver: [36 cfs](#)

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

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

Colorado River below Glenwood Springs: [1,140 cfs](#)

Colorado River near the Stateline: [2,460 cfs](#)

Gunnison River below Gunnison Tunnel: [613 cfs](#)

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

and the general public, so if you want to push yourself to run a mile and support SPREE, you can **register for the race** too! <http://www.milehighmile.com/register>
For more information about the Mile High Mile, visit <http://www.milehighmile.com/>. For information about SPREE, visit <http://www.spreeweb.org/>.

Dolores River Near Slickrock: [34 cfs](#)

Yampa River below Craig: [Ice](#)

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

Volunteers Wanted at Barr Lake State Park

Learn about volunteering at Barr Lake at an open house on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. until noon at the Barr Lake Nature Center. The park is looking for individuals to help with boat inspections, greeting visitors at the entrance and leading activities for teens. For complete details, visit <http://parks.state.co.us/News/NewsRelease/Press.asp?PressId=6279>. For more information about the volunteer program, call the Barr Lake Nature Center at (303) 659-6005 or email them at barr.lake.nature.center@state.co.us.

WQCC February 2010 Notice Distribution

For the Water Quality Control Commission's list of hearing notices posted in February, 2010, visit [1002NoticeDistribEmail.doc](#).

Colorado Data Sharing Network New SWAP schedule

CDSN has the opportunity to organize and host a Data Sharing Network SWAP in your watershed or basin this spring or fall. The target audiences for SWAP events are anyone in a local watershed who is interested and working with water resources, whether generating data or just a data user. A SWAP is a placed based gathering, at a local watershed scale such as the Gunnison River, where entities come prepared to share what they are doing or need done, when, where, how, why and their monitoring and assessment needs and concerns. Presentations can also be given regarding recent studies, projects or work in that basin. The agenda is set by a local team. CDSN creates a watershed team that plans the time, location and agenda of the SWAP and then produces a fact sheet available to all documenting the information exchanged. For more details, visit [2010SWAPinvite.pdf](#). To see the SWAP calendar, visit [CDSNCalendarDec2009](#). If you are interested in having CDSN conduct a SWAP in your watershed, please contact CDSN Project Coordinator at cwqmc@coloradowaterquality.org. Questions can be answered by Barb Horn, co-chair, at 970-382-6667 or barb.horn@state.co.us.

GOCO Strategic Plan Available for Public Comment

The Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Board today released a draft strategic plan for public comment. The Plan will guide the Board's grants and investments from its share of Lottery proceeds for the next five to ten years. **Comments on the plan must be received by 5:00 p.m. March 10, 2010.** The plan can be found at www.goco.org. Comments and suggestions should be submitted to Eric Bergman, either by e-mail at ebergman@goco.org, by fax at 303.863.7517 or by regular mail to 1600 Broadway, Suite 1650, Denver, CO, 80202.

Fort Collins Utilities and Natural Resources' 2010 Residential Environmental Program Series

For a complete listing of upcoming events, visit [2010 reps.pdf](#).

Community Assistance from the National Park Service

The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA) helps communities to protect special places for public enjoyment by assisting local partners working together in a process that encourages developing a common vision, creative planning, and collaborative action from all the participants. In the state of Colorado, the National Park Service Intermountain Region is currently supporting 8 community based initiatives. Learn more about the exciting activities and recent successes of Colorado partners in this [state update](#). Can they help a project happen in your community? Do you have an idea for how RTCA could help you take action in your community? They'd love to talk about it. Learn more about the [RTCA program](#) in general, check out the [application](#), or contact Alan Ragins: Alan_Ragins@nps.gov, (303) 969-2855. You may also contact any of their [Colorado Staff](#).

Clean Water Network's First Annual Dirty Water Stories Contest

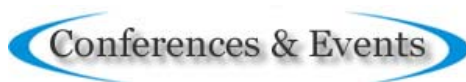
Clean Water Network is sponsoring a Dirty Water Stories writing contest for aspiring journalists and current journalism students. To enter, send Clean Water Network's Gordon Culver (gordonculver@cleanwaternet.org) a story about polluted water and/or water shortages in your community. They are looking for compelling stories that will help communicate to federal, state and local decision makers the gravity of America's water crisis. The winner of the contest will receive a cash prize of \$300. All finalists' entries will be published in the CWN Dirty Water Stories compendium and be posted on Clean Water Network's website. The submission deadline is March 1, 2010. For contest details and more information click [CONTEST GUIDELINES!](#)

2010 Instream Flow Recommendations and ISF Workshop

CWCB staff is now accepting new instream flow recommendations through February 28, 2010 for potential incorporation into Colorado's Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Program. All recommendations will be posted on the CWCB's website. Note that previously submitted recommendations that have been postponed for various reasons do not need to be resubmitted. Staff will continue to process these recommendations and address issues with the recommending entities and stakeholders. For more information on the new appropriation process, please visit: <http://cwcb.state.co.us/StreamAndLake/NewAppropriations/>.

Announcement for Public Comment on the List of NPS Proposals

The Administrative Action of the Commission will be on March 9th (approval of the 319 funding list). The full list of all proposals can be found [here](#). The recommended list for funding will be presented on the 9th, after the review.



Calendar of Events

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

New Events

March 12, 2010: Climate & Colorado's Water Future, Lakewood

Join the Colorado Foundation for Water Education for a fun, interactive day to learn about climate change research. The workshop includes expert speakers, an exclusive tour of the National Ice Core Laboratory and an optional afternoon for science teachers to gain water and climate curriculum ideas. More information and registration at www.cfwe.org.

April 9, 2010: CFWE President's Award Reception, Denver

The Colorado Foundation for Water Education is proud to present the 2010 President's Award to Russell George for his significant contribution in advancing the understanding of Colorado's water resources by creating the framework for the IBCC and basin roundtables. CFWE will also present the Emerging Leader Award to Eric Hecox of CWCB. Please join us for an evening celebration at the exclusive Cableland Home in Denver. Details and registration at www.cfwe.org.

April 19-21, 2010: Colorado Forest Restoration Institute Beyond the Bugs Conference in Steamboat Springs

The purpose of the conference is to provide a forum for focused learning and discussion about possible future range of variability of post-beetle forest development, desired conditions for the next forest and forest-reliant communities, and strategies to achieve those desired conditions. To register and to see the tentative agenda, visit <http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?eventid=827428>. For questions, please contact Amanda Bucknam at amanda.bucknam@colostate.edu or 970-491-0801.

Upcoming Events

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](#).

March 1, 2010: Friends of the River Uncompahgre Annual Meeting in Montrose

The meeting will take place at the DMEA Conference Room at 11925 6300 Rd. from 6:00-8:30 pm. Presentations will disclose dates about: The City of Montrose River Master Plan & River Overlay Zone, Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership, Planning, Accomplishments and others. FORU will provide lasagna and beverages for dinner. Please bring a dish for the Salad and Dessert Pot luck.

March 3-4 2010: High Altitude Revegetation Conference in Fort Collins

Are you interested in the vegetation aspects of mined land, ski slopes, road building, revegetation, native plants, forests & rangelands, ecological restoration, or wetlands? For more information, visit <http://www.highaltitudereveg.org/>.

March 12, 2010, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.: Colorado Nonprofit Week Awards Luncheon in Denver

The luncheon will be at the Denver Marriott City Center, 1701 California Street, in downtown Denver. Visit www.ColoradoNonprofits.org/CNW to learn more or click [here](#) to register now!

March 12, 2010: Evapotranspiration Workshop: "Using the Best Science to Estimate Consumptive Use"

The workshop will take place in Fort Collins. Attendees will learn how to improve ET calculation among private and public entities. Instructors include ET experts from Colorado State University, the CO Division of Water Resources, Rick Allen from the University of Idaho and Marvin Jensen. Luncheon speaker will be Dick Wolfe - Colorado State Engineer. The registration fee is \$200. Click [here](#) to register.

March 15, 2010: Uncompahgre Watershed Planning Partnership Recreation Forum in Ridgway

Come to the Uncompahgre Recreation Forum at the Ouray 4H Center in Ridgway on Monday, March 15 and learn about the steps local organizations are taking to balance river recreation with growing populations, increasing demands on water supplies, and landowner rights. For complete details, click [here](#).

March 20, 2010: Wildlands Restoration Volunteers 11th Annual Spring Potluck Celebration

They have planned a **very fun event** with great food, live music, a **silent auction**, and more. You can donate a service, fun event, or special item for the silent auction. Simply download the [Donation Form](#) to your computer and fill it out. Then, email your donation form to jessica@wlrw.org as soon as possible to help the auction preparations and **no later than March 8**. See the [Auction Page](#) for more information about how to donate something for the auction. Call 303-543-1411 if you have questions. To sign up for this event, click [here](#).

March 22, 2010: CSU World Water Day

This event will be held in conjunction with the Annual Hydrology Days Conference. For more information, visit <http://www.globalwater.colostate.edu/>. The aim is to share, highlight and raise awareness about water research, education and outreach through faculty, student and community initiatives. For more information on World Water Day, visit <http://www.worldwaterday2010.info/>. If you would like to reserve a time slot for a demonstration or workshop (25 minutes or so), please send a 100-300 word abstract describing the proposed activity. They are hoping that the demonstrations would be in line with the theme for World Water Day this year which is Clean Water for a Healthy World. Contact Faith Sternlieb at (970) 491-6328 for more information. Your organization can host a table with information about water projects and programs in the area, regionally and or globally. Please let Faith know at your earliest convenience about whether they should reserve a table for you.

March 30, 2010: Arkansas River Watershed Tamarisk Workshop in Pueblo

For more details and to see the agenda, visit [March 30 2010 Tamarisk Workshop.pdf](#).

April 11-15th: 2010 Ground Water Summit and 2010 Ground Water Protection Council Spring Meeting in Denver

This meeting is being designed to bring together a mix of regulators, practitioners, natural resource managers, policymakers, and those who supply knowledge and technology needed to address key water issues. The event seeks to integrate cutting-edge science with the leading edge of practice and will focus on the theme "Groundwater for a Thirsty World." For complete details and to register, visit <http://www.ngwa.org/summit2010/index.aspx>.

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.caee.org/development/conference> for complete details.

May 13-14, 2010: 4th Annual Fueling Thought Energy Summit in Craig, CO

The deadline to register is May 11. More information will be posted on their website as it becomes available. Visit http://www.yampavalleypartners.com/regional_forums.

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](#). To register for the trip, visit <http://www.oars.com/utah/coloradorivercataractcanyon.html>. 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.rivernet.org/programs/national-river-rally>.

June 2-4, 2010: Natural Resources Law Center's 2010 Martz Summer Conference in Boulder

This conference is in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Public Land Law Review Commission Report. For the conference description, click [here](#). For the conference program, click [here](#). To register, visit <http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=800228>.



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](#).

Green infrastructure money available through State Revolving Fund in FY10

American Rivers helped secure important water infrastructure funding for green infrastructure and water efficiency as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). ARRA required that states use 20% of their allocation under the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds for green infrastructure, water efficiency, energy efficiency and environmental innovation. For more information, click [here](#). For further details contact Katherine Baer (kbaer@americanrivers.org) or Gayle Killam at River Network (gkillam@rivernet.org).

Grants Preserve Natural Areas in Colorado

[Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund](#)

The mission of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund is to help preserve and manage Colorado's wildlife, park, river, trail, and open space heritage. In the spring of 2010, the Fund will provide support through the following grant programs: Local Government Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grants assist in the establishment or expansion of park, outdoor recreation, and environmental education facilities. (Mini-Grants are provided for projects in communities of 5,000 people or less.) Open Space Grants support projects that protect natural areas such as urban open space, wildlife habitat, etc. Conservation Excellence Grants target activities which improve the capacity of land trusts to achieve quality land conservation. Planning Grants help communities develop plans to protect open space, wildlife habitat, and parks. The application deadlines are as follows: Open Space Grants: **February 22, 2010**; Local Government Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grants, Mini-Grants, and Planning Grants: **March 2, 2010**; and Conservation Excellence Grants: **March 8, 2010**. Click on the link above for information about each of the grant programs.

2010 CO Division of Wildlife Wetlands Funding

Funding is available for new wetland and riparian restoration and enhancement projects. The Request for Applications is posted on the web at <http://wildlife.state.co.us/LandWater/WetlandsProgram/ProjectFunding/>. Applications are due **February 26, 2010**.

Volunteer Community Improvement Projects Supported

[Home Depot Building Healthy Communities Grant Program](#)

The Home Depot Building Healthy Communities Grant Program provides support to nonprofit organizations, public schools, and public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their communities. Grants support community improvement projects that include activities such as building, rebuilding, painting, or refurbishing; increasing energy efficiency or sustainability; landscaping or planting of native trees; community facility improvements; and the development and/or improvement of green spaces. Grants of up to \$2,500 are made in the form of The Home

Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools or materials. The application deadlines for 2010 are **March 1, July 1, and November 1**. Visit the Home Depot website at the link above to take the eligibility test and submit an online application.

Fish and Wildlife Service: North American Wetlands Conservation Act: Standard Grants Program

This program provides support to public-private partnerships carrying out projects that involve long-term protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats. The deadlines are **March 5 and July 30, 2010**. For the complete details, visit <http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/grants/nawca/Standard/index.shtm>.

WaterReuse Foundation Seeks Preproposals

The WaterReuse Foundation is seeking preproposals for funding consideration under its 2010 Unsolicited Research Program. The Unsolicited Research Program awards funding to researchers who propose projects designed to meet the future needs of the water reuse and desalination community. Preproposals are due by **March 8, 2010**. To view the Request for Preproposals, click [here](#).

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 ocomnor.dennis@epa.gov or 202-343-9213.

Advance Notice and Request for Comment on the HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program

Comments are due on **March 12**. The future funding opportunity is focused on planning for sustainable development, which may complement watershed planning and/or be useful for partner communities facing growth. The announcement and request for proposals should be finalized and public some time this April 2010. Comments should be directed to: sustainablecommunities@hud.gov or submitted through the www.hud.gov/sustainability website. For a copy of the advanced notice of funding availability, please go to: http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/documents/advance_notice_and_request_for_comments_sustainable_comm.pdf.

Support for Aquatic Environmental Programs Worldwide

Project AWARE Foundation

The Project AWARE Foundation is committed to the preservation of the aquatic environment and its resources throughout the world through education, advocacy, and action. The Foundation provides grants for the conservation of both freshwater and marine underwater environments, with a focus on coral reefs, shark protection, sustainable fisheries, ecotourism, shoreline cleanups, and aquatic education for children. Grants range up to US \$10,000. Requests are reviewed quarterly; the next application deadline is **March 15, 2010**. Application guidelines may be downloaded from the Foundation's website at the above link.

Funds for Environmental Programs in Targeted Regions

Constellation Energy EcoStar Grant Program

Constellation Energy supports nonprofit organizations that are working to improve the quality of life in company communities throughout the U.S. The company offers EcoStar Grants of up to \$5,000 to local nonprofit organizations for projects that address at least one of the following five environmental focus areas: pollution prevention, education, energy efficiency, conservation, and community activism. Funded projects must be located geographically within a region where Constellation Energy does business (the continental states with the exception of AZ, GA, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, and WY). The application deadline is **March 16, 2010**. Online application information is available on the company's website. Click on the link above.

YSI Foundation "Minding the Planet" Grant

Their 2010 grant will go to an organization that focuses on improving its local water quality while having a specific mission to positively affect regional or statewide water resource policy and decision making. This grant is designed to help an organization that acts on a local level in order to support the efforts of one or more other regional or state stakeholders. Applications are due by **Friday, March 19**. For more details, click [here](#).

Environmental Conservation Programs Funded

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Keystone Initiatives Grants Program

The mission of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is to sustain, restore, and enhance the nation's fish, wildlife, plants, and habitats. Through the Keystone Initiatives Grants Program, the Foundation awards matching grants in the categories of bird conservation, fish conservation, marine and coastal conservation, and wildlife and habitat conservation. Prospective applicants should contact the targeted category's Keystone Director to discuss project ideas prior to submitting proposals in order to help ensure the relevance of funding requests. The upcoming preproposal deadline is **April 1, 2010**. Click on the link above for detailed information about the Keystone Initiative objectives.

NIWR-USGS National Competitive Grants Program

The Request for Proposals for the FY 2010 National Competitive Grants Program authorized by section 104G of the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 has been posted on niwr.net. The RFP may be obtained by clicking [here](#). The research priorities for FY 2010 are water supply and availability, including investigations of possible new sources of supply, improvement of impaired waters to usable quality, conservation of existing sources, and limiting growth in demand. The deadline for proposals is 4:00 PM, Eastern Time, **Wednesday, April 7, 2010**.

EPA Requests Grant Applications to Fight Climate Change

EPA announced it is making up to \$5 million in grants available to U.S. and international organizations to fund innovative, international methane reduction and use projects that cut global climate pollution. Non-profit or government organizations in any country may apply for grant funding, but projects should take place in the following Methane to Markets Partner countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Georgia, India, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Mongolia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Thailand, Ukraine, and Vietnam. Proposals are due by **April 15, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. EST**. EPA estimates that awards would be made at the end of 2010. More grant information: <http://www.epa.gov/methanetomarkets/grants.htm>.

Grants for Community Programs throughout the U.S.

Walmart Foundation State Giving Program

The program provides grants of \$25,000 and up in the following categories: Education grants support programs that address the educational needs of underserved young people, ages 12-30. Job Skills Training grants promote professional training, counseling, and support services to help people improve their work-related skills. Health grants strive to improve access to healthcare and promote healthy lifestyles. Environmental Sustainability grants support programs that are designed to help people become more sustainable as well as programs that enhance the environment. Applications may be submitted between **February 1 and August 20, 2010**. For more information, click on the link above.



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

February 25, 2010: Free GOCO Strategic Plan webinar at 2:30 PM

Last fall, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) embarked on a process to gather input from grantees, stakeholders and citizens about the future use of GOCO's portion of Lottery proceeds. The result of that information gathering process is a new draft strategic plan with a 5 to 10 year time horizon for funding priorities, a clear set of goals for GOCO leadership and partnership initiatives and specific strategies to achieve those goals. The GOCO Board is seeking comment on the draft plan which can be viewed at www.goco.org. This CCLT webinar will provide an overview of the draft GOCO 2010 Strategic Plan and the opportunities the plan holds for the land trust community. To register, email George Harvey at george.harvey@cclt.org for information.

March 1, 2010: Free Watershed Academy Webcast on "Managing Nutrients in the National Estuary Program"

Join them for a webcast to learn about different approaches to nutrient management that are being used by several projects in the National Estuary Program (NEP). The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's NEP includes 28 estuary projects, most of which are experiencing serious nutrient enrichment issues. The webcast will be from 1:00 to 3:00 pm EST. Webcast participants are eligible to receive a certificate for their attendance. Webcast presentations are posted in advance at www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts. Register at: www.epa.gov/watershedwebcasts. Questions? Please contact Amber Marriott at amber.marriott@tetrattech.com.

March 1-25, 2010: State Trails Program Recreational Grant Training Workshops

The State Trails Program will be conducting Recreational Trail Grant Training Workshops around the state, beginning March 1, 2010. These are 2.5 hours long, free and open to non-profits, government agencies, special recreation districts and federally recognized tribal governments. For more information and registration, please go to www.parks.state.co.us/Trails/Grants. Also new to the webpage is a grant training powerpoint.

March 2, 2010: Webinar: Partnerships to Mergers: Considering Your Strategic Organizational Options

Webinar will begin at 11:00 AM. Groups of all types are looking for new ways to structure their organizations for maximum effectiveness, to extend reach and impact, to be more efficient, and to position themselves for the long haul. Strategic partnerships, fiscal sponsorships, or even mergers may help your organization. Register online by February 26, 2010. To register, visit <http://www.icl.org/calendar/2010-01-22/667-partnerships-mergers-310>.

March 2, 4, 6, 2010: WRV Wilderness First Aid Training

Would you know what to do if someone needed your help in the back country? What if that someone was you or your friend? This course is designed for those of you who want to know what to do in a back country emergency. In this course you will receive hands on practice time. You will participate in first aid scenarios that will sharpen your first aid skills and give you a chance to practice in "real life". The training will be at the Foothills Nature Center, 4201 Broadway St, Boulder, CO 80304. Please bring warm clothes to attend outside scenarios, a notebook and pencil. Please bring your own lunch/dinner (there is a small kitchen at the Foothills Nature Center) and a market just south of the facility. WRV will provide light snacks and drinks. To register, visit [Wilderness First Aid 8 hr](#) or [Wilderness First Aid 16 hr](#). If you have any questions specific to this training please contact Angie at (303) 543-1411.

Is It Time for a Development Audit?

How does your organization's development program measure up to accepted standards? Is your program growing or is it stagnant? Does your organization have a philanthropic culture? How do you find the time to "take stock" of your program? In this webinar Linda Lysakowski will address these issues and offer some tools that you can use to evaluate your development program, your organization's philanthropic culture, and the board's role in fundraising. The webinar will be held Thursday, March 4, 2010. Visit the link listed above to register.

March 4, 2010: Denver Nonprofit Leadership Series Session on Executive Leadership in Denver

If your organization is facing leadership challenges and is looking for the most effective tools to manage them, this session is not to be missed. For complete details and to register, visit <http://www.cfnps.org/denls3.aspx>.

March 10, 6pm-9pm in Boulder, and March 16, 6pm-9pm in Fort Collins: WRV Project Support Crew/Cook Training

They need 12 Lead Cooks and 15 Support Cooks. Lead cooks organize, buy the food, delegate and supervise the cooks for everything camp area & food-related. Support cooks/crew do the site prep, might do some shopping, unloading, chopping, mixing, setting out of food and cleaning up. This training is FREE and open to people who are interested in volunteering in this way with WRV in the 2010 season. To register for one of the trainings, click [here](#). If you have questions, [Email them](#) or call 303-543-1411.

March 18, 2010: Wildlands Restoration Volunteers Project Management Training

Restoration projects can be complex. Project management is a systematic approach that helps leaders bring in projects on time and on budget while remaining reasonably sane. This training session outlines the basics of project management that can be applied to restoration, or other workplace settings. The training will occur at the Foothills Nature Center, 4201 North Broadway, Boulder, CO 80301 from 6:00pm-9:00pm. For more details and to register, click [here](#).

March 27-28 (Boulder) & May 7-8 (Fort Collins): WRV Crew Leader Training in Ecological Restoration

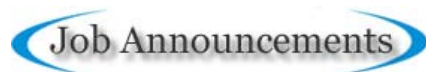
Crew leadership is a great way to multiply the value of your stewardship efforts on public lands, build your professional leadership skills, and help other volunteers have a rewarding and fun experience! The leadership skills you develop will be transferable to many other parts of your life. This training offers several hands-on experiences that help you to gain effective crew leaders skills in a fun and supportive setting. Trainings will be from 8:00am to 4:00pm each day. To register click either the link for the [Boulder Training March 27-28](#) (St. Vrain State Park) or the [Fort Collins Training May 15-16](#) (Campbell Valley).

April 5-9, 2010: Colorado Open Space Alliance Ranger Training

To see the schedule, visit [2010 COSA Ranger Training Schedule.doc](#). To view the session details, visit [2010 COSA Ranger Training Session Details.doc](#).

June 27 - July 9, 2010: Property and Environment Research Center's Enviropreneur Institute 2010 in Bozeman, Montana

Applications are now being considered for 17 Enviropreneur Institute fellowships sponsored by the Property and Environment Research Center (PERC). PERC's Enviropreneur Institute is an intense, two-week educational experience in Bozeman, Montana, for environmental entrepreneurs who want to have a better understanding of how business and economic principles can be applied to environmental problems. The application deadline is March 7, 2010. They will notify finalists by April 9. To apply, visit <http://www.perc.org/enviroprog/enviropreneur/camp/apply.php>. More details can be found at www.enviropreneurs.org. Please feel free to contact [PERC](#) if you have any questions, or call 888-406-9532.



Colorado Watershed Assembly is Now Hiring for a Member Services Coordinator

The Assembly seeks an information and communications specialist to provide member services, build organizational capacity, and expand our membership base through electronic media. For the full posting and to apply, visit [Member Services Coordinator description](#).

River Network Seeks a Water & Energy Director

River Network seeks a Water & Energy Director to unite our network of thousands of conservation, recreation, environmental justice, and tribal organizations, as well as local, state and federal government agencies, in a collective alliance to ensure that the impacts of climate change are reduced on people and the environment and river health improved by more effective and efficient use of water and energy. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2010. For more details, please see www.rivernetwork.org/jobs/water-and-energy-program-director.

River Network Seeks a Vice President of National Operations

This position will oversee their education and field mobilization programs, financial management, human resources, and technology as they launch a new grassroots action plan to connect Americans to their home waters, reverse declines in aquatic ecosystem health, prevent water-related illness and disease, and address shifting water demands and availability in the face of global climate change. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2010. For more details, please see www.rivernetwork.org/jobs/vice-president-national-operations.

Buys and Associates, Inc. is seeking Seasonal Botanical Field Technicians

In support of the Buys & Associates biological staff, seasonal field technicians will conduct botanical surveys in remote field locations throughout eastern Utah. Field surveys may include threatened and endangered plant surveys, noxious weed inventories, reclamation monitoring surveys, and vegetative site assessments. This is a temporary position to begin in mid-March, with work intermittent through the summer. The closing date for this posting is March 5, 2010. Please go to <http://www.buysandassociates.com/employment.php> for contacts and detailed information about the position.

Environmental Center at Fort Lewis College is Seeking a Coordinator

The deadline to apply is March 8, 2010. For the full job description, visit

[EC20Coordinatorjobdescription.pdf](#).

Educator/Ranch Hand with the Aspen Center for Environmental Studies

The position will be based in Basalt and the application deadline is March 15, 2010. For the full job posting and application instructions, click [here](#).

Recreation Planner for Pitkin County, Colorado's Open Space and Trails Program

Full-time salaried position will be responsible for trails and park planning, oversight of trail construction and maintenance projects, managing procurement for trail and park capital projects, reviewing land use proposals as it relates to trails, public recreation and access and assisting in developing management plans for open space properties and trails. Application deadline is 5 p.m. March 19, 2010. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

Land Officer for Pitkin County, Colorado's Open Space and Trails Program

Full-time salaried position will administer post-acquisition assets including conservation easements (CE) in compliance with State and Land Trust Alliance standards. Duties include conservation easement monitoring and reporting, property file management and GIS mapping. Application deadline is 5 p.m. March 19, 2010. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

Backcountry Wilderness Area Trail Specialist

The Highlands Ranch Community Association has a part-time, seasonal position, with the option of year-round employment, open in the Backcountry Wilderness Area. Seasonal employment is through September 2010 after which time the position may become year-round. Starting pay is \$9.63 - \$10.80 per hour. Position is open until filled with a desire to fill by April 1. For a complete job description please go to: <http://www.hrcaonline.org/GeneralInfo/Employment.aspx>.

Associate Director of Communications, American Rivers

The Associate Director of Communications is responsible for developing and implementing communications strategies to advance the objectives of the organization's conservation campaigns. This is an exciting opportunity for a talented, high energy professional who is interested in making a difference in the field of conservation. This position is based in Washington, DC. Qualifications for the position include a Bachelor's degree and 3-5 years in communications, media relations or similar experience, preferably in conservation, advocacy, or political campaigns. Applications should include a resume, professional references, and a letter addressed to: Fanette Jones, Director of Administration, American Rivers; 1101 14th street, NW, Suite 1400; Washington, DC 20005 or via e-mail fjones@americanrivers.org.

Combined Youth Team Leaders/Parks and Open Space Workers

Position will be based in Boulder County and is open until filled. For the complete job posting, benefits, and to apply, click [here](#).

Youth Team Leaders and Youth Assistant Team Leaders

Positions are based in Boulder County and are open until filled. For the Youth Team Leaders position, click [here](#), and for the Youth Assistant Team Leaders position, click [here](#).



EPA Increases Transparency of Proposed Regulations

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is launching a new Web site giving the public additional opportunity to participate in the agency's rulemaking process, demonstrating President Obama's commitment to more transparent and open government. The online Rulemaking Gateway serves as a portal to EPA's priority rules, providing citizens with earlier and more concise information about agency regulations. It also allows users to search for EPA rules that relate to specific interests, including impacts on small business; children's health; environmental justice; and state, local and tribal government. EPA; 2/18/10
To read the full press release, click [here](#).

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