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Wildland Restoration Volunteers Receives Grant for Watershed Improvement Actions
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Denver, Colorado, October 23, 2018 – **Colorado Watershed Assembly (CWA)** announces **Wildland Restoration Volunteers (WRV)** as one of seven Colorado organizations to receive **Colorado Healthy Rivers Fund (CHRF) grant money** for the 2018 grant cycle. These funds will support on-the-ground projects that contribute to cleaner water, healthier wildlife habitat, improved recreation and vibrant local economies throughout the State of Colorado.

Wildland Restoration Volunteers award amount of \$19,604 for their Campbell Valley Watershed and Creek Restoration project. Campbell Valley is located within a region Colorado Natural Heritage Program identified as “one of Colorado’s highest-priority landscape-level conservation sites,” based on threats and multiple species and communities of concern in need of protection attention. The sediment in Campbell Valley is a pollutant which poses problems for utilities, fish and invertebrates, and the erosion dissects the Robert’s ranch pastures, encourages invasive plant establishment, and disrupts wildlife habitat and migration corridors. The WRV project intends to raise the water table and re-introduce meander in order to bring back the natural ability of streams to build functioning floodplains, store water and support riparian woody species.

Casey Davenhill, Executive Director of the Colorado Watershed Assembly expressed, “This project is part of an ongoing effort to reverse historic damage to one of the most extensive remaining high-quality foothills ecosystems along the Front Range of Colorado. Congratulations to Wildland Restoration Volunteers and best wishes as they leverage Healthy Rivers Fund money for reclamation of healthy streams, landscapes and people.” You can help support this fund by buying a ticket and joining CWA at the [Colorado Healthy Rivers Fund Hoorah!](#) on Wednesday, November 7th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Skylark Lounge in Denver or you can donate directly to the fund at [HRF Donation](#).

The Colorado Healthy Rivers Fund grant program awards annual grants through a competitive application and review process. The program was established jointly by the Colorado Water Conservation Board and the Water Quality Control Commission, in cooperation with the Colorado Watershed Assembly. The Colorado Water Conservation Board is the state executive branch agency responsible for state water policy and planning. The Water Quality Control Commission is the administrative agency responsible for developing specific state water quality policies in a manner that implements the broader policies set forth by the General Assembly in the Colorado Water Quality Control Act.

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The Colorado Watershed Assembly is a 501(c)3 Colorado corporation that supports collaborative efforts to protect and improve land, water, and other natural resources by providing the network to connect a diversity of interests with Colorado's watershed groups and other decision makers. To learn more about the Colorado Watershed Assembly visit <http://www.coloradowater.org/>.