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Colorado Stream Mgt. Plan Update Spring 2018

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Project Updates



Welcome to spring 2018's update on Stream Mgt. Plans in Colorado! River Network is providing regular information on SMPs to help meet the goal in Colorado's Water Plan that calls for 80% of locally prioritized rivers to have SMPs by 2030. Thanks to funding from the CWCB, Walton and Gates Family Foundations and The Nature Conservancy, River Network is working to enlarge the pipeline of local coalitions that are interested, ready and capable of undertaking stream management plans.

The application for direct assistance to scope and submit a grant to CWCB's Watershed Restoration Program for a SMP in 2018 is now up!

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It's been a busy spring! I've helped with SMP workshops in Durango, Craig and Rifle so far. And there are many more to come! Lots of recently funded SMPs are getting underway, and others are making great progress. I'm excited to see so many communities undertaking river health projects, and look forward to compiling resources and best practices this year to help ensure they are effective. As always, let me know if you have news, projects or ideas to contribute!

~Nicole Seltzer

SMPs in Action!

- The City of Steamboat Springs has completed an assessment of river health for the Yampa River near Steamboat as part of the community's stream management plan. You can find a copy of the Yampa River Health Assessment Report [here](#).
- The Middle Colorado Watershed Council has issued a [Request for Qualifications](#) for a Technical Consultant for their Integrated Water Mgt. Plan. Proposals are due April 19th.
- The Yampa/White/Green Basin Roundtable voted to scope an Integrated Water Mgt Plan. [Info available on their website](#).
- The Colorado Water Trust's new Request for Water process invites voluntary water offers from willing water rights owners to benefit streamflows. [Learn more here](#), and attend a webinar TODAY at 2pm.



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Featured Resources

CWCB is updating the [Statewide Water Supply Initiative \(SWSI\)](#). The update will estimate future available water supplies and gaps under different planning scenarios that incorporate the potential effects of climate change, population growth, and many other factors.

To help implement SMPs, SWSI will improve the statewide database of environmental and recreational projects and create an environmental flow tool to better define flow conditions under the planning scenarios. Learn more in the [Env and Rec Methodology Fact Sheet](#).

News & Learning Opportunities

2018 Sustaining Colorado Watersheds Conference has issued the [call for papers](#). Working on a SMP? Submit a presentation or panel discussion!

CO Trout Unlimited Regional River Rendezvous On April 26-29 in Keystone, [join TU volunteer leaders](#) from across the West to discuss fishery protection, flow strategies (including a panel on SMPs) and much more.

Arkansas Basin Forum Visit La Junta on April 11-12 and [learn about water management and quality trends](#), and a panel on SMPs.

Flow 2018 Join the [Instream Flow Council](#) in Ft. Collins on April 24-26 to learn about practical tools and strategies for sustaining and protecting ecological values of water

2018 is the 50th anniversary of the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act. Colorado has one: the Cache la Poudre, but may soon have a second. [Listen with Water Education Colorado](#).

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