



## West Plum Creek SMP Field Trip

### Colorado SMP Peer Learning Network

May 24-25, 2023

Castle Rock, Colorado

### **Summary**

Join us for a field trip along West Plum Creek! You'll get a chance to talk to local and regional experts, get your hands dirty and test out various assessments methods and techniques that will help you with your Stream Management Plan (SMP) or Integrated Water Management Plan (IWMP). Participants will have the opportunity to swap stories and learn from each other during this 1.5-day event.

### **Anticipated Outcomes**

- Explore the West Plum Creek Stream Management Plan and test out tools and approaches used in the planning process.
- Receive training on assessing two indicators of river health (aquatic biota and structural complexity) and learn about application considerations.
  - Aquatic biota: Macroinvertebrate sampling; Fishes of West Plum Creek
  - Structural complexity: Aquatic habitat assessment
- Receive training on small and large group facilitation.
- Continue to build a community of practice among SMP leaders, developing relationships and learning to collectively enhance work on SMP/IWMPs throughout the state.

### **Agenda**

*Please note that details are subject to change due to the weather. Our team will communicate any changes by email ahead of the field trip.*

### **Wednesday, May 24**

**Sandstone Ranch parking area, GPS coordinates 39.221399, -104.959891**

**<https://goo.gl/maps/JVMXWYsHyfGCScNT8>**

8:30 am	Coffee and Networking
9:00 am	Welcome, Introductions and Peer Learning Network <i>Chelsea Silva, River Network</i>
9:30 am	Agenda Overview <i>Stacy Beaugh, Strategic By Nature</i>
9:35 am	West Plum Creek, Its Fishes, and the Stream Management Plan <i>Boyd Wright and Liz Stewart Krone, Colorado Parks and Wildlife</i>
10:45 am	Break / Carpool (2-minutes) up to Club Med. <i>The Club Med parking area only holds 6 or 7 vehicles so we will carpool to the site.</i>

- 11:00 am Macroinvertebrate Sampling Demo  
*Bradley Boileau, River Watch*
- 1:00 pm Lunch – boxed lunches pre-ordered (Panera)
- 2:00 pm Facilitation 101 Training  
*Stacy Beaugh, Strategic By Nature*
- 4:45 pm Wrap-Up & Evaluation
- 5:00 pm Adjourn
- 6:00 pm Dinner in Castle Rock

## **Thursday, May 25**

***Jackson 105 Fire Department Station 142, 435 N Perry Park Rd, Sedalia, CO 80135***

*Meet at the fire station no later than 8:30am as we will carpool from there to the site.*

- 8:00 am Coffee and Networking
- 8:30 am Welcome and Agenda Review  
*Stacy Beaugh, Strategic By Nature*
- 8:40 am Aquatic Habitat Training & Mock Assessment  
*Kim Lennberg, Alba Watershed Consulting*
- 11:30 pm Wrap-Up and Evaluation  
*Chelsea Silva, River Network*
- 12:00 pm Adjourn

## **Field Trip Contact**

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*Please call or text with any questions or concerns. Note that service may be spotty during the field trip, but we will do our best to respond as quickly as possible.*

## **Suggested Pack List**

- Camp chair (for lunch, breaks)
- Water bottle, coffee mug
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Sturdy shoes for walking on uneven surfaces
- Layers in case of weather
- Notebook
- Water shoes (Chacos, river shoes) for walking in creek on Day 2