



West Plum Creek SMP Field Trip

Colorado SMP Peer Learning Network

June 22-23, 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 facilitation techniques to apply in your SMP/IWMP.
- 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.

Thursday, June 22

Sandstone Ranch parking area, GPS coordinates 39.221399, -104.959891

(<https://goo.gl/maps/JVMXWYsHyfGCSNT8>)

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

Friday, June 23

St. Philip in the Field Church, 397 N. Perry Park Rd, Sedalia, CO 80135

*Meet at the church no later than 8:30am and we will carpool from the church to the aquatic habitat training site (5-minutes). ***Important***: The site is located on private property behind a locked gate. Please arrive at the church to carpool as we will not be able to provide individual access to the property. Communicate with Chelsea Silva for additional questions or concerns.*

- 8:00 am Coffee and Networking
- 8:30 am Welcome and Agenda Review, then carpool to the site
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

Suggested Pack List

- Camp chair
- Water bottle, coffee mug
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Sturdy shoes
- Layers in case of weather
- Notebook
- Water shoes (e.g., Chacos)
- Waders, if you have them

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.