



Gunnison SMP Field Trip

Colorado SMP Peer Learning Network

August 3-4, 2023

Gunnison, Colorado

Summary

Join us for a field trip along the Upper Gunnison River! 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 have the opportunity to swap stories and learn from each other during this 2-day event.

Anticipated Outcomes

- Explore the Upper Gunnison Water Management Plan and test out tools and approaches they used in their planning process.
- Receive training on assessing two indicators of river health (floodplain connectivity and aquatic biota) and learn about application considerations.
 - Floodplain connectivity – wet meadows assessment training
 - Aquatic biota – macroinvertebrate sampling and training
- Learn about system optimization and explore implementation projects through a guided tour.
- Continue to build a community of practice among SMP leaders, developing relationships and learning to collectively enhance work on SMP/IWMPs throughout the state.

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

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

Agenda

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

Thursday, August 3

Gunnison County Public Library, [1 Quartz Street, Gunnison, CO 81230](#)

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| 8:45 am | Coffee by Mochas, Light Breakfast, and Networking |
| 9:15 am | Welcome, Introductions and Peer Learning Network
<i>Chelsea Silva, River Network</i> |
| 10:00 am | Agenda Overview
<i>Stacy Beaugh, Strategic By Nature</i> |
| 10:15 am | Upper Gunnison Watershed and WMP Overview
<i>Stacy McPhail, Gunnison Ranchland Conservation Legacy/Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District</i> |
| 11:00 am | Break |
| 11:15 am | Watershed System Optimization Project
<i>Craig Ullman, Applegate Group, Inc.</i>
<i>Jesse Kruthaupt, Trout Unlimited</i> |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch by Jermaine's then carpool to Lower Tomichi Creek (15-minute drive) |
| 1:00 pm | Implementation Project Site Visits
<i>Craig Ullman, Applegate Group, Inc.</i>
<i>Jesse Kruthaupt, Trout Unlimited</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lower Tomichi Creek• Marshall 1, Gunnison River• Gunnison Valley Tomichi Ditch, Gunnison River |
| 4:45 pm | Evaluation & Adjourn
<i>Chelsea Silva, River Network</i> |
| Evening | Happy Hour/Dinner
<i>For those who are interested, we will coordinate a happy hour or dinner in Gunnison. Everyone will be responsible for their own food/drinks.</i> |

Friday, August 4

Please plan to meet at 7:30am at The Inn at Tomichi Village and we will carpool to the site which has very limited parking. If you are unable to carpool, please let us know, and plan to meet us at 8:00am at the pull-off along the road near the site. The site is located at GPS coordinates 38.43325, -106.90687 ([see in Google Maps](#)).

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| 7:30am | Coffee by Mochas, Light Breakfast, and Networking (meet at The Inn at Tomichi Village) |
| 7:50 am | Carpool to the site (25-minute drive to the site) |
| 8:15 am | Welcome and Agenda Review
<i>Stacy Beough, Strategic By Nature</i> |
| 8:25 am | Wet Meadows Presentation & Assessment
<i>Cheryl Cwelich, UGRWCD</i> |
| 11:30 am | Drive 24-minutes to Neversink Trailhead (see Neversink Trailhead in Google Maps) |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch by Mochas |
| 12:45 pm | Macroinvertebrate Sampling Demonstration & Training
<i>Bradley Boileau, River Watch</i> |
| 1:45 pm | Evaluation & Wrap Up
<i>Stacy Beough, Strategic By Nature</i> |
| 2:15 pm | End of Field Trip |