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## Colorado Water Conservation Board, Department of Natural Resources:

The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) represents each major water basin, Denver and other state agencies in a joint effort to use water wisely and protect our water for future generations. The Colorado legislature, recognizing the need to correlate the activities of humankind with the reasonable preservation of the natural environment, authorized the CWCB to appropriate and acquire instream flow (ISF) and natural lake level (NLL) water rights to preserve and improve the natural environment to a reasonable degree. The CWCB also is responsible for protecting, monitoring, and enforcing ISF and NLL water rights. http://cwcb.state.co.us



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# Fort Collins Tourist Bureau:

Fort Collins is a city nestled in the foothills of the majestic Rocky Mountains in northern Colorado. It is home to Colorado State University and has been dubbed the "Choice City" for the number of "best of" lists it tops. It offers a thriving arts and music scene, eclectic shops and restaurants, hundreds of miles of walking and biking paths, a colorful past filled with inspiring characters and access to abundant outdoor pursuits. https://www.visitftcollins.com/



# **Geo-Watersheds Scientific:**

Geo-Watersheds Scientific (GW Scientific) works with partners from universities, industry, and agencies to improve the understanding and management of water resources. Our data collection, education and research projects include improvements in understanding the aquatic environments related to fish and wildlife resources. We also provide technical consulting, investigations, training, and other professional geohydrology, hydrology, environmental, data networks and instrumentation services.

http://www.gwscientific.com/





# Bronze Sponsors (\$2,000 - \$4,999)

### **Bureau of Land Management:**

The mission of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. Congress tasked the BLM with a mandate of managing public lands for a variety of uses such as energy development, livestock grazing, recreation, and timber harvesting while ensuring natural, cultural, and historic resources are maintained for present and future use. This multiple-use approach enables the BLM to prioritize and advance the President's priorities which include energy independence, shared conservation stewardship, keeping our borders safe, putting Americans back to work, and serving the American family. To do this, the BLM manages public lands to maximize opportunities for commercial, recreational, and conservation activities. This promotes healthy and productive public lands that create jobs in local communities while supporting traditional land uses such as responsible energy development, timber harvesting, grazing, and recreation, including hunting and fishing. <a href="https://www.blm.gov/">https://www.blm.gov/</a>



## Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency:

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency specialists conduct wildlife and aquatic education workshops, protect the state's vital wetlands; monitor water quality; and preserve the state's disappearing wildlife species. Our engineers construct boat ramps and docks for the boating and fishing public, while other professionals create accurate, updated maps of Agency-managed properties through a state-of-the-art computer imaging system. We sell hunting, fishing, and additional special wildlife recreational licenses; maintain records of the state's increasing number of registered boats; produce the Tennessee Wildlife magazine. https://www.tn.gov/twra.html





#### American Fisheries Society, The Arkansas Chapter:

The Arkansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is the largest organization of professional fisheries and aquatic biologists in the state of Arkansas. With approximately 200 members, the Arkansas Chapter adheres to the goals of our parent society, the American Fisheries Society, which include promotion of scientific research and sustainable management of fisheries resources and their habitats. <u>https://arkansasafs.wildapricot.org/</u>

#### American Fisheries Society, The Mississippi Chapter:

The American Fisheries Society, started in 1870, is the oldest and largest organization devoted to the conservation and management of our nation's fisheries. Its membership includes people from industry, federal and state agencies, and universities. The Mississippi Chapter strives for the same goal as its parent society by combining the talents, resources, and knowledge of fisheries professionals and students. The Mississippi Chapter focuses on the biological aspects and ecological requirements of Mississippi fishes and the social and economic importance of recreational and commercial fisheries across our great state. <a href="http://mississippiafs.org/">http://mississippiafs.org/</a>

## American Fisheries Society, The Northeastern Division:

The Northeastern Division (NED) is one of four geographic subdivisions of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) within North America. The mission of the Division is to:

- advance the conservation, development and wise use of fishery resources for optimum use and enjoyment by all,
- gather and disseminate information on fisheries science and management, and
- promote and evaluate the educational, scientific and technical aspects of the fisheries profession. <u>https://ned.fisheries.org/</u>

## American Fisheries Society, The Southern Division:

The mission of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) is to improve the conservation and sustainability of fishery resources and aquatic ecosystems by advancing fisheries and aquatic science and promoting the development of fisheries professionals. The Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society (SDAFS) includes AFS members and their chapters and student sub-units from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and other Caribbean Islands. Members meet annually to discuss research findings and management applications pertaining to fish and fishery resources in the region. <a href="https://sd.fisheries.org/">https://sd.fisheries.org/</a>





### American Fisheries Society, The Southern Division, Reservoir Technical Committee:

The purpose of the Reservoir Technical Committee (RTC) is to provide technical expertise as it relates to reservoir research and management to SDAFS as needed, to fund student travel and meeting participation via the Robert M. Jenkins Memorial Scholarship. The RTC meets annually to share and disseminate information as needed to assist resource managers by providing reservoir-related management strategies, appropriate research findings, and other applicable management tools. <u>https://units.fisheries.org/sdafsreservoircommittee/</u>

## American Fisheries Society, The Southern Division, Warm Water Streams Technical Committee:

The Warmwater Streams Technical Committee (WWSTC) promotes the conservation and management of watersheds and streams in the Southeastern United States by providing a forum for the exchange of ideas, information, and concerns. We are a technical committee within the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society, but we cater to all warmwater streams issues around the globe. Our pride and joy that makes us tick is the Jimmy Pigg Memorial Outstanding Student Achievement Award, which is given annually to a deserving graduate student conducting research on warmwater stream ecosystems. https://units.fisheries.org/sdafswarmwatercommittee/

#### American Fisheries Society, The Texas Chapter:

The Texas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is committed to the conservation, development, and wise utilization of recreational and commercial fisheries, the promotion of all branches of fisheries science and practice, and the exchange and dissemination of knowledge about fish, fisheries, and related subjects. <u>https://units.fisheries.org/tx/</u>

#### American Fisheries Society, Western Division:

The American Fisheries Society is the world's oldest and largest "scientific and professional" organization dedicated to strengthening the fisheries profession, advancing fisheries science, and conserving fisheries resources. The mission of the Society and its Divisions is to advance sound science, promote professional development, and disseminate science-based fisheries information for the global protection, conservation, and sustainability of fishery resources and aquatic ecosystems. <u>https://wdafs.org/about-us/</u>

#### **American Rivers:**

Since 1973, American Rivers has protected and restored more than 150,000 miles of rivers through advocacy efforts, on-the-ground projects and an annual America's Most Endangered Rivers<sup>®</sup> campaign. Headquartered in Washington, DC, American Rivers has offices across the country and more than 275,000 members, supporters and volunteers. Rivers connect us to each other, nature, and future generations. Find your connection at <u>AmericanRivers.org</u>, <u>Facebook.com/AmericanRivers</u> and <u>Twitter.com/AmericanRivers</u>.





#### Arizona Game & Fish:

It is our mission to conserve Arizona's diverse wildlife resources and manage for safe, compatible outdoor recreation opportunities for current and future generations. <u>https://www.azgfd.com/</u>

### Arkansas Game & Fish Commission:

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's mission is to conserve and enhance Arkansas's fish and wildlife and their habitats while promoting sustainable use, public understanding and support. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission plays an important role in keeping The Natural State true to its name. During the last 100 years, the agency has overseen the protection, conservation and preservation of various species of fish and wildlife in Arkansas. An essential part of ensuring healthy wildlife populations involves people. Agency programs geared toward the public generate awareness of ethical and sound management principles. Whether it be educational programs, fishing and hunting regulations or environmental awareness, working with people is just as important a factor in managing wildlife as any other. <a href="https://www.agfc.com/en/">https://www.agfc.com/en/</a>

#### **Electric Power Research Institute:**

The Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) conducts research, development, and demonstration projects for the benefit of the public in the United States and internationally. As an independent, nonprofit organization for public interest energy and environmental research, we focus on electricity generation, delivery, and use in collaboration with the electricity sector, its stakeholders and others to enhance the quality of life by making electric power safe, reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible. <u>https://www.epri.com/#/</u>

#### Idaho Fish & Game:

It is the mission of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission that, "All wildlife, including all wild animals, wild birds, and fish, within the state of Idaho, is hereby declared to be the property of the state of Idaho. It shall be preserved, protected, perpetuated, and managed. It shall be only captured or taken at such times or places, under such conditions, or by such means, or in such manner, as will preserve, protect, and perpetuate such wildlife, and provide for the citizens of this state and, as by law permitted to others, continued supplies of such wildlife for hunting, fishing and trapping." <a href="https://idfg.idaho.gov/">https://idfg.idaho.gov/</a>

#### John Kauffman LLC:

John Kauffman is a retired Biologist from Va. Department of Game and Inland Fisheries who has an independent firm now. He has more than 30 years' experience in instream flow issues. John is a founding member of both the AFS Southern Division, Warmwater Streams Technical Committee and the Instream Flow Council. After formation of his firm, John has worked with several engineering firms on instream flow studies in VA and water intake design placement. While John was with the Department, he was responsible for negotiating the resolution of instream flow conflicts with other state agencies and the entities seeking permits.





#### Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism:

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism is a cabinet-level agency with a Secretary appointed by the Governor. A seven member, bipartisan commission, also appointed by the Governor, advises the Secretary and approves regulations governing outdoor recreation and fish and wildlife resources in Kansas. <u>https://www.kshuntfishcamp.com/home.page</u>

#### Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality:

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality safeguards the health, safety, and welfare of present and future generations of Mississippians by conserving and improving our environment and fostering wise economic growth through focused research and responsible regulation. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality's programs and initiatives address both water quality and water quantity to protect the state's valuable water resources. <u>https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/</u>

#### New Mexico Game & Fish:

It is our mission "To conserve, regulate, propagate and protect the wildlife and fish within the state of New Mexico using a flexible management system that ensures sustainable use for public food supply, recreation and safety; and to provide for off-highway motor vehicle recreation that recognizes cultural, historic, and resource values while ensuring public safety." <u>http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/</u>

### Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership:

The Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership (SARP) is a regional collaboration of natural resource and science agencies, conservation organizations, and private interests developed to strengthen the management and conservation of aquatic resources in the Southeastern United States. SARP specializes in focal programs such as, Connectivity, Instream flow, Coastal, and Native Black Bass Initiative. <u>http://southeastaquatics.net/</u>

#### Redfin:

Redfin is a customer-first real estate brokerage that represents people buying and selling homes. Founded and run by technologists, Redfin has a team of experienced, full-service real estate agents who are advocates, not salespeople, earning customer-satisfaction bonuses, not commissions. <u>https://www.redfin.com/city/7006/CO/Fort-Collins</u>





# **Exhibitors**

#### Colorado Water Conservation Board, Department of Natural Resources:

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# Geo-Watersheds Scientific:

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#### In-Situ Inc.:

In-Situ Inc. designs, manufactures, and rents water quantity and quality instrumentation for groundwater, surface water, and coastal waters. Known for innovating top-quality water monitoring equipment, they also provide a full-solution offering for decision-quality data via easy integration with telemetry and data services. For nearly 40 years, In-Situ products have provided accurate results and reliable operation in harsh monitoring conditions. Applications include aquifer characterization, mining, oil/gas, remediation, aquaculture, and more. In-Situ offers world-class technical support 24/7 through a global network of regional offices and distributors, and is headquartered in Fort Collins, Colo., USA. <a href="https://in-situ.com/">https://in-situ.com/</a>

#### Normandeau Associates, INC:

Normandeau Associates, Inc. is one of the nation's largest science-based environmental consulting firms with over 250 employees located in 19 offices in 13 states. Our diverse staff of professionals work in partnership with industry, government agencies, energy providers, and the public to develop solutions that enhance economic development, meet regulatory requirements, monitor, protect, and restore our natural resources, and improve communities. <u>http://www.normandeau.com/</u>

## SonTek:

SonTek, advancing environmental science in over 100 countries, manufactures affordable, reliable acoustic Doppler instrumentation for water velocity measurement in oceans, rivers, lakes, canals, harbors, estuaries, and laboratories. Our instruments use sound waves to tell you how fast water is moving, and even if it is not moving at all. Our customers are scientists, engineers, hydrologists, research associates, water resource planners and anyone that needs to collect velocity (speed) data in every kind of body of water imaginable. https://www.sontek.com/





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#### **Trutta Environmental Solutions, LLC:**

At Trutta Environmental Solutions, our core mission is to support sound decision-making for fisheries and water resources professionals. Good decision-making requires a process that includes data collection, data organization (information management), data analysis (knowledge development), and scenario testing (conceptual understanding). Whether it is rapid field data collection techniques, GIS database development, or predictive modeling; we can help with all or any aspect of the data-to-decision process. We are a dynamic, leading-edge information technology and environmental consulting company focused on serving the fisheries and water resources community. Our mission is to provide you with powerful, integrated, and timely solutions to difficult resource management problems. TRUTTA accomplishes this for you by blending modern computer modeling techniques with practical, science-based field methods. <a href="http://truttasolutions.com/">http://truttasolutions.com/</a>

# **Local Hosts**

#### Colorado Parks and Wildlife:

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is a national leader in conservation, recreation and wildlife management. As Colorado's primary agency focused on protecting and caring for our most valued and valuable resources, we have been entrusted with an incredible mission by the people of Colorado. These resources form the very fabric of our state and define who we are. Our mission is to manage wildlife, maintain a quality state parks system and provide outdoor recreation opportunities for our residents and visitors. We are charged with balancing conservation or our wildlife and habitat with recreational needs. <a href="http://cpw.state.co.us/">http://cpw.state.co.us/</a>

#### Fort Collins Tourist Bureau:

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#### **Odell Brewing Co.:**

Odell Brewing is an independent, family and employee owned regional craft brewery. Since 1989, the culture of family and collaboration has thrived, fostering a brewery full of beer-centric people. It is this passion for beer that inspires Odell Brewing to create quality, hand-crafted and innovative brews. Odell Brewing is committed to providing exceptional service to its customers while making positive contributions to their co-workers and community through its outreach and charitable giving programs. Odell Brewing was named the "Best Medium Sized Company to Work For" in Colorado in 2015 and is the 22<sup>nd</sup> largest craft brewery in the United States. <u>https://www.odellbrewing.com/</u>

