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Dear Members,

Even though Mother Nature is reminding us what is just around the corner, there sure has been some fantastic fishing the last few weeks. By the way let me take a moment to tip my fishing hat and bow as I offer a special thanks to Cody at St.Pete's. Dude, that was a slamma jamma Friday on the Mile and even though it wasn't a catch by our boat, if I never live to see another rise, I will always have the memory of you helping that guy net that 38" Brown (yes, there are pictures). Seriously, that was one sick fish!!!! Anyway readers... take heed because when we have a program and the guides are telling you where to fish, it is probably worth your time to listen up and head to those waters.

I want to extend a special thanks as well to both the City of Greeley and the City of Fort Collins. For the past twenty years or so, they have taken part in a Joint Operating Plan with CTU that has worked toward maintaining a minimum winter flow in the upper Poudre River. Without their effort, especially during the drought of 2002, we surely would have seen days of zero flow in the river. Thank you so much for your diligence over the years. And thank you now for your advance notice that the extensive sedimentation we have realized in the lower river from both the High Park and Hewlett Gulch fires, could cause you to temporarily shut off flows in order to not lose the resource for consumption. We understand the consequence of having to shut off those minimum flows and while we cringe at that thought, we know it will be a decision of last resort on your part. It only shows again and again how the long-term consequence of the fires continues to play itself out. It also serves as a reminder of why it is so absolutely critical that we move forward as quickly and efficiently as possible with restorative efforts in the burn areas. Thanks again for the heads-up! It's great to see how we can all work together in a positive fashion toward a common good.



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Guest Night is this coming Wednesday. You will not want to miss this program as we are so pleased to present Kirk Deeter, Rick Takahashi and Elkhorn Rods and Reels all in the same evening.

See you Wednesday

[Dick Jefferies](#), President

Rocky Mountain Flycasters

"Something to think about: If you fish the wrong fly long and hard enough, it will sooner or later become the right fly."

John Gierach

## First News -

**Holiday Party, December 14th, CB & Potts**

**Tickets will be available on-line**

**15.00/ on-line; 20.00/ at the door**

**Food/ Fun/ Raffle/White Elephant and more....**

**Information coming to the Website soon**

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## Guest Night - November 14th, 6:30 pm

[Program Director](#)

Rocky Mountain Flycasters is pleased to present its annual Guest Night program. Our hope is that all of you will consider bringing a guest to this meeting. It is a great way to introduce friends, family and associates to the outstanding organization that is Trout Unlimited. We always bring in a special speaker and have some outstanding pre-program activities. This year is no exception and Rocky Mountain Flycasters is extremely proud to present an evening with:



## Kirk Deeter

Kirk Deeter is the editor of TROUT magazine, the national publication of Trout Unlimited, and Angling Trade, which covers the fly fishing industry in North America. He is also an editor-at-large for Field & Stream. Deeter co-authored the Little Red Book of Fly Fishing with the late Charlie Meyers.

Kirk's topic will be -

[25 Things That Make Great Anglers](#)

Based on the behind-the-scenes notes taken while covering fly fishing stories from the tip of South America to the Arctic Circle in Alaska.

Be sure and join us this coming Wednesday at 6:30 at the [Fort Collins Senior Center](#) located at 1200 Raintree Drive in Fort Collins.

You definitely want to make plans to be there at 6:30 because our guest tier for the evening is none other than **Rick Takahashi**. Rick should need no further introduction as his work has become famous for

it's skillful blend of innovation, creation and artistry.

Brian Chavet of **Elkhorn Rod and Reel** will have loaded rods for casting demos, including the new Traveller II series. You will want to check out those rods.

**See you on Wednesday!!**

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Have an idea for a program or is there something you would like to see???  
Send your ideas and suggestions to the [Program Director](#)

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## **Mild Weather Aids Poudre Watershed Battle Against Erosion Volunteers Needed for Three More Days**

[Dave Piske](#), Conservation Chair

The High Park Fire ravaged over 85,000 acres of Northern Colorado lands. 41,000 of those acres burned at a moderate to high severity. As a result, the Cache La Poudre River, after heavy rains last summer, ran black from eroded ashes and silt. Where intermittent and small streams deliver runoff to the river, ugly piles of deposited debris accumulated.

We are now past the normal season for heavy rains. But, as winter approaches the stage is being set for a spate of new Poudre watershed erosion events possibly accompanied by landslides, flooding, road closures, and threats to fishery habitats when spring arrives. These impending disasters are a predictable after-effect of the High Park Fire.

With the pleasant autumn weather we continue to enjoy, now is the time for additional steps to suppress those potent threats to the Poudre watershed. The steps involve (1) emplacement of erosion barriers on the steeper slopes of severely burned areas, (2) planting seeds of the natural grasses that need the cold months of winter to activate their germination when spring arrives, and (3) protecting those seeds from consumption by rodents and near-term erosion by overlaying the seeds with mulch.

Wildlands Restoration Volunteers, one of RMF TU's partners in the High Park Restoration Coalition, is leading this continuing battle by scheduling three more days of post-fire ecological restoration projects. The new project days are:

**Wednesday, November 14: High Park Post-Fire Restoration XVII**

**Saturday, December 1: High Park Post-Fire Restoration XVIII**

**Sunday, December 2 High Park Post-Fire Restoration XIX**

Flypaper readers are encouraged to volunteer to help carry out these three projects which will be in a severely burned area in beautiful Redstone Canyon. The November 17 date coincides with RMF's annual Guest Night meeting, but arrangements can be made for RMF volunteers to leave the project site early enough so as not to miss that meeting.

The mechanism for volunteering is within the WRV web site. If you have any questions about registration, please call John Giordanengo at 970-493-2075 or e-mail [john@wlr.org](mailto:john@wlr.org).

To register as a volunteer for these projects go to: [Wildlands Restoration Volunteers](#)

Then scroll down the 2012 projects list to the project on the date(s) you want to select. These three projects are near the end of a long chronological list of all 2012 WRV projects.

Click on: "Register Here" and then sign in. When completing the registration form, in the box titled Group Name, enter: RMF TU, and our chapter will be recognized for your participation.

On the day of each project, volunteers will be organized into crews of 5 to 7 people lead by crew leaders who are trained in the post-fire ecological restoration techniques you will employ. You don't need prior experience to perform the tasks.

After a day or two of your efforts on these projects you will have a feel for the immensity of the work needed over the next three or more years. And you will be invigorated by the realization that you can perform the tasks that are needed.

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## **Volunteer Coordinator(s) Needed for Gateway Natural Area in 2013**

[Dave Piske](#), Conservation Chair

All of you who volunteered during the Adopt-a-Trail project days in 2011 and 2012 are very aware of the excellent and enthusiastic accomplishments of Terry and Scott Gardner as the Volunteer Coordinators for RMF's activities at Gateway Natural Area. Terry and Scott are relocating their home to another part of Colorado, and will not be available to continue in that role. Please give them your individual thanks for their efforts as Volunteer Coordinators when you next see them.

That leaves us with the need to find one (or two) people to follow the Gardner's examples as Volunteer Coordinator(s). That role includes coordination of plans for two days of trail renovation projects to be scheduled in 2013, and recruiting RMF volunteers for each of those projects. The really fun part of that is dealing with the energetic and highly motivated staff at City of Fort Collins Natural Areas.

Anyone interested in being considered for RMF's Gateway Volunteer Coordinator should Contact Dave Piske at an RMF meeting, or by emailing Dave at: [conserve@rockymtnflycasters.org](mailto:conserve@rockymtnflycasters.org) along the Poudre corridor. The Renewing UCC planning process will take place over the next six months.

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## **Let's Go Fishing**

[Dennis Cook](#), Coordinator

### **Graylings Galore!**

Early Saturday morning, October 13th, Cullen Emsing, Adam Omernick, Paul Wehr and Dennis Cook's day started with 43 degrees at departure, but warmed to 52 degrees in lower-mid canyon. Light snow began just above the Big South Trailhead and worsened as we approached Joe Wright Reservoir.





*Cullen, Paul and Adam grin while anticipating warmer weather*

We arrived at JWR to 8 inches of snow that was still falling heavily, and 24 degrees with about 40mph winds blowing horizontally and raising impressive whitecaps. After trekking down to the water, we agreed that judgment was the better part of valor and that we should retreat below snow line to Joe Wright Creek at Aspen Leaf campground. The creek was well sheltered from the wind even though light snow soon started and whitened the ground. Fortunately, the brownies were hungry and provided good entertainment, though surprisingly to us they hit almost entirely on dry patterns. After a couple hours we drove down-canyon to eat lunch and fish the Poudre North from the hatchery with spotty luck, but enjoying a broken sun warm-up to about 50 degrees. Clearly Adam was our star angler for the day with, among other lesser fish, an 18" rainbow and a 17" whitefish, both landed using a poison tung pattern. After all had checked in at our respective home bases we enjoyed dinner and brews at Coopersmiths. All agreed we had had reasonable fishing success and a friendly day on the river, and vowed that we'd again venture forth for graylings at Joe Wright Reservoir, but definitely during the summer.

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## Fishing Trips Info

On October 13th four hearty souls ventured forth to Joe Wright Reservoir on the 'Grayling Galore' excursion. West slope weather chilled spirits of the five anglers signed up for the October 27th Colorado River Headwaters 'Bravo Brookies' trip, which will be rescheduled next summer.

Meanwhile, the Bahamas weather is beckoning fly anglers...and SO IS THE NEW PRICE

## February 1-9 - Acklins Island, Bahamas - Host: Frank Cada EYE POPPING DEAL! ...now only \$1130.00

Here's a DIY alternative to the "full" package described in the October newsletter. (Visit the RMF website to re-read the October issue.) Frank will coach you how he has done the DIY package the past two years, and again this year, and you make your own air reservations to/from Nassau. Round trip flights between Nassau and Acklins Island are included in the DIY package. (What a great opportunity to surprise your spouse and add a few get-away days together in Nassau enjoying the sun & surf!)

Contact Frank Cada ASAP 970-667-7548 or email [Frank Cada](#) to hear more details.

## REGIONAL SCHEDULE:

November 19	- Blue River "Bows-Browns Bash"	Host: Dennis Cook
March 22-24	- Green River	Host: Guy Turenne
June 8-10	- Delaney Buttes Lake	Host: Frank Cada
June 30	- Gore Canyon "Salmonfly Hatch"	Host: Adam Omernick

Sign up by email with [Dennis Cook](#) or phone him at or 372-9229

2013 monthly trips will be scheduled late March through early November, and members are invited to "host" a trip to some interesting spot. Hosting is not guiding, but rather just sharing your knowledge and the pleasure of your company as an angling companion. Contact Dennis Cook or call 970-372-9229. We still need destination sites and hosts for April, May, July, August, September, October and November of 2013. New trips as they are confirmed will be announced in each Flypaper issue. Also, a webpage on RMF's website is being developed to provide "real time" trip information and other details such as photos,

trip stories, etc. A few non-member guests are also welcome, so invite your neighbor or best friend.

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## New, New, New

### Attention Fly Tyers and 'wanna tyers'

#### Twistin' for TU

[Ben Zomer](#), Coordinator

There are only a few things more satisfying to the readers of this newsletter than seeing a trout rise to a dry fly or pulling an indicator under as it takes the nymph that dangles below it. I can, however, think of one. If those flies are tied by you or by someone you know it seems to have a more intimate feeling than one bought through a catalog or at the store, at least for some of us.

Fly tying can be a relaxing hobby and a way to connect to the river when we cannot be on it and doing what we love. The enjoyment also comes from tinkering with patterns by using different materials to get a desired effect ultimately, making a very personal creation. Hopefully it performs the way we want it and catches fish.

To become proficient at a pattern you need to practice. A.K. Best has said you don't really become good until you've tied 200 of a pattern. Most of us who tie flies, don't do it on a commercial basis, so we don't tie large quantities of single patterns, nor do we have materials to tie every fly available.

I am proposing a monthly TU-RMF Fly Swap. It is a way for the folks who tie flies to give back to the club, get better at tying, and get some new flies. For those who don't tie, they have a crack at the flies as well. How would this work you might ask?

We pick a theme each month and anyone who wants to join can sign up and commits to tying multiples of one pattern based on that theme. That person chooses their pattern, or can even decide to think about it. It would be limited to about 12 people (patterns) at a time. It seems to be a realistic number of flies to expect. Lets face it, we want it to be fun too. The following month, you bring your creations to the meeting, or get them to the coordinator before the meeting. The flies are grouped so that everyone gets a fly each from the other tiers except your own. That fly goes into a new grouping to be donated for the raffle, which will allow the members a chance to win those flies. At the same time, the raffle will raise money for the Chapter.

You don't need to be an great tyer to participate or even have some fancy PMDraketruderBeatis pattern to participate. Everyone and all skill levels are welcome. If you have just started to tie, practicing will make you better and you could possibly get some tips to become better.

It is just one more dimension to enjoy our sport, learning new things and giving a little back. For the first month the theme will be "Poudre Flies". It can be any type of fly that has worked well for you on our hometown fishery. So think of a pattern, sign up at the meeting and twist up a few. If you have any questions feel free to contact me via email at [Ben Zomer](#).

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#### Trout In The Classroom

[Dennis Cook](#), Youth Education Chair

The Windsor High School  
Agriculture Department is

back in the business of raising trout. On Halloween Day a freezer package of rainbow eggs was received. After sorting out any dead eggs, 300 healthy, eyed eggs were counted and placed into the new breeder. These will remain in the aquarium that was enclosed in styrofoam to ensure darkness for about eight days to hatch as sac fry. The fry will then dive and hide under the gravel for about two weeks and then emerge as alevin and ready to eat!

The TIC Student Team conducts daily water quality tests to avert excess ammonia and nitrogen, feeds the fish, cleans the tank and maintains a daily log. In

the spring there will be a release event at which they also will engage in some macro-invertebrate capture and study. Rocky Mountain Flycasters purchased all of the TIC equipment and consumables, and Trout in the Classroom is monitored by our chapter under oversight of Colorado Trout Unlimited and Colorado's Parks & Wildlife.



*Travis and Alex count and sort eggs*

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## Give Us Your Best Shot

Visitors to the Rocky Mountain Flycasters' calendar on the web will notice that the calendar pictures stop at September, 2012. We need some more pictures to enhance our calendar. If you have some photos or snapshots that you think would look good on our calendar for a month, send them to the webmaster.

We're looking for pictures germane to fly fishing, rivers, lakes, and watershed conservation, volunteers doing that work, fly tying, sharing fishing with youngsters and others, so the options are varied. It would be nice if many of them were local to RMF members, but some destinations will be considered. Having permission to publish on our website will be implicit for submitted photos so make certain you have permission from anyone in your pictures.

Photographers will be acknowledged in a caption with the picture so rush those pictures in. We need pictures for November, 2012 through September, 2013...and beyond.

Send your pictures to [Webmaster](#)

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