
CTU October Leadership Email - Amendment 74, Greenback Recovery Award, CTU Board Meeting, and More!

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Updates from Colorado Trout Unlimited:

NO on Amendment 74!



AMENDMENT 74 IT'S JUST TOO RISKY. VOTE NO.

We rarely get involved with ballot measures, but Amendment 74 poses a fundamental threat to Colorado TU's mission to conserve, protect and restore coldwater fisheries. The Amendment is risky and extreme. Under current law, when government takes private property for public use, it must compensate the owner – and that is as it should be. Amendment 74 would expand that concept so that government (i.e., we the taxpayers) would have to compensate land and property owners when government regulates the use of land or property and thereby cause any perceived diminution of value – even where such regulations are needed to protect their neighbors' property, our communities, or our environment.

Colorado TU's Executive Committee voted unanimously to oppose Amendment 74, and we are joined in that stance by a wide range of stakeholders – from Club 20 to the Colorado Nonprofit Association, from the AFL-CIO to the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, from the Colorado Association of Homebuilders to the Colorado Water Congress.

As chapters and leaders in your community, you can help make sure that this dangerous ballot measure doesn't come back to haunt Colorado taxpayers and anglers. Some easy ways you can help spread the word:

- [Read CTU's formal statement and more about our reasoning behind not supporting Amendment 74](#)
- Submit a letter to the editor of your local paper
- Share our posts on Facebook and social media
- Tell your family and friends!

CTU Fall Meeting October 20, Salida, CO

The Colorado TU Fall Meeting will take place on Saturday, October 20th, in Salida, CO. There will be an open reception and film screening on Friday evening (10/19) with special guests and fishing opportunities all day on Sunday (10/21). Saturday's Board meeting will cover important business issues in the morning, and then offer special topic presentations on membership retention, the next phase of the Colorado Water Plan & basin updates, and impacts of Fire/Drought on our watersheds - and what we can do about them.

Chapters, please make sure to have a representative present to vote on your behalf. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Omasta (domasta@tu.org).

The meeting registration and a draft agenda is available [here](#).

TU Volunteers Recognized by US Fish and Wildlife Service

TU volunteers and chapters were recognized by the US Fish and Wildlife Service during the "Greenbacks for Greenbacks" event in Denver on October 11. Drue DeBerry, Colorado and Nebraska Field Supervisor for the USFWS, spoke to the "strong and growing partnership" between Trout Unlimited and Greenback Cutthroat recovery partners. The award was in response to the work of TU volunteers throughout the year.



Over the course of the 2018 recovery season, more than 200 TU volunteers from 15 different chapters supported a wide variety of recovery efforts across the Front Range. The award for volunteer support included a \$1,500 contribution from the USFWS to Colorado TU to support further volunteer and Greenback recovery efforts. In a recent [press release](#), Colorado Parks and Wildlife spoke to the success of those efforts - citing 2017 Greenback stocking retention numbers in Herman Gulch that could signal a self-sustaining population in the near future.

This award and CPW data is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of TU volunteers and chapter leaders. To find out more about Greenback and other native trout recovery efforts, you can [visit the Colorado TU Native Trout webpage](#).

TU Chapters Fight for the Land and Water Conservation Fund... continued

On September 30, 2018, the one of the Nation's most successful land conservation programs expired. The Land and Water Conservation Fund was created with overwhelming bipartisan support in 1964 and has invested approximately \$17.5 billion, derived primarily from offshore oil drilling in federal waters, to protect critical lands, develop new recreation facilities in urban areas, preserve historic sites, and improve access to public lands and waters for hikers, hunters, anglers, boaters, and other outdoor enthusiasts.



But the fight isn't over...

On Tuesday, October 2, the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources advanced legislation that would permanently authorize and fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), as well as dedicate funding for improving access for hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation. The bi-partisan effort marks an important step forward for reauthorizing the program, which expired last month. The committee's action follows the House Natural Resources Committee, which advanced its own version of a bill to permanently authorize LWCF on Sept. 13.

We expect to see action on this critical legislation in mid-November, when the House of Representatives comes back in session. You can continue to make your voice heard on this important issue by [writing your elected officials](#) and submitting a letter to the editor of your local paper. The more our representatives hear from sportsmen and women, the more likely they will be to take an active role in protecting the places we love.

You can contact Dan Omasta (domasta@tu.org) with any questions.

And the Results are In! Youth Survey and Prize Winner



Last month, we asked chapter leaders to complete a youth education survey for their organizations. The goal was to identify existing programs in Colorado, as well as determine what resources chapters need to be successful. While direct interviews are still taking place, some of the initial results include:

• There is strong interest from many chapters in starting (or learning more about) Trout in the Community, National Fishing in Schools Program, Adopt-a-Trout, Boy Scouts Fly Fishing Merit Badge, and Stream Explorers.

- Resources from CTU that could help chapters meet their youth education goals include: funding, dedicated staff time, equipment sharing program, lesson plans, and volunteer recruitment/training.

As part of taking the survey, chapters were entered into a drawing to win \$200 for their youth education programs. We are happy to announce that the winner of this year's youth education survey prize in the Gunnison Gorge Anglers Chapter.

If you are interested in getting more involved with youth education at a chapter or state level, please contact our VISTA Youth Education Coordinator, Bianca McGrath-Martinez (Bianca.McGrathMartinez@tu.org).

Updates from National Trout Unlimited:

Chapter Financial Reporting Open - Deadline November 15

TU's Annual Financial Report form is now open with a chapter or council filing deadline of Nov. 15, so now is a good time to start preparing. Beyond simply recording the revenue and expenses of our chapters, the Annual Financial Report and the Chapter Effectiveness Index questions on the form help tell the powerful story of all that we accomplish together! This data also helps chapter boards to track success over time and ensure that they are meeting their own goals.

First, please take the time now to go to www.tu.org and ensure you can log in to the Leaders Only Section so that you're ready to go once you are ready to file your chapter's report. If you encounter difficulty logging in, please email Nick Halle at nhalle@tu.org to fix your leader login credentials.

If you have other questions, please contact Jeff Yates (jeffrey.yates@tu.org).

Upcoming Trainings & Important Dates:

Important Dates

October 19-21: [CTU Fall Meeting in Salida, CO](#)

November 5: [TU Chapter Presidents Forum](#)

November 6: Election Day

November 15: TU Annual Financial Reporting Deadline

December 4: Colorado Gives Day

December 4: [New Volunteer Leaders Orientation](#)

January 15, 2019: [TU Leads Only Tools Training](#)

February 15, 2019: All FY18 Forms, including 990Ns, due to IRS

March 31, 2019: New short fiscal year ends

April 1, 2019: New FULL fiscal year FY19 begins

April 26-28 2019: CTU Annual Rendezvous, Glenwood Springs, CO

[Full CTU Event Calendar](#)

Watershed Job Opportunities

Follow the link below to find water-related job postings from public and private organizations across the state.

[Water-related & Education Jobs postings for October & Fall 2018](#)

Grant Watch for Chapters (NEW)

Colorado Watershed Restoration Grants (CWCB)

Grant money may be used for planning and engineering studies, including implementation measures, to address technical needs for watershed restoration and flood mitigation projects throughout the state. Special consideration is reserved for planning and project efforts that integrate multi-objectives in restoration and flood mitigation. This may include projects and studies designed to:

- Restore stream channels,
- Provide habitat for aquatic and terrestrial species,
- Restore riparian areas,
- Reduce erosion,
- Reduce flood hazards, or
- Increase the capacity to utilize water.

Application Deadline: November 2, 2018

[Learn More and Apply Here.](#)

Hydro Flask Parks For All Grant

Founded in 2009 in Bend, Oregon, Hydro Flask is committed to making tomorrow better - from using BPA-free, recyclable materials to its charitable giving program Parks For All, which supports the development, maintenance and accessibility of public green spaces so people everywhere can live healthier, happier and more fulfilled lives.

Parks For All applications are being accepted from 501(c)(3) non-profit or equivalent organizations

across North America (U.S. and Canada).

Deadline: Proposals must be submitted by October 19, 2018.

PARKS FOR ALL CRITERIA

Before you begin the application, make sure your project and organization meet the following criteria: Organizations seeking a Parks for All grant must be dedicated to building, restoring, maintaining, or providing public access to parks and recreational public lands and/or beaches and coastal areas. Submitted proposals must fit into one of the following categories – New Parks, Park Access/Education or Park Maintenance/Stewardship.

Applicants must demonstrate a history of efficient use of resources and measurable successes. Significant weight will be given to requests that illustrate relevancy, innovation, impact, and feasibility. Applicants must be aligned with Hydro Flask’s funding priorities of inclusivity, active lifestyles and enhanced health.

[Learn More and Apply Here.](#)

Great Outdoors Colorado

GOCO offers competitive grant programs for outdoor recreation and land conservation projects in the state of Colorado. They have a variety of grants that can help support river conservation projects, community river access, and youth education.

[Learn More and Apply Here.](#)

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