

Final Grant Report

GRANTEE: River Network

PROJECT NAME: INCREASING LOCAL CAPACITY FOR INTEGRATED WATER/
STREAM MANAGEMENT PLANS (POGG1 PDAA 201800000933)

GRANT AMOUNT: \$89,015

OBJECTIVES

Through this grant, River Network:

- Enlarged the pipeline of local coalitions that are interested, ready and capable of undertaking stream management plans by addressing their knowledge, skill and capacity limitations. This resulted in three River Network-supported SMP applications in 2018, as well as a second straight year of growth in the number and dollar amount of SMP grants.
- Strengthened the community of practice of local watershed coalitions, statewide NGOs and the technical community by hosting workshops, developing an on-line resource guide and giving numerous presentations.
- Expanded access to funding for watershed health and coalition longevity by assisting local coalitions in finding appropriate matching funds for their stream management plan grant requests. Non-CWCB funds (cash and in-kind) accounted for almost \$850,000 of project costs for 2018 SMP applications.

TASKS

Task 1: Stream Management Planning Outreach and Education

1.1: Continued compilation of examples and best practices of stream management planning

River Network conducted an on-line survey and follow up interviews of all completed and in-process SMPs in 2018 to document where they are in their processes, any deviations in goals/approaches from the initially submitted Scope of Work, and areas of success and challenge. From this information, we developed a simple tracking sheet with basic information (budgets, geographic reach, responsible party, etc), consistently formatted SMP Grantee Summary Sheets available at coloradomp.org, and background information that was used to develop the outline and content for coloradosmp.org

Deliverables Completed:

Tracking of on-going and potential stream management planning efforts (Attachment A)
Summaries of all in-process SMP's (Attachment B)
White paper summarizing the best practices and lessons learned from leaders and consultants. Note: rather than develop a separate white paper as originally stated, River Network integrated this information into the Task 1.2 online resource guide

1.2: Development of an online resource guide on stream management plans

River Network developed a comprehensive library of information on SMPs at coloradosmp.org. It includes: basic information on SMPs (SMP 101), an interactive map and summaries of all completed and in-process SMP grantees (Visit Existing SMPs), a compilation of best practices, case studies and examples the entire SMP process (SMP Nuts and Bolts), and a way to sign up for information on SMPs and provide feedback on the content.

From inception (March 2019) to October 31, 2019, the Resource Library had over 10,000 page views and almost 800 unique users.

River Network did not develop a dedicated page on SMPs within the CWCB website due to pending redesign of that website. CWCB staff and River Network opted to develop a stand-alone site instead.

Much of the content on coloradosmp.org is basic background information on goals and approaches to SMPs, which will not need to be updated regularly. For that content which should be updated regularly, River Network outlines an approach in Attachment C.

Deliverables:

On-line resource library (coloradosmp.org)
Recommendations for continued updates and maintenance (Attachment C)

1.3: Education/outreach to the people and entities, including the basin roundtables, which could be an institutional home for a stream management plan

River Network provided general outreach and education on the why's, what's and how's of stream management planning through 17 presentations and partial and full-day workshops, reaching hundreds of water professionals and community watershed activists.

In addition to presentations and workshops, River Network authored articles and blog posts and ran paid advertisements. We also launched the first in a series of three videos on multi-purpose projects with agriculture in a partnership with the Colorado Ag Water Alliance.

Deliverables:

Presentations on the basics of SMPs (Attachment D)
Workshops on various SMP topics (Attachment D)
Regular updates via email communication with those indicating interest in SMP's (Attachment E)

Task 2: In up to 3 watersheds, support and assist existing or new coalitions in their efforts to initiate a stream management plan

River Network supported three successful SMP applications from the Big Thompson Watershed Coalition, the Western Slope Conservation Center and the Yampa White Green Basin Roundtable for the 2018 grant cycle. River Network's coaching, financial and capacity assistance supported half of the \$2.1million in total project funding awarded in January 2019.

Deliverables:

Stream Management Plan grant applications from the three coalitions in 2018.
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METRICS, REPORTING AND FINAL DELIVERABLE

This report serves as the final progress report due to CWCB. In addition to summarizing the tasks accomplished, it examines our success as evaluated by the following metrics:

Overall metrics:

The number of stream management plan grant applications received by CWCB in 2018, and the number of potential applications for 2019	CWCB received 8 SMP applications in 2018 (an increase over 2017). River Network supported two SMP applications in 2019.
Surveys from the three selected coalitions to gauge how their organization directly benefitted from the assistance provided in Task 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral interviews documented that all three coalitions expanded their staff capacity, technical knowledge and community partnerships through developing a SMP grant application
Task 1 Metrics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website metrics for on-line repository (site visits, sign-ups, etc.) • Number of presentations/discussions requested and given 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since inception, coloradosmp.org has had over 10,000 page views and almost 800 unique users. The email list of interested people currently contains 158 emails. • River Network gave 17 presentations and workshops in 2018-19 on SMPs
Task 2 Metrics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of engagement over time by high priority stakeholders as evidenced by attendance at meetings, willingness to commit staff or financial resources to the process, and letters of support for initiating a stream management plan • Successful commitment of the funds necessary to provide the required match for a stream management plan grant application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The three SMP applications supported in 2018 (Big T, N Fork Gunnison and Yampa) all had high engagement from diverse stakeholders (see letters of support in each grant application), and contributed adequate local cash match.

Project Name

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Grant Amount: \$89,015

Project Final Financial Report

Task	Description	Total CWCB Grant Funds	Total CWCB Funds Invoiced	Percent Over/Under Budget	Total Cash Match Invoiced	Total Project Funds
1.1	Examples and best practices	\$ 15,608	\$ 12,825	82.2%	\$ 26,870	\$ 39,695
1.2	Resource Guide	\$ 22,885	\$ 26,554	116.0%	\$ 20,444	\$ 46,998
1.3	Education & Outreach	\$ 14,283	\$ 18,051	126.4%	\$ 20,800	\$ 38,851
2	Coalition Support	\$ 36,239	\$ 31,585	87.2%	\$ 47,590	\$ 79,175
	TOTALS	\$ 89,015	\$ 89,015		\$ 115,704	\$ 204,719

ATTACHMENTS

A) Tracking of on-going and potential stream management planning efforts	Pg. 5
B) Summaries of all in-process SMP's	Pg. 6
C) Recommendations for continued updates and maintenance of coloradosmp.org	Pg 10
D) Presentations given on the basics of SMPs	Pg 11
E) Email update to those indicating interest in SMP's	Pg 12

		State SMP	2016-2018 CWCB				
		Grant	Total Project	SMP/WSRF or CWP		Grant	
	Completed or current	Received	Cost Estimate	Amounts		Geographic Reach	Status
1	Yampa through Steamboat- City of Steamboat, Kelly Heaney	2017	\$ 120,000	\$ 51,875	\$ 21,000	9 miles thru town	Complete.
2	San Miguel – San Miguel Watershed Coalition, Mely Whiting & Jenny Russell	2016	\$ 128,550	\$ 64,275	\$ 32,138	entire watershed	In process. Phase 1 (assessment) completed. Phase 2 (community meetings) underway. Next: Mtgs showed a need to go back to the assessment phase and do additional outreach/input on data.
3	Gunnison Tributaries (3) –Upper Gun WCD, Frank Kugel	2017	\$ 572,800	\$ 175,000	\$ 60,000	5 tribs and mainstem	Ag needs and env values assessments ongoing for 3 tribs. Work on 2 additional tribs and mainstem to begin in 2020.
4	North Fork Gunnison – Water Conservancy District, WSCC Jake Harter	2016	\$ 122,500	\$ 27,500	\$ 57,000	entire watershed	Phase 1 Complete. Phase 2 in process.
5	Roaring Fork through Aspen – City of Aspen, April Long	NA	\$ 183,234	\$ -	\$ -	entire watershed	In process. Initial data assessment complete. Stakeholder concerns led to dialing back eval of mgt options
6	Chatfield section of South Platte	2016	\$ 45,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	SP from Chatfield to Denver	Complete
7	Upper Colorado – Grand County, Lurline Curran	NA	~\$3million	\$ -	\$ -	80 miles	Complete. Led to flow targers within 2 NEPA permits and large federal financial investment in ag efficiency and aquatic habitat
8	Crystal – Roaring Fork Conservancy, Chelsea Congdon Brundige	2016	\$ 350,000	\$240,000	\$ -	35 river miles	Complete. Received 2nd and 3rd CWCB grants for implementation funds. Two projects moving forward: carbondale headgate reconstruction and dry year ag leases to retime flows.
9	Poudre through Ft. Collins – City of Ft. Collins, Jen Shanahan	NA	unknown	\$ -	\$ -	canyon mouth to I-25	Complete. Received WR grant funds in 2018 for implementation.
10	Colorado River from Glenwood to Debeque – Middle CO Watershed Council, Laurie Rink (does not include consumptive assessment by conservation districts)	2018	\$ 415,000	\$ 207,600	\$ 73,400	75 river miles	In process. Hired Lotic as contractor. Parallel process with Conservation Districts underway to do ag needs assessment.
11	St. Vrain & Lefthand – St. Vrain & Lefthand WCD, Sean Cronin	2018	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 50,000	St. Vrain & Lefthand watersneds	In process. BioHabitats hired as contractor.
12	Eagle – Eagle River Watershed Council, Holly Loff	2018	\$ 390,000	\$ 181,445	\$ 75,000	Eagle River from Eagle Park Reservoir Colorado River. Homestake Creek and Gore Creek included	In process. Lotic hired as contractor.
13	Rio Grande & Conejos - Rio Grand Headwaters Restoration Project, Emma Reesor	2018	\$ 238,260	\$ 118,000	\$ 39,200	Rio grande, Conejos, Saguache Creek	In process. Multiple contractors operating under RGHRP staff
14	Upper Poudre - Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed, Jen Kovecez	2018	\$ 233,195	\$ 99,865	\$ -	Poudre in canyon, N. Fork	In process. Stakeholder development and assessment phases only.
15	Republican - Republican River Water Conservancy District, Deb Daniel	2018	\$ 282,500	\$ 99,000	\$ -	South Fork Republican from Flagler to state line	In process. Stillwater hired as contractor
16	Upper San Juan - Mountain Studies Inst, Aaron Kimple	2018	\$ 108,870	\$ 45,090	\$ 22,545	entire watershed to state line	In process. Stakeholder development phase only. Applied for Phase 2 funds in 2019.
17	Uncompahgre - Ouray County, Marti Whitmore and Trout Unlimited, Cary Denison	n/a	\$ 134,950		\$ 108,200		Denied 2017 SMP grant due to not meeting grant criteria. Received WSRF grant to move forward with meeting consumptive and env water shortages.
18	Yampa River basin, YWG Basin Roundtable, Jackie Brown	2019	\$ 650,000	\$ 235,000	\$ 154,000	basinwide	In process.
19	Big Thompson Watershed Coalition, Shayna Jones	2019	\$ 292,880	\$ 146,440	\$ 40,000	canyon mouth to I-25	In process. Hired team in late 2019.
20	South Boulder Creek - Boulder Flycasters TU Chapter, Stephen Brandt	2019	\$ 110,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 27,000	9 miles from FRICo check structure to Boulder Creek confluence	Local TU chapter Convening boulder, denver water, others to discuss DW's enlarged Gross Resv env releases to South Boulder Creek. Submitted 2nd applicatin in 2019
21	North Fork Gunnison - Western Slope Conservation Center, Jake Harter	2019	\$ 132,094	\$ 66,047	\$ 28,547	Paonia Resv to Gunnison River confluence	2018 application to do Phase 2 of SMP, including stakeholder work, hydrology modeling and preliminary diversion reconstruction design
22	Upper Gunnison - Upper Gun WCD	2019	\$ 634,450	\$ 300,000	\$ -	Cebolla, Taylor, Mainsten	2019 application for continued expansion of watershed planning into mainstem of Gunnison River
23	Blue River - Blue River Watershed Group/TU, Dan Omasta	2019	\$ 253,638	\$ 126,819	\$ 63,000	basinwide	Phase 1 effort to document existing conditions and do stakeholder work
24	San Miguel Phase 2 - SW BRT, Mely Whiting	2019	\$ 50,122	\$ 25,061	\$ 12,530	basinwide	In process

* Crystal SMP began as part of a larger project budget, so match percentages are off

Stream Management Plan Grantee Project Summary

Big Thompson River Envisioning Project

Geographic Description:

South Platte River Basin:
Mouth of the Big Thompson Canyon
to I-25

Size:

~15 river miles

Project Homepage:

<https://bigthompson.co/project/big-thompson-river-envisioning-project>

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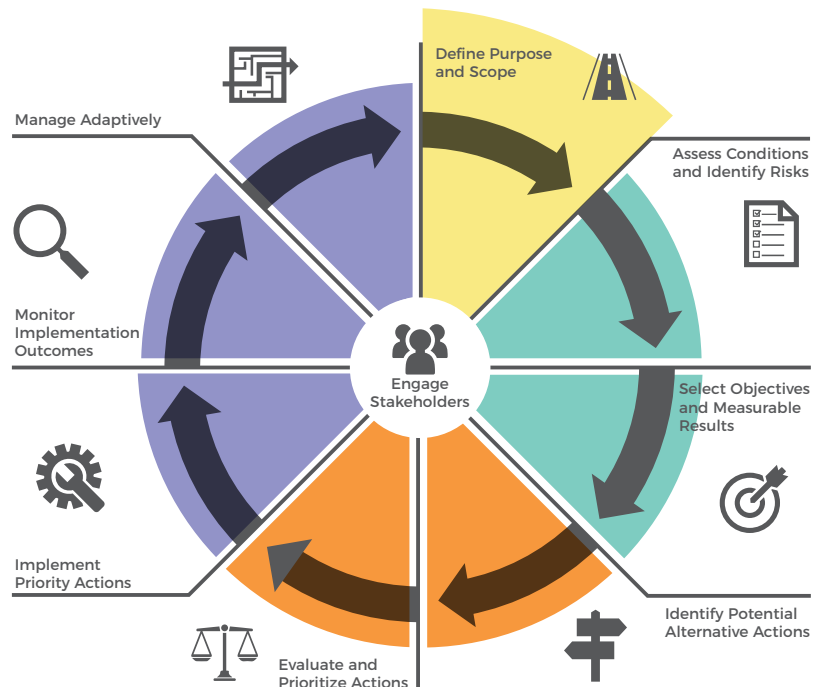
Project Timeline



Stakeholder Groups Involved in Planning Process

●	Riparian landowners
●	General public
●	Aquatic and riparian science
●	Local business and industry
●	Utilities or other water management
●	Recreation & tourism
●	Local government and land use planners

Current Planning Phase



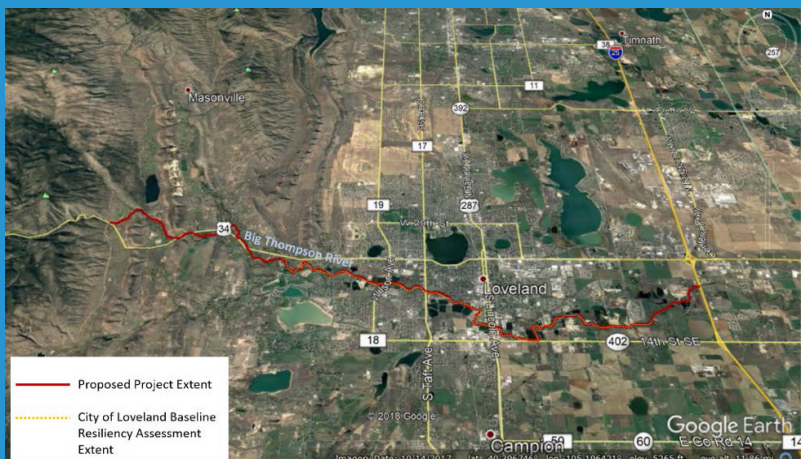
Project Goals

- Engage the general public and stakeholders in a robust process to identify common values and goals related to various water uses including agriculture, municipal, recreation, fisheries and riparian habitat
- Assess river function by analyzing existing information and new data as needed to identify key issues, their locations and causes
- Assess the impacts of future population growth, development, and climate and weather changes on water availability, river health, and user needs and identify opportunities to mitigate impacts
- Identify and prioritize voluntary, multi-purpose projects and actions that will meet collective needs and values and protect or enhance the Big Thompson River corridor

Overview

Geography:

The Big Thompson flows from its headwaters in Rocky Mountain National Park, east from the Continental Divide to its confluence with the South Platte River.



Users:

The Big Thompson watershed is important for Loveland and the surrounding community, for the many Front Range communities who obtain their water supply from the Big Thompson River, and the millions that visit the river corridor each year on their way to Rocky Mountain National Park. The river supports recreational trout fishing, wildlife and the local tourist economy, as well as municipal, agricultural and industrial water uses.

Need for planning:

In September 2013, catastrophic flooding hit the watershed. In the aftermath, projects repaired infrastructure and enhanced floodplains. Among them was the Big Thompson River Restoration Master Plan, which covered more than 70 river miles and provided a high-level assessment and guide for flood recovery projects. Another was the City of Loveland's Big Thompson River Corridor Master Plan, covering nine river miles. Both plans assessed river function and land use to varying extents, but neither assessed flow needs. Given the variety of water uses and projected changes to land use and hydrology, a plan that balances river health with water users' needs will ensure that the communities and wildlife that rely on the Big Thompson River can continue to do so. The Big Thompson River Envisioning Plan will build on these two existing plans, integrate data collected and assessments conducted, create a more comprehensive baseline assessment of river health and water user needs, evaluate future impacts of growth and climate change, and build a more detailed implementation plan for priority multi-purpose projects.

Approach

The Big Thompson Watershed Coalition and an advisory committee will lead this stream management planning effort by engaging community members and stakeholders to create a shared vision for improving the Big Thompson River. Tasks include:

1. Community outreach and stakeholder engagement:

Convene an advisory committee to guide the project, develop a strategy to involve stakeholders through community meetings, focus groups, and interviews. Based on feedback, refine the planning efforts' objectives and scope of work, establish on-going education programming for community members, and develop a web-based resource to house assessment information and educational materials.

2. Current and projected hydrology characterization:

Summarize how water is stored, diverted, consumed, and returned to the river, and characterize current and potential future flows in the study area. Assess potential future demand increases for municipal, agricultural and recreational water users and potential impacts to the system.

3. River health and benefits assessment:

Assess existing ecological conditions and characterize the system's ability to deliver ecosystem goods and services to the local community.

4. Irrigation and other infrastructure assessment:

Inventory a maximum of 10 in-river structures to document the type of infrastructure, condition/deficiencies, and opportunities for retrofit/repair.



5. Future conditions, growth and development:

Produce a technical memorandum which assesses how future infrastructure, land use, water management and use, and water quality changes could impact river health variables and user needs.

6. Information synthesis and reporting:

Synthesize all assessments into a final report characterizing the capacity of the river to deliver desired goods and services to the community now and into the future. Identify next steps for the River Envisioning Project.

7. Action strategies and implementation plan:

Prioritize threats for water users and river health and identify action strategies to make measurable progress on priority issues.

Budget

Contributing Entity	Amount and Form of Match
CWCB Watershed Restoration Fund	\$146,440 cash
South Platte Roundtable	\$40,000 cash
New Belgium grant	\$2,500 cash
Northern Water	\$5,000 cash
City of Loveland	\$15,000 cash
City of Greeley	\$10,000 cash
Larimer County	\$5,000 cash
Northern Water	\$20,280 In-kind
Big Thompson Watershed Forum	\$49,800 in-kind
Total	\$294,020



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APPENDIX C

COLORADOSMP.ORG MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Domain name renewal:

River Network holds the domain name and url registration through GoDaddy. It renews in January of every year. River Network, through a CWCB Watershed Restoration grant for the timeperiod 2019-21, will keep the site domain name registered. River Network will be sure to discuss plans for 2022 and beyond with CWCB.

2. Content Updates:

River Network, through a CWCB Watershed Restoration grant for the timeperiod 2019-21, will update existing content with new best practices and case studies. River Network will be sure to discuss plans for 2022 and beyond with CWCB.

There are currently no plans to significantly add new content to the site. If additional content areas are desired, River Network will work with CWCB to find needed funding.

3. General Site Maintenance:

River Network has a site management contract with Greener Pastures, LLC to do basic site maintenance and troubleshooting through 2021. River Network will be sure to discuss plans for 2022 and beyond with CWCB.

4. Site Metrics:

River Network has installed Google Analytics on the site, and will pull quarterly reports on page views, users, etc.

5. Email Lists

River Network maintains an email list of interested parties, and collects new emails through the website and at events. We plan to do this through 2021, and will discuss plans for 2022 and beyond with CWCB.

Appendix D

Summary of Outreach Performed from June 2018-October 2019

Presentations

1. Sustaining Colorado Watersheds Conference: October 2018
2. Colorado Parks & Wildlife Water Section staff meeting: January 2019
3. River's Edge West Riparian Restoration Conference: February 2019
4. AWRA Colorado Annual Conference: April 2019
5. Colorado TU River Rendezvous: April 2019
6. Mancos River Resiliency Workgroup: July 2019
7. C9 Basin Roundtable Summit: September 2019
8. White River Planning Advisory Committee: September 2019

Workshops

1. Western Slope Conservation Center Water Committee: July 2018
2. Big Thompson Watershed Coalition: September 2018
3. Sustaining Colorado Watersheds Conference: October 2018
4. Animas Watershed Partnership: December 2018
5. Blue River Watershed Group: December 2019
6. Purgatoire Watershed Partnership: May 2019
7. South Platte Basin Roundtable E&R workshop: August 2019
8. White River Conservation District Board workshop: September 2019
9. Sustaining Colorado Watersheds Conference: October 2019

Media (traditional, social)/E-Newsletters

1. Water Education Colorado's Connecting the Drops radio program episode: July 2018
2. Headwaters Magazine Ads: March 2019 and July 2019
3. Western Landowners' Alliance member newsletter: April 2019
4. River Network's River Voices blog post: August 2019

Videos

1. Rebuilding Left Hand Creek: October 2019 (in partnership with CAWA)

Nicole Seltzer

From: Nicole Seltzer <nseltzer@rivernetwork.org>
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To: Nicole Seltzer
Subject: Big Water and Forward Progress on SMPs

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Colorado Stream Mgt. Plan News

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SMP Resource Guide New Content
Learning Opportunities

Big Water and Forward Progress



I love big water years! They're a lot of fun, but more importantly they give us all a respite from the low flow, high conflict times of drought. I know all about the dangers of the **hydro-illogical cycle**, but that doesn't mean we can't wish every water year was this great. It just means we need to not become complacent.

And there is no complacency in the world of Stream Management Plans, as you'll see below. In addition to the forward progress on individual plans, I was excited to help with a newly established track at River Rally that focused on healthy rivers in agricultural landscapes that brought together **national leaders** in this space to share their work. In Colorado, I've been working with stakeholder groups lead by farmers and ranchers to understand how SMPs can help them meet their goals. Stay tuned for a series of videos and articles on that topic this fall!

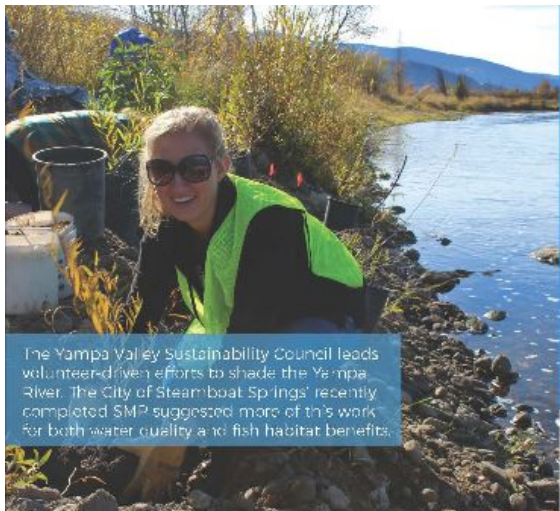
Also this fall, River Network will be kicking off expanded efforts to connect SMP practitioners with best practices and each other. Webinars, workshops, tours and written guidance are all in the works.

Of course, none of this matters nearly so much as the individual efforts being made

by the twenty recently completed or in-process SMPs across Colorado. There are hundreds of committed volunteers and professionals working to understand the intersection between people and rivers, and the results of that are just starting to become clear.

As always, I want to hear from you on the good ideas and forward progress being made. Feel free to drop me a line, or invite me to visit your favorite river!

Nicole Seltzer




The Yampa Valley Sustainability Council leads volunteer-driven efforts to shade the Yampa River. The City of Steamboat Springs' recently completed SMP suggested more of this work for both water quality and fish habitat benefits.

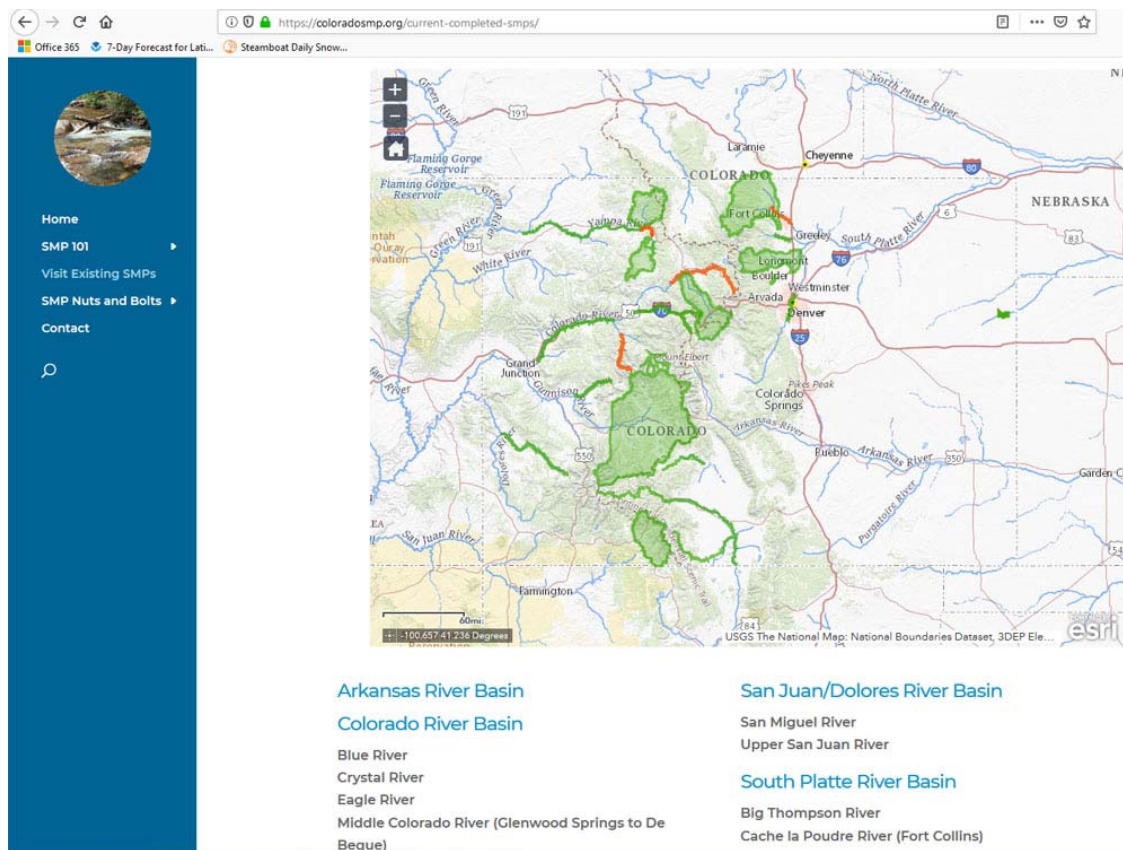
Announcing Coloradosmp.org

Twenty communities are creating or implementing Stream Management Plans in Colorado

Learn about the plans and the basics of stream management planning at this new online guide.

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SMP Resource Guide: New Content Coming Soon!

River Network and CWCB are continuing to build the content on the Resource Guide for developing Stream Management Plans! [Coloradosmp.org](https://coloradosmp.org) currently features a "101" on SMPs to answer basic questions, a [new interactive map](#) and fact sheets on all SMP projects, including those approved in 2019. Coming soon are examples, best practices, and methods to consider to help you develop thorough and rigorous scopes of work, learn from the examples of others, and connect with experts for guidance.

SMPs in Action!

- To help agricultural stakeholders better participate in local stream management plans, the Ag Water NetWORK is holding local trainings. [Contact Phil Brink](#) if you are interested in developing prospective ag-oriented

coordinators and volunteers who want to lead and / or actively represent agriculture's interests while engaging with other water stakeholders in local watershed and stream management planning. While you're there, review the recently released **Survey of Colorado Agricultural Producers on Watershed Management Planning**.

- The Yampa Integrated Water Management Plan is currently **accepting proposals** for a Diversion Infrastructure Assessment to identify locations where infrastructure improvement could provide multiple benefits to the Yampa River and its users. Due August 6th.
- The **Big Thompson River Envisioning Project** is soliciting **proposals** for a strategic project design and implementation plan to guide future projects for the long-term benefit of the environment, communities, and water use needs for a section of Big Thompson River.
- In May, scientists working on the **Middle Colorado IWMP** joined Joe Keys, the owner of JetBoat Colorado, who donated his time and jet boat to inspect the river up close and fast! The team inspected a long stretch of river that is otherwise relatively inaccessible because of the distance between public launches. They are also holding a river float from Silt to Rifle in August for anyone who has participated in the IWMP Advisory Committee or any of its Focus Groups.
- In June, the Rio Grande and Conejos SMP held **five community meetings** and had a good turnout at each event. They also created a **Story Map** to explain the project.
- The Blue River Integrated Water Management Plan has **released a stakeholder survey** and will hold its first Advisory Committee meeting in Summit County on August 12th.

- The **Eagle River Community Water Plan** has begun holding monthly meetings for key stakeholders with an added educational component. In July they focused on the impacts of climate change on recreation and the economy, with an emphasis on water/rivers. More to come on Drought Contingency Planning and a bus tour of the watershed to understand the plumbing. They've also designed a community engagement kit to be used by any partner during outreach events to gather input on community members' priority uses of the river and their perceived impacts to the river, which will provide a sense of whether the priorities set in the plan align with broader community values.
- Have an update you'd like to share? **Let Nicole Seltzer know**

News & Learning Opportunities

Check out the **Colorado Water Plan website** for the draft release of the Analysis and Technical Update to the Colorado Water Plan. Along with the draft document, CWCB has released a couple of tools including a **Flow Tool** that can help evaluate potential risks to flows and key species.

Heading to the Colorado Nine Roundtables (C-9) Summit? If so, **sign-up for one of the three pre-summit tour options in Winter Park when you register**. Each watershed health-focused tour runs from 1-4 on September 25th with options for biking, hiking or fishing. Tours include: 1) a chance to learn about research in Winter Park's Experimental Forest, 2) exploring the Headwaters Center's new interactive exhibit for youth, or 3) a first-

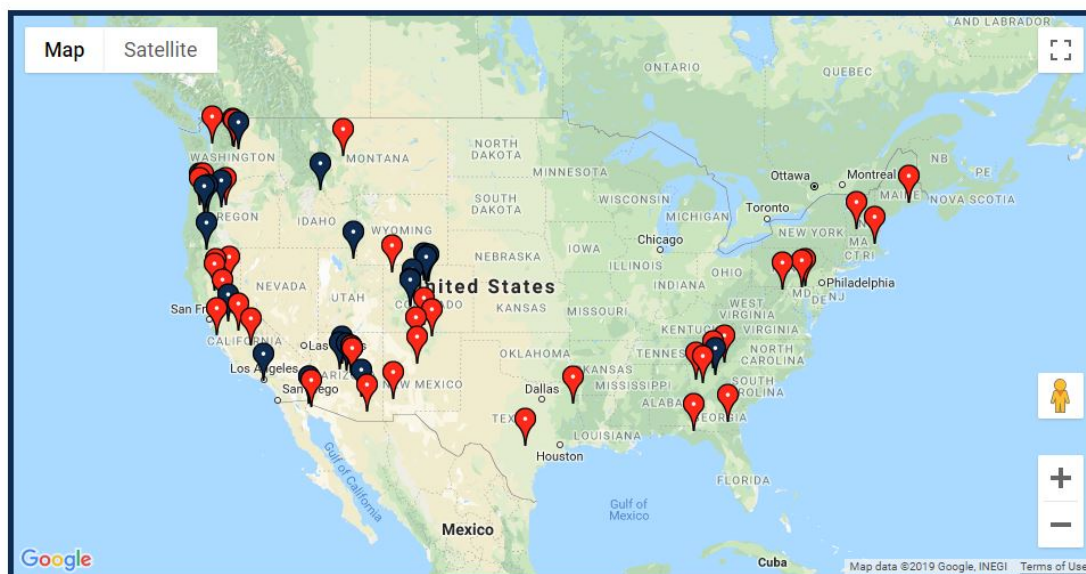
hand look at the landmark stream enhancements made at Fraser Flats which built on collaborative planning efforts!

Colorado Parks and Wildlife **applications for wetland and riparian restoration, enhancement, and creation** are due August 9th. This \$1.3million grant supports projects that improve the distribution and abundance of ducks and opportunities for public waterfowl hunting, or improve the status of declining or at-risk species.

Calling all SMP leads! River Network is hosting its annual workshop for those who are or recently have been working on SMPs/IWMPs in Colorado. We'll spend Monday, Oct 7th in Avon discussing the latest on SMP/IWMP best practices, ways to better involve agricultural producers and riparian landowners, and the pros and cons of different approaches for assessment of hydrology, ecological condition, recreation and irrigation infrastructure. Attendance is for those leading the design or implementation of SMPs/IWMPs. Contact [Nicole Seltzer](#) for information.

The 2019 **Sustaining Colorado Watersheds Conference** has opened registration for its October 8-10, 2019 conference in Avon. A draft agenda is now available.

RiversEdge West's **Riparian Restoration Conference** in Grand Junction will be February 4-6, 2020 in partnership with the Hutchin's Water Center at Colorado Mesa University. RiversEdge West is accepting abstracts for full session ideas as well as individual presentations. Abstracts are due October 31, 2019. **View the call for abstracts flyer for more information.**



Get Your 2019 Project Funded

Would you like the opportunity to share your restoration projects with businesses who may be interested in providing support for your projects? If the answer is “Yes!” be sure to check out the **Business for Water Stewardship Project Bank**, a new opportunity for **paid members** of River Network to use a national platform to attract funding.



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