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## President's Piece

By Dan Snow, CMCTU President



Usually, the end of the year is a time when organizations tend to sort of wind down their activities and start to coast into the next year. But we ended the year in a flurry.

I'm sure you heard about the reason for all this activity. CFF proposed to the Wildlife Commission that Spinney be opened to ice-fishing. With bait. With a four fish (one over 16 inches) limit.

Most of the original arguments put forward for doing this were shot down as either out of line with the management intent of the water or, in the case of the "salvage the fish if the lake gets too low" argument, as unexecutable. I think the originators of this proposal meant well, but it just grew into a bad idea ("We need to salvage fish if Spinney gets too low. But we can't wait until then to change the reg. or it's too late, so we need to propose it now..."). You can see how trying to make a regulation that takes care of everything can start to spiral out of control ("Since we need to get the regulation now, it's not really a salvage situation, so unlimited harvest doesn't work - let's try four fish...").

Anyway, virtually no one would have known about this except that a few outdoor columnists, including Karl Licis, found out and wrote about it. I imagine you also read his report about how the proposal fared - dead this year, but still being considered for the future.

If you fish Spinney, you need to get involved in this

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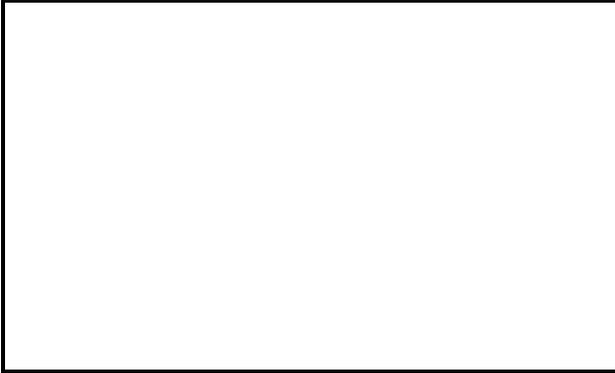
## Severy Creek Work Day

Saturday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> dawned cold and clear over Pikes Peak country. It was the promise of a perfect day to work on a local Trout Unlimited Conservation Project. We were to assemble at the Pikes Peak tollbooth for a head count and transportation up the Pikes Peak Highway to the gated turn off that guards Severy Creek. The creek's drainage and its popular trail have been closed for the past 3 years by the Forest Service due to the discovery of a genetically pure strain of Greenback Cutthroat Trout. You may have noticed, like most fisherman do, the blue-green pool visible off to the right side of the highway when coming down the road just before the hairpin curve and overview of Manitou and Colorado Springs. I rode to the work site with Pete Gallagher of the US Forest Service and we spoke briefly about the project and how it is an ongoing process to get the non-native Brook Trout out of the upper sections of the creek and to address the silting of the creek by gravel from the upper highway. Recently, a court decision ruled for the Forest Service on the silting issue and granted a monetary award to the USFS for correction of that problem. Once we were all assembled at the project location, Colorado Division of Wildlife's Greg Gerlich directed us in moving rock riprap into new and existing watercourses both above and below a newly installed road culvert. This project was aimed at reducing erosion both from the old streambed and the gravel road over the culvert. The new culvert also acted a barrier to the upstream migration of the recently removed Brook Trout. The TU members who took part in the project Allyn Kratz, Dan Salomon, Rick Luce, Bill Burd, Ken Brown, Ian Brown, Matt Yetter, Mike Davis, and Mark Scheutz were old hands at this kind of work and made short work of it. The usual fiber mat and seeding were also completed in record time. Having been one of the people with hip boots, I couldn't help but notice that the small waterfall created by the new culvert provided the requisite barrier to upstream fish migration.

The Severy Creek population of Greenback Cutthroat Trout is a remnant of the only true native trout to inhabit the Front Range of Colorado. This trout was once numerous in the Arkansas and S. Platte Drainages which includes Pikes Peak. As mentioned, the Greenback Cutthroat of tiny Severy Creek were determined to be a genetically pure strain of Greenback by scale and DNA testing done by the Colorado DOW and the US Forest Service. The genetic diversity of the

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### Severy: Continued

Greenback is constantly being threatened by, small populations and habitat loss, especially along the Front Range, where the bulk of this state's population now lives. The Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited is committed to programs that benefit the tenuous existence of the Greenback Cutthroat Trout, the long time native, once thought extinct, which lives at our city's western edge. The work done by volunteer groups such as the Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited is essential for the continued protection of the precious little habitat that still exists on Pikes Peak and the Front Range of Colorado for the Greenback Trout. Richard Luce

### Support your Chapter

Many members out there are probably in the process of upgrading equipment through the long winter ahead. We would like to encourage you to think of **donating that old rod, reel or fly tying material** to the chapter. We're sure some of you have a closet full of castoffs that you probably will never get to in a couple of lifetimes. The chapter could use your serviceable junk to make someone's day and possibly many of their seasons ahead. To see your name in this newsletter as a donor, bring your stuff to the next meeting or contact Richard Luce at 531-5353 or E-mail [RDJL1514@Aol.com](mailto:RDJL1514@Aol.com) for a pick up. Thank-you.

### An Interview is a CMCTU Board Member

Pat Coady: Board Member At Large

**Riffle Talk: Tell a little about what your position on the board entails?**

The "at large" board members generally take on tasks that come up on an as needed basis. These are generally things that aren't encompassed by specific board positions or exceed the time availability of other board members. Hopefully this lessens the load on the board members with official positions.



**Tell of some of the things you have done on behalf of the CMCTU?**

For the past 2 years I have organized the volunteer projects for the chapter. This involves scheduling projects with the Forest Service, D.O.W. and other organizations and getting volunteers to show up to the projects. It was my goal to schedule a variety of projects (at least 2 a month) to keep chapter interest high in our projects program.

**Tell of any goals you have for yourself this year as a Board member?**

This year I hope to get a chapter website up and running. Some of the basic features that could be implemented would be a calendar of events, on-line viewing of the newsletter, a message board, current news items, stream flows and snow packs and contact information for board members. The real benefit would be in better disseminating information and generating interest in the chapter. There is also the side benefit of reducing our newsletter costs.

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## Riffle Talk

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### Presidents Piece Continued

I know, we usually focus on rivers and streams (and we'll continue to), but Spinney is one lake we will keep an eye on. If it's a place you value, give us a hand.

I will summarize some of our activities from this year. For a year when you couldn't get in the woods most of the summer, it is amazing how many workdays and activities we had. Cheesman Canyon, Eleven Mile Canyon, the Tarryall, kids fishing, Lake Manitou, electro-shocking – you get the picture. And maybe some bigger things on the horizon for next year (talk about that next issue).

But for now – have a Happy Holidays.

Talk to you next year.

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**THANKS!!!!**

### Calendar of upcoming events

1/3—5/03	Fly-fishing Show	Denver Merchandise Mart
1/7/03	Colorado Legislature Begins Session	Capital
1/8-10/03	Wildlife Commission Meeting	Denver
1/11/2003	Colorado TU Winter Board Mtg	Silverthorn Library
<b>1/14/03</b>	<b>CMCTU Board Meeting</b>	<b>CS Police Station—South Nevada</b>
1/22-23/03	Water Conservation Bd Meeting	Northglenn
1/23-28/03	International Sportsman's Expo	Denver Convention Center
<b>1/28/03</b>	<b>CMCTU General Membership mtg. Retired Enlisted Assoc</b>	
2/6/2003	Colorado TU Ex com mtg.	Mission Trujillo-South Broadway Denver
3/31/03	Colorado CTU Auction	Denver

### Web Sites of Interest

Denver Water	<a href="http://www.water.denver.co.gov">www.water.denver.co.gov</a>
Colorado DOW	<a href="http://wildlife.state.co.us/fishing">wildlife.state.co.us/fishing</a>
Colorado TU	<a href="http://www.cotu.org">www.cotu.org</a>
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US Forest Service	<a href="http://www.fs.fed.us">www.fs.fed.us</a>



## Fly of the Month

### Brian's Emerger

( Version of Stans Emerger Pattern From Anglers Covey)

Brian Kuchynka

This is a very effective and easy to tie fly for fishing both Eleven Mile Canyon and Deckers. This pattern is fished as a dropper below a point fly.

**Hook:** Tiemco / Targus 2487 18-24

**Bead:** Clear / Diamond Glass

**Thread:** Yellow 8/0 Uni-Thread

**Tail:** None

**Body:** Clear Micro Midge Tubing

**Thorax:** Pale Yellow Dubbing

**Flash:** Small Pearl Mylar



**Step 1:** Put small glass bead on hook

**Step 2:** Start yellow thread at the bead, secure multiple wraps and tie in short piece of clear micro midge tubing.

**Step 3:**

Wrap thread over tubing back to start of the bend.

**Step 4:**

Spiral wrap thread forward, wrap midge tubing forward, to about 2 eye lengths before the eye.

**Step 5:**

Tie off and cut tubing. Tie in short piece of mylar flash.

**Step 6:**

Dub head with pale yellow dubbing, and whip finish.



## Cheyenne Mt. Chapter of TU Honored

The Colorado TU honored the CMCTU this month in there Century Publication with two articles about our activities this year. This honor goes to all the volunteers for which this chapter is famous. If you would like to join the list of volunteers call or write to Bill Burd at 719- 590-6615 or [bjeagle@worldnet.att.net](mailto:bjeagle@worldnet.att.net)



## Mission Statement

Cheyenne Mountain Chapter  
of Trout Unlimited



The Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited strives to **conserve, protect and restore** cold-water fisheries, resources and their watersheds. THIS IS ITS SOLE MISSION. THESE GOALS ARE TROUT UNLIMITED'S REASON FOR BEING!

To achieve these goals, to participate in this mission, Members:

1. Support and promote fisheries and water-resource policies that further these goals.
2. Work actively on conservation projects, volunteering labor and expertise, often in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and Colorado Wildlife and conservation agencies.
3. Seek to influence the decisions of such agencies as well as those of wildlife commissioners, legislative committees and elected officials in general.
4. Foster ethical and sensible conservation practices among users of the cold-water resource.
5. Attend the regular membership meetings of the Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited.
6. Elect to the Chapter's Board of Directors members who will provide direction and strong leadership.
7. Contribute financially to build and maintain the Chapter's fiscal stability.

### Sign up for the DOW Insider

The "DOW Insider" is a new, free service designed by the Division of Wildlife to help keep the public informed. Anyone can subscribe, and those who do get the latest information and news releases about hunting, fishing, and other wildlife related activities.

"The 'Insider' allows the public to receive information about the Division firsthand," said Dale Lashnits, the Division of Wildlife's chief of public affairs. "It's part of the effort to communicate with and work closely with the public in protecting the Colorado's wildlife and serving the public's interests."

To sign up for the "DOW Insider," go to the Division of Wildlife's Web site at [www.wildlife.state.co.us](http://www.wildlife.state.co.us). Click on "personalize this site," then go to "sign up for my DOW," and fill out the personal information form.

### Coady Continued

**Talk about some aspect of your interest in fishing cold-water species?**

I enjoy standing waist deep in a fast moving river and forgetting about everything else except for where I'm going to place my next cast. The more remote and beautiful the surrounds the better. I will generally fish places where I can look up and down the river and see no one.

**Talk about your interest in conservation of the cold-water resource.**

It is a resource that I personally receive a large benefit from. This is my chance to give something small back.

### A Wonderful legacy

I was struck recently by the true, bond of friendship, I witnessed at the Annual Banquet. The friends of Eric Stansloski were present to donate a ten thousand dollar bequeath to Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited in Eric's memory. Though not a chapter member before his death, his friends in their search for a proper memorial for their friend chose our chapter to be the proper instrument for establishing a fund for future conservation works in Eric's name. As a chapter, we will need to be diligent in living up to Eric's friends trust. We all should be so fortunate as to have such loyal friends. To become a sustaining member of Trout Unlimited, contact Richard Luce at 531-5353 or E-mail [RDJL1514@aol.com](mailto:RDJL1514@aol.com). Thank-you.

### Membership Meeting

Membership Meetings are the FORTH TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH JANUARY THROUGH OCTOBER!



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**Next Membership Meeting  
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