



# Riffle Talk



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Free to Members of the Cheyenne Mountain Chapter of Trout Unlimited

## President's Piece

Allyn Kratz

What is the future of CMCTU?

The short quick answer to this question is: That depends, on you!

CMCTU has become, from where I sit, a Board directed service organization. This means we are an organization where the Board decides what we are going to do and then the members receive the service from these decisions. The members sit by and observe. Don't do that, **take your organization back!**

I would like to see that change where we are an organization where the Members see themselves as the owners of the Chapter and decide what problems require solving, what education or mobilization is desired and then participate. The members should, in my mind, be setting the goals and strategies.

I know of some members who are doing just that. Tom Terebus is working hard at putting out a quality newsletter. Bill Burd is not only setting up projects to work on this coming year but has put his creativity into action by beginning an outreach program to other organizations. Rick Luce has dedicated great amounts of time to improve the financial well being of the chapter. Nick Daley keeps the board on track and Barry Blackman keeps our finances straight. Gary Almeida maintains the chapter's web site and Greg Walck is working on promoting membership. Have you noticed that the names listed are board members. We can do better than this.

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## General Membership Meeting

Tue. Jan. 25th, 2005

6:30 PM Social

7:00 PM Meeting

Program:

Trans-Basin Diversions

"Ken Neubecker, CTU's West Slope Organizer, will be presenting a program on Trans-Basin diversions. His program will cover the generalities of Trans-Basin diversions such as what they are and what their impacts are (both good and bad) as well as what some of the issues and activities involving Trans-Basin diversions for the next few years will be.

While we tend to think of Trans-Basin diversions as a West Slope issue (if we think about them at all!), this affects Front Range rivers as well. So if you fish the South Platte, Arkansas, Big Thompson, Colorado, Frasier, William Fork, Fryingpan, Roaring Fork, Gunnison - virtually any river in the state - this talk should be of interest to you."

February Program:

North Fork of the South Platte

The Hatch Flyshop in Pine, CO talk about the North Fork of the South Platte - a river they describe as "a little gem". They will discuss flies, access, best times of year and, of course, hatches

## Greenback Cutthroat Trout Management in Rocky Mountain NP

Rocky Mountain National Park is reconsidering their participation in Greenback Cutthroat recovery and management. The current Greenback Recovery Plan developed in 1982 calls for continued introduction into high mountain lakes and streams. Now the park is preparing its own plan, outside the overall inter-agency recovery plan, that would change the way Rocky Mountain National Park responds to Greenback recovery within its boundaries. The park is considering three alternatives:

Alternative 1 would maintain current populations of Greenback Cutthroat Trout with little or no expansion of range or populations. Some lakes and streams now containing non-native species and targeted for greenback reintroduction would become fishless. Under this alternative, the Park would not use chemicals to remove non-native fish (such as antimycin or rotenone), thereby eliminating the possibility of any significant new Greenback restoration projects.

Alternative 2 would continue current management with removal of non-native trout and reintroduction of Greenback Cutthroat Trout into suitable habitats, including lakes and streams above natural barriers that now contain non-native trout. Other waters would continue to support wild populations of non-native trout.

Alternative 3 would return park waters to a "Pre-European Settlement" condition, with waters believed to have been fishless then, returned to a fishless state. Other waters (below natural barriers) would be proposed for Greenback Cutthroat Trout restoration, including through the construction of artificial barriers.

When the National Park ceased stocking of non-native fish in 1969, over fifty percent of park waters went fishless over the next ten years because they could not sustain wild trout. Where trout remain, they are wild, self-sustaining populations. Under Alternative 3, more of the high altitude lakes and streams in Rocky Mountain National Park would be made fishless by the use of chemical or other means. If this alterna-

tive had been applied earlier, there would have been virtually no Greenback recovery in Rocky Mountain National Park. The barriers that indicate prehistorically fishless conditions are the very barriers that today protect the Greenback populations from encroachment by downstream non-native trout. There is no feasible way to recover Greenback populations in lower elevation waters without building artificial barriers, which would in themselves be a violation of the "no human disturbance" policy, and artificial barriers in other locations have often proven to be ineffective over the long term.

The high elevation waters that would be made fishless contain some of the best trout habitat and populations in Rocky Mountain National Park. These are proven wild trout waters that have supported healthy populations for the 35 years since the Park ended its stocking program - and they include some of the most promising waters for potential greenback recovery. Some have been in place for over a hundred years and are extremely popular with anglers. The removal of these populations without replacing them with native trout populations would be a poor use of the Park's scarce resources for fish management.

The Park Service is preparing their draft document now. To make your views known contact

Park Superintendent at:  
Rocky Mountain National Park  
Estes Park, CO 80517 or,  
Fax: (970) 586-1359 or,  
E-mail: ROMO\_Superintendent@nps.gov

To learn more about the Park's proposals, visit their website on the management plan:  
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# Trees for Trout Project

Bill Burd - VP Projects CMCTU

Early in 2004 the Trees for Trout project was conceptualized and Pete Gallagher from the USFS asked the board of CMCTU if we would be interested in participating. This would mean that we would need to help with funding as well as volunteer help.



Your CMCTU board stepped up and agreed to help with both funding and Volunteer Projects.

There are other organizations that are involved especially The Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) located in Lake George. I have, with the help of Rick Luce VP Development and Ken Brown VP of Publicity, visited with the CUSP and a few of their activities. We are developing a working relationship with CUSP and a stronger relationship with the USFS.

The Trees for Trout Project is basically an opportunity to salvage trees from the Hayman Fire area of Pike National Forest and use them in the Tarryall and the South Platte Rivers to help with Trout Habitat and bank erosion. Past testing from the Electro-shocking and Fish Population studies have shown that these particular structures in the rivers yield the most fish and best habitat for regeneration.

In the spring of 2004 several hundred trees were harvested from the Hayman Fire area and stored for the summer until clearances were arranged and the work could be scheduled. In October and November of 2004 work was begun and on November 5<sup>th</sup> the USFS held a media day to announce the project. The section that was done was in the lower part of the Catch and release section of Eleven Mile Canyon. That was the last day the equipment was available for placing the trees. There were three TV Stations from Colorado Springs as well as one from Denver there, as well as the Rocky Mountain News. Rick Luce and I attended and were both

interviewed by TV Stations. Good coverage for CMCTU.

The next day November 6<sup>th</sup> we had our first workday opportunity for the Trees for Trout project and we had 22 volunteers show up. Fortunately it was one of those beautiful 50 degree days with snow on the sides of the canyon, and plenty of sunshine. We were able to get several volunteers from those who went up to fish that day and joined us when they realized the value of the project. We transplanted grass clumps from a meadow area beside the stream to the area where the trees were placed to help with the stabilization

of bank edges. We moved some small amounts of dirt to make the banks look better and we smoothed seeded and covered the area where the ground had been disturbed by equipment with wood chips.



We are on our way with a very significant project to improve our local Trout Habitat.

If you would like to be added to the Volunteer list, which means that you will be notified when project are scheduled, please email Bill Burd at [BJEAGLE@worldnet.att.net](mailto:BJEAGLE@worldnet.att.net) or call 590-6615. This in no way obligates you, only that you will be notified and can come and volunteer if you are available and willing.

If you would like to contribute funds for this project they can be sent to:



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# LaFontaine's Halo Emerger

Hook: Dry Fly Hook, size 12-24  
Thread: Color to match body, 8/0  
Tail: Marabou fibers (optional)  
Abdomen: Antron dubbing (thin)  
Halo: Closed cell foam (common packing foam)  
Thorax: Antron dubbing (thicker than abdomen)  
Spike: Florescent orange deer hair (extending out over the eye of the hook)



The tail, abdomen, and thorax of the fly are the same color. The halo is always translucent foam, and the spike is always orange. The main colors for the halo series are brown, olive, black, gray, and tan.

This is an excellent emerger pattern for any time of the year. It can represent a mayfly, or by leaving off the marabou tail or just tying it very small it can also be a great midge pattern. This fly will work well on any size river when there is a hatch going on. Just pick the size and color of the fly to match the insects. This is a very easy pattern to tie, and with different size and color combinations it is a must for every fly box.

Start by pinching the barb down on your hook and tying in a few marabou feather fibers for the tail. The marabou will represent the trailing shuck of the bug so don't make it too thick. The original recipe calls for a tag of clear antron before the tail is tied in, but I find that it is not necessary and too bulky for the smaller sizes we commonly use in Colorado. Next dub a thin abdomen using antron dubbing. Superfine dubbing will work well also, but I prefer a little sparkle in the body. The original recipe calls for synthetic seal's fur dubbing which has a sparkle to it but is difficult to dub thin enough. Then take a strip of closed cell foam like you get in electronics packaging about 2 inches long and 1/8 inch wide, and tie it in figure eight style across the back of the fly. If you were to look at the fly from the top the foam would look like the wings of an airplane. Now fold the foam over itself on each side of the fly to make a kind of bow shaped

halo and tie it off again figure eight style. If you need any of this type of foam let me know. I have a job where I encounter tons of it all the time. Next dub the thorax of the fly and figure eight the dubbing over the middle of the foam so the loops stick out on each side. Tie in a spike of fluorescent orange deer hair that extends out over the eye of the hook. You can use your fingernail to push the hair back away from the hook eye and flare it up a bit after you tie it in. Now whip finish and a drop of head cement and you're done!

The Halo Emerger fly pattern was invented years ago by Gary LaFontaine and is still one of the most effective emerger flies available today. I use the Halo Emerger most often in olive and gray for mayflies and olive, gray, tan, and black for midges. I have had tremendous luck with it in Cheeseman and Elevenmile Canyons as well as many freestone rivers around the state. It has become my go to fly when I see fish feeding on emergers near the surface. The foam halo really makes it easy to see even in the smallest sizes. And if you can see your fly well you will fish it better.

Fish this fly by itself or trailing behind an adult imitation. If I am using it as a trailer, I tie about 16 to 18 inches of tippet to the bend of the hook of the adult and tie the Halo emerger to that. It is best used with a dead drift and cast to individual rising or feeding fish. The beauty of this fly is that it can also be used as a searching pattern and it will attract fish from quite a distance. Make sure that you only apply floatant to the halo and spike of the fly. Leave the body and tail untreated so that it can sink a bit into the surface film.

This fly and many more excellent ones can be found in the book Trout Flies - Proven Patterns by Gary LaFontaine. I cannot recommend this book highly enough. Gary is not only the most scientific and thorough researcher of trout and trout flies you will probably ever see, but he is also very funny and entertaining to read as well. He gives not only the recipes and instructions for tying his flies, but tons of statistics and an entry from his journals for each fly and a particular experience he had with it. I

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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.

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### La Fontaine's Halo Emerger cont.

would highly recommend you go out and get all of his books if you really want to increase your knowledge and love for fly fishing.

Please feel free to email me at: [timtrunnell@adelphia.net](mailto:timtrunnell@adelphia.net) with any questions or comments. I'd love to hear how you do



### President's Piece cont.

I know that there are ideas out there among our members that would be fantastic for CMCTU to become involved with, if only we knew about them. There are streams that need a friend, there are laws or regulations that require changing, there are people who want information and there are opportunities to grow, if only we knew about them or thought of them or dreamed of them.

My personal experience with another organization I was affiliated with was that I was a bit afraid to share my thoughts and ideas as they might be viewed as dumb, naive or with insolence. Once I began sharing them, I discovered that they were welcomed and appreciated. Let me assure you, your thoughts and ideas will be GREATLY appreciated.

CMCTU has over 650 members and I will bet each of you has a good idea as to what you would like to see at our monthly meetings and what projects you would be willing to work on and in what activities you would like to participate. You have GREAT ideas!!!! **However, an idea not shared is not worth very much.**

Make your idea a GREAT idea! Share it!!!

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