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Driven by a mission to restore flow to Colorado's rivers in need

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The Colorado River runs through the heart of my family ranch near Kremmling, where I live and work and which supports our family ranch and fly-fishing business. The river is my family's livelihood, just as it is for thousands of ranchers and farmers, and recreation business owners on other rivers across the state. Colorado Water Trust helps our rivers and water users find solutions, and for this reason, they are some of the most effective river stewards in our state.

Paul Bruchez, Board Member of Colorado Water Trust





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Dear Philanthropic Advisor,

Thank you for taking the time to learn about Colorado Water Trust. Here's what you should know:

WHO WE ARE

Colorado Water Trust works within Colorado's complex system of water rights, to maintain the integrity of our rivers and streams. We pay fair market value for water while offering voluntary solutions for water users to contribute some of their water to rivers in need, all the while protecting their water rights from injury. Our Board of Directors is comprised of a diverse group of accomplished water professionals including ranchers, water attorneys, water engineers, municipal representatives, and more. We are all committed to preserving Colorado's way of life, as well as our environment.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

These are challenging times for Colorado's rivers and the local economies that depend on them. With increasing population and demands on rivers, and the reduction in flows due to climate change, more of our rivers and streams are being stressed. We seek out opportunities to enhance streamflows to adapt to these changes in a way that preserves what we love about Colorado, such as our locally grown food, our fly-fishing, rafting, tubing and other river-loving activities, and our abundant plants and wildlife.

WHY WE'RE A GOOD INVESTMENT

Colorado Water Trust gets results. We've restored nearly 12 billion gallons of water to 444 miles of Colorado's rivers and streams. We maintain a reputation for being committed project partners, as well as diplomatic, market-based, and innovative experts in the field.

Colorado Water Trust is a lean machine. We cut our deals and return water to rivers and streams with a committed staff of only seven full time equivalents and a budget of about \$1 million, mostly privately raised. A significant gift to Colorado Water Trust goes a long way.

We are careful stewards of our partners at Colorado Water Trust, whether they be project partners or donors. For more information, please get in touch. There are many ways your clients can support Colorado Water Trust.

Sincerely,

Dana Dallavalle



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DONATIONS TO COLORADO WATER TRUST



MAKE A DONATION ONLINE

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We accept gifts of stock, wire transfers, and cash/check/online donations.

OPTIONS FOR GIVING

Forever Flows Society (legacy giving): Donors have a variety of options in leaving a legacy gift and receive special recognition and tailored communications. We have capacity to restrict donations to specific regions or rivers where we work, if desired by the donor. For more information, please get in touch and visit: ColoradoWaterTrust.org/Forever-Flows-Society

Tributaries (monthly giving): We have a monthly donor membership program called Tributaries with over 60 members. Our Tributaries receive special communications, personalized outreach, and access to events. For more information, please get in touch and visit: ColoradoWaterTrust.org/Tributaries

Flowing Waters Partnership (corporate giving): Donors can give through their business and become a Flowing Waters Partnership member. We promote our corporate partners via social media, newsletters, printed materials, website recognition, in presentations, and more. For more information, please get in touch and visit: ColoradoWaterTrust.org/Flowing-Waters-Partnership

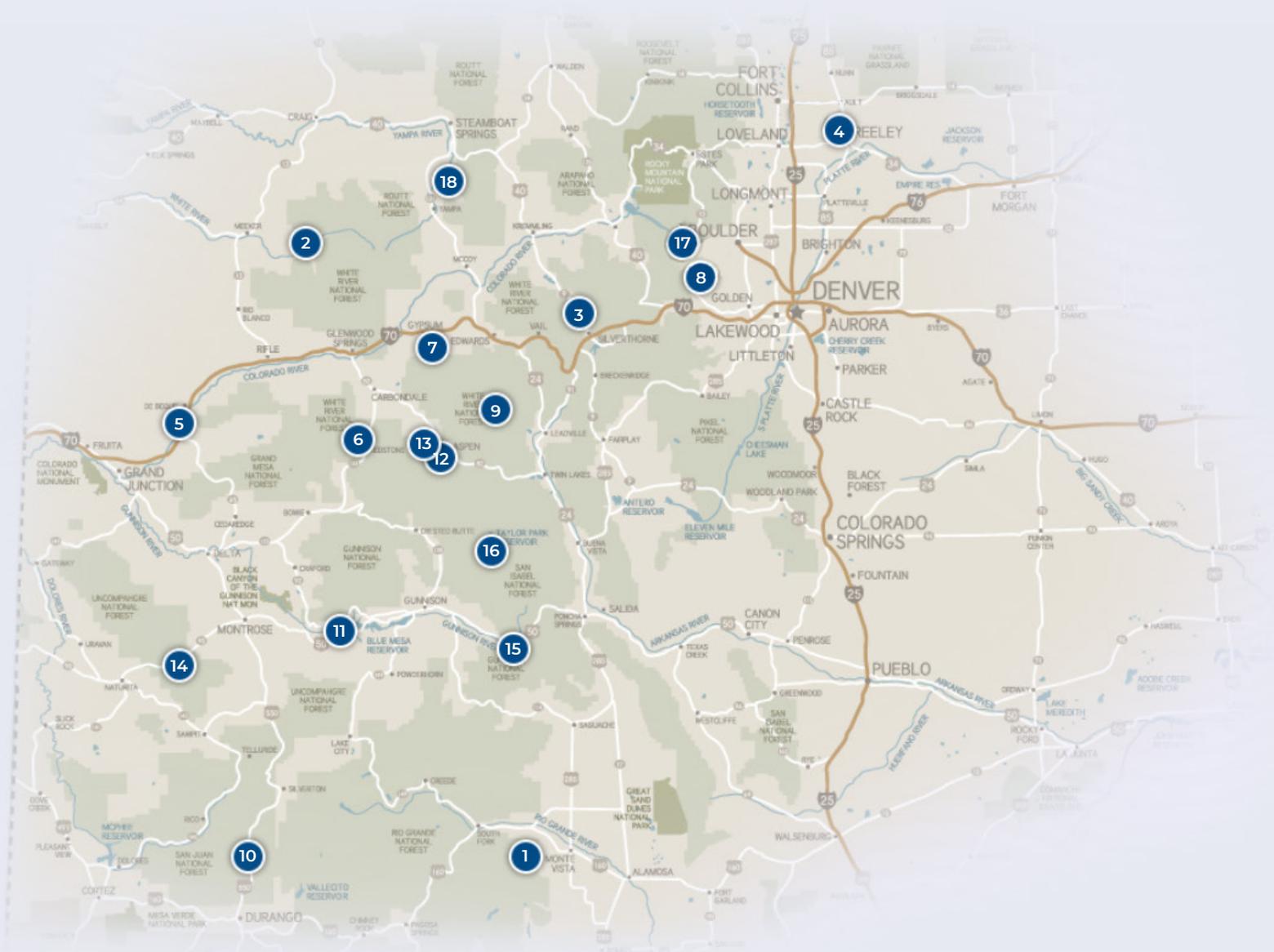
Colorado Combined Campaign: Donors can have donations deducted directly from their paycheck.

ReFUND CO: Donors can donate part or all of their tax refund.

Colorado Gives Day: Donors can give online during Colorado's most celebrated giving day of the year.



WHERE WE (CURRENTLY) WORK



1. Alamosa River

2. White River

3. Blue River

4. Cache la Poudre River

5. Colorado River

6. Crystal River

7. Deep Creek

8. Fraser River

9. Hat Creek

10. Hermosa Creek

11. Little Cimarron River

12. Maroon Creek

13. Roaring Fork River

14. San Miguel River

15. Tomichi Creek

16. Washington Gulch

17. Willow Creek

18. Yampa River

EXAMPLES OF OUR PROJECTS



*The start of the 15-Mile Reach
of the Colorado River*

15-MILE REACH

The 15-Mile Reach of the Colorado River, near Grand Junction, is home to four native, endangered fish species, and it is also a notorious stretch of the Colorado that can run very low during two different times of the year. Colorado Water Trust purchases water from upstream reservoirs that flows to a hydropower plant within the reach. The reservoir water supports clean hydropower production, and then is released to boost flows and support the endangered warm-water fish at critical times of need.

POUDRE FLOWS

Colorado Water Trust is leading the charge on creating a water market to restore flows to the Cache La Poudre River as it flows from Fort Collins to Greeley. The idea is based on a commonly used tool water users employ to pool their water resources in times of shortage, an augmentation plan. But we've flipped it on its head, allowing water to be voluntarily returned to the river and pooled for environmental purposes. Once the market is operational, water will flow through seven sections of the Poudre that would normally be dry, keeping the river connected and improving natural habitat for fish and other wildlife.



Cache La Poudre River

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LITTLE CIMARRON

This small but important river near Gunnison supports a vibrant agricultural community. We are completing the state's first-ever permanent, split season arrangement for high altitude hay operations (meaning water is diverted to grow hay for only a portion of the season, and kept in the river the rest). We are conducting a crucial experiment in sharing water for a common form of agriculture in western Colorado.



Little Cimarron River

YAMPA RIVER

During the 2012 drought, we worked with local partners in Steamboat Springs to come up with a solution to keep the Yampa River flowing at healthy levels to benefit the environment, recreation, and hydropower generation. We executed the first ever short-term lease of water to the Colorado Water Conservation Board's Instream Flow Program in Colorado's history. We have since boosted flows in the Yampa River in six of the last eight years, restoring 3.7 billion gallons of water to the River as it flows through town. We were honored in late 2018 with a proclamation from the City of Steamboat Springs: "Recognizing the Colorado Water Trust for its contributions to the health of the Yampa River through Steamboat Springs, Colorado."



Yampa River

Colorado is deeply connected to our rivers. They sustain us and all the life that surrounds us. Our rivers are where we spend time making memories with our friends and family. They're where we take breaks to reflect while listening to the sounds of nature. We are bound to their health. When they flow strong, our ecosystems flourish and our economies thrive. When they run dry, it impacts us all.



**JUST
ADD
WATER.**

*We hope to hear from you soon.
Please reach out for more information.*



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