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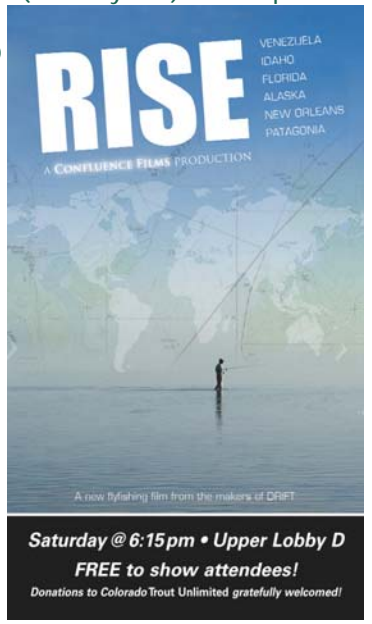
HEY CHAPTERS !

Post notices of your events on the CTU website. All you need to do is request a user name and password.

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Dear Friends

Attend the International Sportsmen's Expo at the Colorado Convention Center on Saturday night (January 9th) at 6:15pm and you'll be able to see the Flyfishing movie Rise - free! Rise is brought to you by Confluence Films, the same film makers who put together the award winning "Drift." You won't want to miss this opportunity to see their next great film. It will be shown in the Upper Lobby D at the Colorado Convention Center.



At the film showing, contributions will be accepted and your donation to CTU at this event will be greatly appreciated.

I hope you can join us at the show!

David Nickum
CTU Executive Director

SAVE TWO BUCKS ON ISE ADMISSION

This 33rd annual International Sportsmen's Expo takes up residence at the Colorado Convention Center from Thursday Jan 7 through Sunday the 10th, and if you've been there before you know it's a really big show with a huge array of exhibitors. This year's expo features a 40,000 square foot Discover Fly Fishing Center in partnership with the American Fly Fishing Trade Association. Be sure to stop by the CTU booth!

MOFFAT FIRING EIS



As highlighted in the last CTU News, an Environmental Impact Statement was issued on Denver Water's Moffat FIRMing Project - a proposal to increase diversions from the Colorado headwaters to the Front Range and **put at risk the already overworked Upper Colorado and especially its tributary the Fraser River.** TU is concerned that, without adequate mitigation required, the new project could push the Fraser River fishery - which once drew President Eisenhower to his "western White House" in Colorado - over the brink. **The public comment period on the EIS has been extended to March 1 - so you still have time to make your voice heard.** And don't miss the Denver Post opinion piece by TU's own Drew Peternell.

CTU DINNER & GALA - MARCH 19!

Make plans for CTU's 2010 Annual Dinner and Gala on Friday, March 19 at the Arvada Center. You won't want to miss this annual celebration, featuring a delicious sit-down dinner, live entertainment, a diverse silent and live auction, and more - all benefiting the conservation work of Colorado Trout Unlimited. Save the date, or visit our website now to reserve your tickets or to sponsor a table for your group of 10!

DEFENDING TROUT AT THE CAPITOL

The 2010 legislative session kicks off Jan. 13, with the state facing continuing record shortfalls and massive budget cuts.

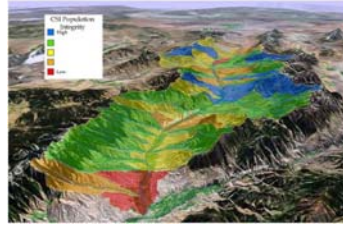
With that in mind, one important CTU priority will be to maintain funding for critical programs in the Department of Natural Resources. Another will be to fend off an expected industry assault on oil and gas regulations passed last year. A third will be to affect changes in the state's renewable energy standards that favor "low-impact" hydropower projects that minimize their impacts on rivers. And finally, we'll be working to ensure that the Colorado Habitat Stamp program continues to fund habitat and access equitably for angling and hunting.

Among other issues that we will see at the General Assembly: basin of origin protection, funding for Great Outdoors Colorado, the conservation easement tax credit, and the usual "takings" proposals to undercut environmental protections at the state and local level.

Regular updates on these issues will appear on our website, www.cotrout.org.

- Jen Boulton, CTU Lobbyist

TU's COLORFUL FUTURE



Imagine a watershed with a restored and protected population of native trout, roaming at will up or down reconnected stream segments, being studied by scientists as well as kids in local classrooms. Meet the Conservation Success Index.

THE LATEST ON WHIRLING DISEASE

You don't hear as much about it nowadays, but whirling disease is still prevalent in western streams - and still being studied for solutions. A recent white paper, "Whirling Disease in the United States - A Summary of Progress in Research and Management, 2009," was prepared with support from the TU Whirling Disease Foundation. The report was authored by Leah C. Steinbach Elwell, Kajsa Eagle Stromberg, and Eileen K.N. Ryce and offers a summary of the latest developments in WD research.