



# The Renegade

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**Membership Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 10**  
**6:30 p.m. at Almont Resort**

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**AGENDA**  
*Election of Officers*  
*“Fish With a Friend” Monthly Outings*  
*Youth Camp Update*  
*Selection of Superfly Shirts*  
*Kids’ Fishing Derby*  
*Outdoor Projects*  
*Blog Updates*

**MARK’S MUSINGS**   
*BY MARK DAY, PRESIDENT OF GUNNISON ANGLING SOCIETY*



## The Elusive African Tiger Fish

Although I counted 40 species of mammals, 66 new birds and six dif-



ferent reptiles, I did not see a Tiger on the end of my line. As a matter of fact our two guides in the Okavonga Delta hardly saw a fish, period. They hadn’t heard of the new polarized lens thing (I just shipped them two pairs of Cocoons yesterday). We did catch a few African Pike, Tilapia, and Nembwe one evening fishing in the hippo channels. I caught five quick on spinners then helped my nephew catch a few while dad struggled in the lily pads with the fly rod. Dad ended up catching a big catfish on the fly rod and a few other fish on the spin rod

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## Colorado Trout Unlimited Spring Rendezvous 2011

*BY BEV JORDI, VICE PRESIDENT*

As Vice president of Gunnison Angling Society, I attended the CTU 2011 Spring Rendezvous at the Redstone Inn on April 15 and 16. I will outline the subjects addressed at the Rendezvous and comment on some. For me, the privilege of being a part of a wide variety of professionals and to share their interests and knowledge is worth the price of attendance.

**LEADERSHIP:** Colorado Trout Unlimited provides support, consulting, management resources, projects and successful ideas to local chapters to benefit the organizational capabilities of both CTU and the chapters.

**FUNDRAISER:** A hands-on workshop was conducted on how to approach sponsors for fund raising events. It's important to obtain pertinent information beforehand on candidates for sponsorship, including required interests and financial history.

**MEMBERSHIP:** CTU has published a new application brochure acknowledging each chapter's number on the back of the brochure to assure that chapters receive their dues share.

**YOUTH CAMP:** June 26-27, 2011. We will be sponsoring two candidates to attend the Youth Camp.

**TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM:** I have been asked to locate two science teachers in our school district to take this CTU program, free of charge, into the schools.

**CONSERVATION:** Sportsman's Conservation Project. This was a roundtable discussing resource protection work led by the Sportsman's Conservation project in Colorado. The panel included an overview and discussion of both place-based (Dolores River Basin, Alpine Triangle, White River watershed, and Roan Plateau) and policy-level (off-highway vehicles, energy and Forest Service roadless areas) campaigns. The TU staff each explained the progress on their assigned location.

The energy that surrounded the Rendezvous was comparable to Superfly weekend. I will have handouts at the next meeting, May 10, 2011.



*Redstone Inn*

## Gunnison Road Beaver Project awarded the 2011 Bring Back The Natives Grant

*BY MARK DAY*

With a little help from the Gunnison Angling Society, Andrew Breibart, the Hydrologist at the BLM Gunnison Field Office, received good news this week for one of his projects. The Road Beaver project is slated to be completed by the end of next year. The money will be used to help clean up a stretch of water including installing two water tanks in the uplands of Road Beaver Creek and removing two cattle enclosures.

Also, Andrew and the BLM received \$200K to repair the Gateview Road along the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River. Andrew and the Federal Highway Administration will be doing damage surveys in May.

### ***Gunnison Angling Society***

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## LOCAL EVENTS

### Fishing and Outdoor Sports Derby June 4th

The Gunnison Angling Society will be helping kids at Pac man Pond gain this spring. If you would like to help teach kids about our favorite pastime, drop Beverly a line! [bjordi47@gmail.com](mailto:bjordi47@gmail.com)

### Waterman to Speak

Jonathon Waterman will be speaking at Old Rock Library in Crested Butte on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and in Gunnison on June 27<sup>th</sup> (time and location to be determined). The suggested donation for each event will be \$5.00. Jonathon's presentation will include an in-depth discussion of diminishing water and river habitat in the Southwest. He wrote: *Running Dry: A Journey from Source to Sea Down the Colorado River* and has been doing speaking engagements throughout Colorado. Check out his website for more information: [jonathan-waterman.com](http://jonathan-waterman.com). Partially sponsored by the Gunnison Angling Society

### Mid-Winter Trip to Belize

How does a mid-winter trip to Belize for bone fish and permit sound? If you're interested, email or call Dave Pinkerton soon ([kdpinkerton@yahoo.com](mailto:kdpinkerton@yahoo.com), 970.641.2584.) Dave visited Turneffe Flats lodge late February and it was exceptional. Check out their web site for great pictures and testimonials. They offer snorkel and dive packages besides the 6-day guided fishing package so wives can come, too, and still have plenty to do.

## From Colorado Trout Unlimited



On April 28, Denver Water and a collection of Western Slope governmental and water entities announced the terms of an historic agreement over Colorado River headwater issues. The new agreement is a great step forward and offers promise for the future - but it addresses only a part of the problems facing the Colorado and its tributaries.

For decades, large water diversions to the Front Range have depleted the Upper Colorado and Fraser rivers, damaging fish populations and critical wildlife habitat. TU has sounded the alarm that the Upper Colorado River is on the verge of ecological collapse. American Rivers has named both the Fraser and the Upper Colorado among America's Most Endangered Rivers.

Today, we can celebrate good news for the Colorado River. Denver Water and a broad group of west slope local governments and water districts have entered into a major agreement that will provide resources to benefit the struggling Colorado River headwaters and set a more collaborative approach for future water management and development.

**The agreement includes a number of impor-**

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*Mark's Musings (Continued from page 1)*  
back at camp on the docks.

Our guides at three bush camps in Botswana were fantastic. None of us expected to see so many animals so close. Lions, wild dogs, and a leopard were some of the highlights we saw while on safari for eight days.



Ever traveled a long way to find the river is blown out? Well, when we got to Zambia the Zambizi was thumping 320,000 c.f.s. (more than 500 times the Gunnison, or more than 16 times the flow in the Grand Canyon last week). We had a great evening float above Victoria Falls (1 ¼ miles wide) but even the whitewater rafting below the falls is closed this time of year. My brother and I took a half-hour helicopter ride and I did the zip line but skipped the bungee jump at the Falls.



So think twice about lugging your fly rod on twelve airline flights and four countries for a day of fishing, and BRING EXTRA POLARIZED GLASSES!

*Best Fishes! Mark Day*

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## *Colorado River (Continued from page 3)*

### **tant provisions in terms of river conservation:**

✦ Future water projects using Denver's facilities (notably the Moffat and Roberts tunnels) will require approval from the west slope - they will need to address concerns on both sides of the Continental Divide.

✦ Safeguards are included for the Shoshone water right, which helps keep year-round flows in the Upper Colorado.

✦ Denver agrees to provide 1,000 acre-feet per year of water to help address low flow concerns in both the Fraser and Williams Fork systems.

✦ Denver will provide \$2 million to assist with river habitat restoration. Water and funds (including an additional \$2 million) will be managed through a partnership effort designed to adapt to changing conditions, called "Learning by Doing." Notably, TU is the sole conservation organization that has been included

in the management committee for Learning by Doing.

These are significant new tools to help protect the Colorado River's future and to address some of the past impacts that have put it at risk, and Denver Water and key west slope players including Grand County and the Colorado River Water Conservation District deserve great credit for crafting this agreement.

***But our work is far from over.*** There are also vital issues that are not addressed by the agreement. The deal does not include mitigation to offset the future impacts of Denver's currently -proposed Moffat Firming project, which will draw another 15,000 acre-feet yearly from the Colorado headwaters. The Colorado Wildlife Commission is currently reviewing the mitigation plan for this project - and TU will continue to work for the necessary river protections in the mitigation plan.

Perhaps even more notably, the agreement addresses only Denver Water's facilities. ***It does not include the single largest user of Upper Colorado River water, the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District,*** which draws Colorado River water through the Colorado-Big Thompson and Windy Gap projects, and is proposing to take another 30,000 acre-feet per year through its new Windy Gap Firming Project.

Even as we celebrate the Denver/West Slope agreement, our work in defending the Colorado River has just begun. TU will continue to fight for mitigation from both the Moffat and Windy Gap Firming projects, and we will work to get the Northern District to step up to the plate in addressing its impacts to the Colorado. And of course, we will work constructively with Denver and the West Slope to maximize the benefits of the new "Learning by Doing" effort.