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Membership Meeting
Tuesday, July 12
6:30 p.m. at Almont Resort
Casting Clinic, Casting Competition,
and Barbeque Fundraiser

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Casting Clinic and Casting Competition begin at 7:30 p.m. Join us for a fun event to help raise money for our chapter. Open to all skill levels-our members will happily provide lessons for beginners. There will be a \$10 entry fee for the clinic and competition to help raise money for our Superfly event in September. We will also host a barbeque on the deck with hot dogs and burgers-also a \$10 donation. Casting Clinic or Casting Competition and BBQ combo-\$18. Casting competition will include distance, accuracy, and timed target shooting. PRIZES!



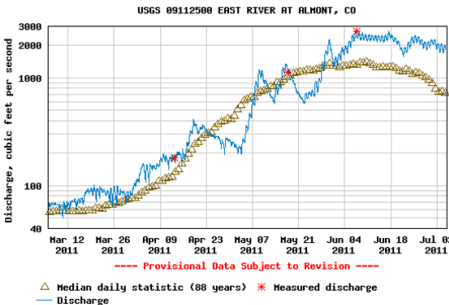
MARK'S MUSINGS

By MARK DAY, PRESIDENT OF GUNNISON ANGLING SOCIETY



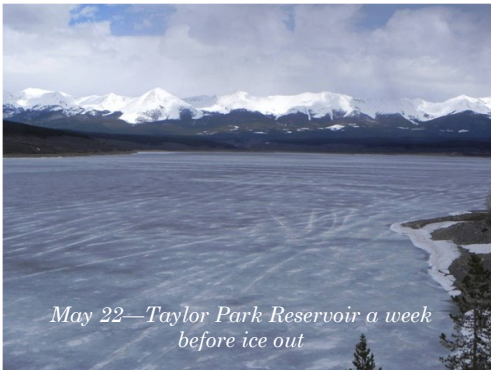


The Runoff that Refused to End



With almost ten more feet of snow after the ski lifts closed and the second coldest May on record, the rivers are getting a good flushing. Fishing on the Gunnison has been challeng-

ing to say the least but the rivers are dropping and the dry fly fishing should turn on soon!



May 22—Taylor Park Reservoir a week before ice out

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Fly Fishing Small Streams

BY JOHN BOCCHINO

Wednesday, July 06, 2011 When the Gunnison River and the East River are in run-off, and the Taylor River is high and tough to wade, it can be a great time to search out some smaller streams and creeks. We expect run-off in our area to last a while based on the current snowpack. And the forecast includes relatively high water through summer. During run-off and high water, the smaller streams will settle down sooner and the fishing really turns on.



As the season progresses, there are more places to explore to search out wild trout streams, including high country creeks which hold native cutthroat. Many of the small creeks have been fishing very well for weeks now. Some creeks meander through meadows with lots of twists and turns, and they hold plenty of wild fish. You can also choose to hike up along a mountain stream and fish the pocket water for browns and brookies. It's a great time to get out in the mountains

and see some spectacular scenery and wildlife. There have already been several moose, elk and deer sightings.

Fly fishing small streams can be challenging and lots of fun. Shorter, lighter weight rods are the appropriate choice when you're hiking through brush and fishing creeks that in many situations are less than ten feet wide. A 7 foot to 8 foot 3-weight or 4-weight fly rod (or even shorter and lighter) will do the job nicely, especially when short and accurate casts are required. Fishing a bamboo rod is a real treat on small creeks. There's nothing like hooking up and fighting a fish on bamboo. It is truly a unique experience. Bamboo rods in the 6 foot to 8 foot range are perfect for our small creeks.

The creeks are fishing great right now, and there will be even more water to fish as we continue through summer. While the big rivers are raging, you can be casting dry flies at wild trout less than 20 feet away!

The hatches are on now! Dry fly action is outstanding. Dry-dropper and hopper-dropper rigs are working great. Flies: BWO 16, caddis 14-18, Green Drake 10-12, PMD 14-16, Golden Stonefly 8, and hoppers 8-12. You can drop a small mayfly nymph below the dry fly or hopper. For the dropper, use: Copper Johns 14-18, Pheasant Tails 14-18, Barr BWO Emerger 18-20, Micro Mayfly 14-18, caddis pupa and emergers 14-18.

From
Colorado Trout Unlimited

Proceeds of Upslope Craft Lager to support Colorado TU

Boulder-based Upslope Brewing recently launched its long-awaited Craft Lager. The label on the can features the Colorado TU logo and the phrase "1% for Rivers," demonstrating the brewery's support of rivers in Colorado. Upslope will be donating 1% of the revenue from sales of the lager to Colorado TU.

"Upslope Brewing is the perfect partner with whom to start the 1% for Rivers program," said Sinjin Eberle, President of Colorado TU. "Our organizations are deeply rooted in Colorado, our members and their customers share an appreciation of the outdoors and the role that healthy rivers play, and our marketing strategies are complementary."

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Mark's Musings (Continued from page 1)



Spring Creek near Deadman's Gulch
May 27, 2011

Kids' Fishing Derby

On June 4th Beverly and I set up a TU table at the Gunnison kid's Fishing Derby. With some help from Parks and Recreation, we rigged up almost 200 spin rods with hooks, worms, and power bait. The poor trout in Pacman pond didn't stand a chance. Seemed like everyone caught fish and had a good time. I even gave a quick casting clinic to the one young fly fisherman that showed up!



Bev Jordi rigs for the Derby

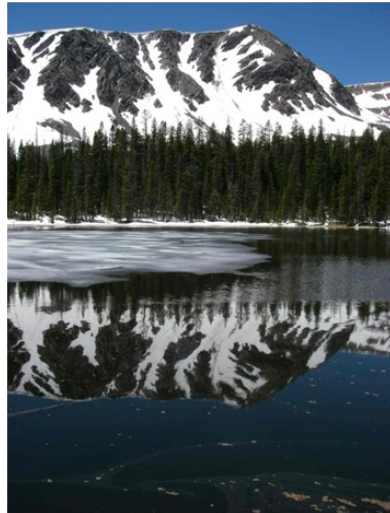
Mid-June fishing was good on Cochetopa, Archuleta, and Los Pinos Creeks while the big rivers still ran high.



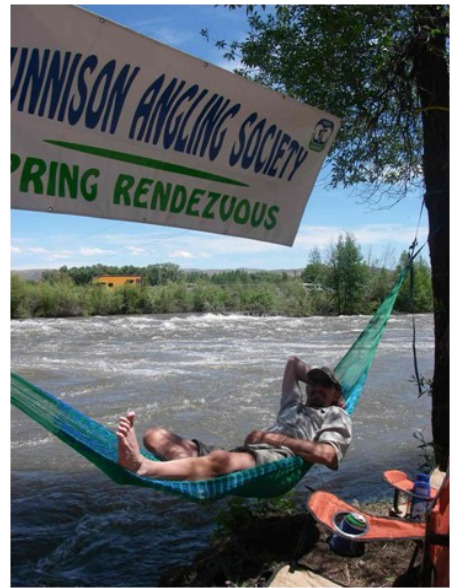
Mid-June I also did a little recon by air to Fossil Ridge.



Most lakes were still iced over, but one was iced out. We set out to find it the next day but never did find it or make a cast that day. We did manage to post hole through the snow up to Boulder Lake (frozen), then over the hill to Lower Lamphier (half iced out with one spooky cut-throat, never put our rods together).



Had fun glissading 100 yards using my rod tube as a brake.



High water at the White Water Festival last weekend was entertaining. Watched lots of boats flip from my hammock while drumming up new members for TU.



On July 12 we will have a casting clinic, a casting competition, and a hot dog and hamburger BBQ at the Almont Resort. This is a fund raiser for Superfly. We just ordered more than \$3,000 worth of shirts and hats for the event.

Superfly will be September 9 and 10 this year. If you would like to enter the event or help out give us a call.

Tight lines & best fishes!
Mark Day

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Help Protect the Best Places to Fish



**Take action before July 14th to
help save Colorado's roadless
backcountry**

Problem

As some of the best places to hunt and fish in the West, Colorado's roadless backcountry deserves the highest level of respect and protection. These pristine lands are irreplaceable – home to nearly 60% of all native coldwater fish and over 1 million acres of unmatched elk habitat.

Despite the breathtaking beauty value of these public lands to Colorado's sportsmen, local communities, and our recreation economy, the U.S. Forest Service has proposed high level protections for only 562,000 acres. That's a mere fraction of the 2 million acres requested by Colorado sportsmen and women who want to keep the places they love to fish and hunt healthy and vibrant.

You fish – so why should you care? Because Colorado's roadless areas are located at the headwaters of 16,000 rivers and small streams, this U.S. Forest Service plan will have widespread effects on the health of our fisheries across the state. Without appropriately designating these roadless areas and closing dangerous loopholes, we risk losing these last, best places to hunt and fish for our children and grandchildren.

To ensure our state's irreplaceable fish and wildlife backcountry habitat remains healthy and vibrant, Colorado Trout Unlimited needs your help!

Take Action

Write a letter. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is currently accepting public comments that will influence the use and management of Colorado's roadless backcountry. They need to hear from you about the public lands and roadless areas that are the most important and why so these places are protected for the future.

For instructions on how to send a letter or email to the USDA Forest Service and suggestions for the message, go to the Colorado Trout Unlimited website:

<http://www.coloradotru.org/>