



Welcome to the First Annual POUDRE RIVER FORUM

February 8, 2014 | The Ranch Events Complex

Thanks for joining us today as we gather together on the topic of the Poudre River—lifeblood of our communities. We will **celebrate the river, learn more about it, and explore its opportunities and challenges**.

Our theme is The Poudre: Working River/Healthy River.

The Forum is brought to you by the **Poudre Runs Through It Study/Action Work Group**, made up of about 30 agricultural, municipal, business, recreational, and environmental stakeholders who have been meeting since 2012 to teach one another about their diverse perspectives on the Poudre and to launch collaborative actions that meet multiple goals. Read more at www.cwi.colostate.edu/thepoudrerunsthroughit/.

Understanding the water rights of agricultural and municipal diverters, learning about where the water in the Poudre comes from and what it does for us, and digging into details about ecological factors such as flow, temperature, fish and sedimentation, are all a part of getting the wide angle view of the Poudre. Only by traveling all these waters—the working aspect as well as the health aspect—will citizens have the background to form sound decisions about the Poudre's future.

So let's dig in. We are very glad you are here with us today!

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Facilitated by Colorado Water Institute at Colorado State University*

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Your Poudre River Forum Committee: John Stokes, John Bartholow, John Bustos, Bill Sears, Brad Wind, Steve Malers, Beth Plombon, Zoe Whyman, MaryLou Smith



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| 8:00 - 9:00 | Display Setup |
| 9:00 - 10:00 | Registrant Sign-In and View Displays
Coffee and Soft Drinks |
| 10:00 - 10:15 | Kickoff - Reagan Waskom, Colorado Water Institute |
| | A “Historical Welcome” from the Mayors of Fort Collins, Greeley, Timnath and Windsor (developed by Patty Rettig, CSU Water Archive) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayor Karen Weitkunat, City of Fort Collins• Mayor Tom Norton, City of Greeley• Mayor Pro Tem, Bryan Voronin, Town of Timnath• Mayor John Vasquez, Town of Windsor |
| 10:15 - 10:45 | Facilitated Dialogue of the Poudre Runs Through It Study Action Group Steering Committee about the Working River/ Healthy River Concept
Dan Brown, John Stokes, John Bartholow, Dale Trowbridge, Doug Robotham, Reagan Waskom, MaryLou Smith |
| 10:45 - 11:45 | WORKING RIVER
<i>Series of Spring Runoffs: Quick but Critical insights into the Poudre River</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where Does Water in the Poudre Come From/Where Does it Go? - Mark Simpson, Poudre River Commissioner• The Importance of Agriculture in the Poudre River Basin - Bill Brown, Fischer, Brown, Bartlett & Gunn, P.C.• Water for Cities and Towns - Lee Rozaklis, AMEC Earth and Environmental Inc.• Water for Industry - Matt Bailey, Odell Brewing Company, Northern Colorado Brewers Association• Water for Recreation and Tourism - Jim Clark, Fort Collins Convention and Visitor’s Bureau |
| 11:45 - 12:00 | Audience Q&A |
| 12:00 - 1:15 | Lunch
Greg Hobbs, Colorado Supreme Court Justice – How Prior Appropriation throughout the West Got Its Start on the Poudre River and How It’s Still Evolving to Consider Both Healthy River/ Working River Needs |



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- 1:15 - 1:30 Break -- Displays
- 1:30 - 2:30 **HEALTHY RIVER**
Series of Spring Runoffs: Quick but Critical insights into the Poudre River
- **Flow: The Master Variable that Shapes, Maintains, and Supports River Zones** – Sara Rathburn, Colorado State University
 - **Riparian Vegetation along the Cache La Poudre River** – Dave Merritt, U.S Forest Service
 - **Fish in the Poudre's Transition Zone** – Boyd Wright, Colorado Parks & Wildlife
 - **The Poudre's Water Quality Challenges and Responses** – Joe Kunovic , City of Greeley Water and Sewer
 - **River Health: Themes Across a Landscape** – Jen Shanahan, City of Fort Collins Natural Areas
- 2:30 - 3:15 **Floods and Fire: Extraordinary Challenges for the Poudre River** -- Facilitated Panel Dialogue with Eric Reckentine (City of Greeley Water and Sewer and Coalition for the Poudre River), Todd Boldt (Natural Resources Conservation Service), Nolan Doesken (Colorado Climate Center), George Wallace (Ag Producer, North Poudre Irrigation Company)
Facilitated by Ken Kehmeier (Colorado Parks and Wildlife)
- 3:15 - 3:30 Break -- Displays
- 3:30 - 4:15 Facilitated Audience Dialogue
- 4:15 - 4:30 **Pulling it all together: Where Now?** – Reagan Waskom, Colorado Water Institute
- 4:30 - 6:00 **CELEBRATION OF THE POUDRE**
Poudre River Irregulars Jazz Band-- thanks to generous financial contributors!
Beer donated by Odell Brewing Company
Soft Drinks, Chips and Salsa

Poudre Runs Through It Study/Action Work Group Participants @ 2-4-14

Last Name	First Name	Profession/Workplace	Residence
Bartholow	John	Ecologist, Retired USGS	Fort Collins
Bledsoe	Brian	Hydrologist, Colorado State University	Fort Collins
Boring	Jeffrey	Resource Specialist, Larimer County Natural Resources Department	Longmont
Brown	Dan	Attorney, Fischer, Brown, Bartlett & Gunn, P.C. for Cache La Poudre Water Users Assoc.	Fort Collins
Bustos Jr.	John	Retired, US Forest Service	Fort Collins
Caraway	Ray	Executive Director, Community Foundation of Northern Colorado	Fort Collins
Getchius	April	Town Manager, Town of Timnath	Timnath
Hummer	Scott	Manager, North Poudre Irrigation Co.	Wellington
Kehmeier	Ken	Sr. Aquatic Biologist, Colorado Parks & Wildlife	Fort Collins
Koleber	Mark	Water Supply Director, City of Thornton	Thornton
Malers	Steve	Chief Technology Officer, Open Water Foundation	Fort Collins
Modesitt	Brad	Owner, Mountain Whitewater Descents	Fort Collins
Odell	Wynne	Partner, Odell Brewing Company	Fort Collins
Reckentine	Eric	Deputy Director of Water Resources, City of Greeley Water and Sewer	Greeley
Reidhead	Jim	Retired	Fort Collins
Robenalt	Matt	Urban Redevelopment & Public Finance, Fort Collins Downtown Development Authority	Fort Collins
Sanderson	John	Director of Conservation Science, The Nature Conservancy	Fort Collins
Sears	Bill	President, American International Investment & Trading Co.	Laporte
Seaworth	Troy	Farmer, Seaworth Ag Enterprises	Wellington
Shannon	Rich	Vice President, Pinnacle Consulting Group - Real Estate Development	Fort Collins
Simpson	Mark	Poudre River Commissioner, State Engineer's Office	Loveland
Smolnik	Susan	Water Resources Engineer, City of Fort Collins Utilities	Fort Collins
Stokes	John	Natural Areas Department and Poudre River Sustainability Director, City of Fort Collins	Fort Collins
Streeter	Bob	Retired, US Fish & Wildlife, Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited & Colorado Division of Parks & Wildlife	Fort Collins
Trowbridge	Dale	General Manager, New Cache La Poudre Irrigating Co. & Cache La Poudre Reservoir Co.	Eaton
Willis	Wade	Parks & Open Space Manager, Town of Windsor	Fort Collins
Wind	Brad	Deputy Manager, Northern Water	Berthoud
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Robotham	Doug	Colorado Water Project Director, The Nature Conservancy	Denver
Conveners/Facilitators			
Waskom	Reagan	Director, Colorado Water Institute, Colorado State University	Fort Collins
Smith	MaryLou	Policy & Collaboration Specialist, Colorado Water Institute, Colorado State University	Windsor
Plombon	Beth	Graduate Student, Department of Sociology, Colorado State University	Fort Collins

Participants were chosen for their expertise related to the Poudre River, including those from the agricultural, environmental, municipal, industrial, recreational, business, development, and other sectors. Another factor in the selection of participants was the intent to include individuals associated with the wide diversity of organizations with interests in the Poudre River.

Organizations with which Poudre Runs Through it Work Group Members are Affiliated

American Canoe Association	Colorado Water Innovation Cluster	Northern Water
American River Association	Community Foundation of Northern Colorado	Open Water Foundation
American Water Resources Association (AWRA) - CO Section	Ducks Unlimited	Participant in Halligan/Seaman Water Management Project
Big Thompson Watershed Forum	Embrace Northern Colorado	Pheasants Forever
Cache La Poudre Reservoir Co.	Fort Collins Conservation District	Poudre Canyon Fire District
Cache La Poudre Water Users Association	Fort Collins Downtown Development Authority	Poudre Heritage Alliance
City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Dept.	Fort Collins Downtown Business Association	Poudre River Trail Corridor Inc.
City of Fort Collins Natural Resource Advisory Board	Fort Collins Housing Authority	Poudre River Trust
City of Fort Collins Utilities	Fort Collins Natural Resources Advisory Board	Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory
City of Greeley Water & Sewer Department	Fort Collins Water Board	Rocky Mountain Flycasters
City of Thornton	Larimer County Farm Services Administration	Save the Poudre
Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed	Legacy Land Trust	South Platte Roundtable
Colorado Ag Water Alliance	Lower Poudre Augmentation Co.	The Nature Conservancy
Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts	Lower Poudre Canyon Association	Town of Windsor
Colorado Conservation Exchange	Metro Roundtable	Trout Unlimited
Colorado Dry Bean Association	National Audubon Society	UniverCity Connections - Poudre Group
Colorado Foundation for Water Education	New Cache La Poudre Irrigating Co.	Weld County Underground Water Users Association
Colorado Open Space Alliance	North Poudre Irrigation Co.	Water Supply & Storage Company
Colorado Water Congress	North Front Range MPO	