GOALS FOR THE 2020 Poudre River Forum

LEARN: Gain an understanding of water quality challenges

RELATE: Appreciate a differing perspective on water quality and understand that we can find solutions together

CONNECT: Create new partnerships, cultivate existing collaborations, and meet new friends

ACT: Plan your impact to help keep our watershed healthy and clean for all

WHAT IS A HEALTHY WORKING RIVER?

The PRTI Study/Action Work Group’s definition of a healthy, working river is one that supplies the goods and services demanded by our complex society, within the existing and evolving water rights system and honoring existing property rights, while maintaining and improving ecological integrity and resilience.

A special thank you to our generous sponsors, presenters, display hosts, Emcee Sean Cronin, City of Fort Collins TV and photography, and to all who volunteered their time to make this event possible!

February 28, 2020
Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center
4705 Clydesdale Parkway, Loveland, CO

8:00 – 9:00  REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST, COFFEE, CONVERSATION, & VIEW DISPLAYS FROM LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
East Foyer

WELCOME & OVERVIEW OF TODAY’S PROGRAM
Pinyon Pine and River Birch A-C

9:00 – 9:25  Welcome & Framing the Day
Reagan Waskom, Director, Colorado Water Center

Who’s Here Today?
Emcee, Sean Cronin, Executive Director, St. Vrain and Left Hand Water Conservancy District

KEEPING IT CLEAN FROM HEADWATERS TO CONFLUENCE
Pinyon Pine and River Birch A-C

9:25 – 9:40  A Historical Perspective of Water Quality in the Poudre River Basin
Karen Scopel, Environmental Planner, City of Greeley Natural Areas & Trails Division; Board Member, Poudre Heritage Alliance

9:40 – 10:05  Water Quality 101: A Basin-Wide Perspective
Pat Pfaltzgraff, Director of the Water Quality Control Division, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

10:05 – 10:30  Implementation of Basinwide Water Quality Solutions
Mazdak Arabi, Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Colorado State University

10:30 – 10:50  BREAK & VIEW DISPLAYS
East Foyer

ECOSYSTEM IMPACTS ON WATER QUALITY
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10:50 – 11:15  Physical Drivers of River Health: Water, Sediment, and Large Wood
Ellen Wohl, Professor, Department of Geosciences at Colorado State University

11:15 – 11:40  Post Fire Impacts to Water Quality
Chuck Rhoades, Research Biogeochemist, Rocky Mountain Research Station, USFS
LUNCH, ANNUAL Poudre Basin Economic Update, & Poudre Pioneer Award
High Meadows Ballroom

11:40 – 12:50  LUNCH

Annual Economic Update: State of the Poudre’s Water Market
Brett Bovee, Intermountain Regional Director, WestWater Research

2020 Poudre Pioneer Award
Presented by Carol Cochran, Owner, Horse and Dragon Brewing Company; Poudre Runs Through It

QUALITY COLLABORATIONS FOR A HEALTHY, WORKING RIVER
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1:00 – 1:30  Collaborative Opportunities in the Poudre Basin: Northern Integrated Supply Project Adaptive Management Process
Pete Conover, Water Resources Specialist, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Poudre Runs Through It
Esther Vincent, Director of Environmental Services, Northern Water

1:30 – 2:50  Partnering on Water Quality Across Our Watershed
Moderated by Sean Chambers, Director, City of Greeley Water & Sewer Department
Mike Hungenberg, Owner, Hungenberg Produce
Jon Slutsky, Partner and General Manager, LaLuna Dairy
Dana Winkelmann, Unit Leader, Colorado Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit
Jill Oropeza, Director of Sciences, City of Fort Collins Utilities Water Quality Services Division

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
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2:50 – 3:30  Achieving More Together: Fostering Collaborations for Healthy, Working River
Josh Goldstein, Director of the Bridge Collaborative, The Nature Conservancy

3:30 – 4:30  CLOSING, RECEPTION, & DISPLAYS
High Meadows Ballroom and East Foyer
Special thanks to our reception sponsor, Odell Brewing Company!

The Forum is brought to you by the Poudre Runs Through It Study/Action Work Group (PRTI) and the Poudre River Forum Committee. PRTI brings together those who are most concerned about the Poudre as a working river – delivering urban and agricultural economic benefits – and those concerned about the river’s health. Building relationships and finding common ground for action has led to this annual event.

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