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July 9, 2025  
★ Star River Ranch  
Basalt, Colorado

# A Night for the Rivers

## Benefitting Roaring Fork Conservancy

We hope you enjoy *Currents*. This abbreviated publication is the new format for our biannual mailing. Please check our website and your inboxes to read our monthly e-newsletter *River Notes* for the most “current” updates.



# CURRENTS



## A Watershed Moment for Roaring Fork Conservancy

Nestled in the corner of the River Center’s classroom, an aquarium of rainbow trout draws the attention of visitors young and old. For the second year, Roaring Fork Conservancy (RFC) participated in Trout in the Classroom, in partnership with Colorado Trout Unlimited and the local Ferdinand Hayden Chapter. Since their arrival as eggs in October, RFC staff lovingly and diligently counted, fed, and cared for over 150 rainbow trout. On April 30, it was time to send our young brood, now measuring 2.5-3 inches in length and classified as fingerlings, out into the Roaring Fork River, to join the vibrant aquatic community just as spring runoff begins.



Spring in the watershed is a special time, where snow melts into rushing rivers and the resultant brown terrain is transformed into a vibrant green landscape, narrated by the songs of birds. This backdrop provided a picturesque setting for a class of giggling third graders from Two Rivers Community School to join RFC staff and friends releasing over 100 young trout into their new wild home. Blessed with sunshine and blue skies, something special happened as the students fed the fingerlings their first macroinvertebrates. Then, they placed the young trout in the river and excitedly watched them swim away. Dressed in boots and waders, RFC staff helped students temper the trout to ease the adjustment to the river’s temperature and checked water quality to ensure their new home was as suitable as their comfortable tank.

Over the past 30 years, we’ve taught students in and out of the classroom, caught countless fish, and hosted numerous events, but this day was different. This exceptional day was an unrivaled culmination of hard work, education, science, and good old-fashioned fun that will be remembered as a true “watershed moment” for this watershed organization!



# UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

**MAY 21**

**Birding Maroon  
Creek Wetlands**

7:30 AM

**MAY 31**

**18th annual River Float**

8:00 AM

**JUNE 9-11  
JUNE 16-18**

**Youth Beginner Fly  
Fishing Clinics**

8:30 AM

**JUNE 12,  
17 & 19**

**North Star Roaring  
Fork River Float**

3:00 PM

**JULY 10 & 24**

**Filoha Meadows  
Evening Exploration**

7:30 PM

**JULY 8 & 17**

**Family Filoha Meadows  
Evening Exploration**

7:30 PM

**JULY 21**

**Herron Park – Insects of  
the Roaring Fork River**

12:00 PM

**JULY 21**

**Water in the Age of  
Silver: Touring Aspen's  
"Holden Works"**

5:00 PM

**AUG 1**

**Twin Lakes Tunnel &  
Diversion Tour**

10:00 AM

**AUG 5**

**Family Daytime  
Exploration at Filoha**

9:00 AM

**AUG 9 - 10**

**Snowmass Plein Air Art  
Festival**

10:00 AM

**SEPT 24**

**Snowmass Water Supply  
Tour**

9:00 AM

**SEPT 30**

**Filoha Afternoon  
Walk**

3:00 PM

## Be a pain in the ANS!

### Excuse me?

We'll explain. **Aquatic Nuisance Species** are invasive plants, mussels and other invertebrates that are a growing threat to the waterways within the Roaring Fork Watershed and throughout the state. We need YOUR help **to be a pain in the ANS** to protect the rivers, lakes, and streams we all love.

After you fish, boat, kayak, or stand-up paddleboard **CLEAN, DRAIN, and DRY** all your gear. **Every time**. Yes, really, every time. Many ANS are so small they cannot be seen with our eyes and can even survive in damp and moist environments. That's precisely the time they are transported to a new waterway.

Find out more about the ANS species threatening Colorado, along with tips on how to clean, drain, and dry equipment, watercraft, trailers, and more by visiting Colorado Parks and Wildlife's ANS webpage at <https://cpw.state.co.us/aquatic-nuisance-species-program>.

## Lincoln Creek Update

RFC and the Lincoln Creek Workgroup will continue to focus on Lincoln Creek water quality monitoring in 2025. Planning is underway for another summer and fall of robust data collection with an emphasis on metals levels. RFC will again partner with Pitkin County Environmental Health to conduct water quality monitoring on both Lincoln Creek and the upper Roaring Fork River. This is in coordination with other agencies such as Colorado Parks and Wildlife and White River National Forest who will be collecting additional data. The workgroup has also hired LRE Water to provide consulting services based on their expertise in acid rock and mine drainage impacts on streams and rivers.

Lincoln Creek water quality samples from 2024 are in the final stages of laboratory analysis, after which data review and interpretation need to be conducted. As good science takes time, this means a meeting to share and discuss results will likely be scheduled this fall. RFC will be hosting that meeting and will share details as soon as they become available.



Colorado Parks & Wildlife

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## Congratulations, Ramsey Kropf!

**RFC will honor Ramsey Kropf as our 2025 Robert Billingsley River Conservator at A Night for the Rivers on July 9, 2025.**

Ramsey served as president of RFC's board of directors from 2011 to 2016. In 2016, she was appointed as the Deputy Solicitor in the Water Resources Division of the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C. Following her appointment, she joined the firm of Somach Simmons and Dunn in Boulder, CO. She currently mediates Indian water right settlements and other Reclamation matters in New Mexico and California, represents a variety of clients in the Colorado River Basin, along with work in Oregon's Klamath Basin, spearheading potential Indian water rights settlements in Washington State, and other Colorado, regional, and interstate water matters. Ramsey grew up ski racing in Colorado's Rocky Mountains and continues to count powder days at ski resorts and by backcountry skiing in remote mountain areas – including stops at Tenth Mountain Huts.

Ramsey has remained a close friend and colleague and we are thrilled to honor her achievements and service in the water world!

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## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

RFC recently completed a restoration project at Riverfront Park in Carbondale. If you are familiar with the park and use it, we'd love your feedback. Please take 5 minutes to complete our short, anonymous survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/RiverfrontParkSurvey2025](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RiverfrontParkSurvey2025) or scan the QR code:



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