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2025 Annual Report

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Message from Board President and Executive Director

Over the past 29 years, the Roaring Fork Watershed has faced its share of challenges, and this year was no different. Each year when we reflect on the past, we consider the things we can control, and those we can't. In spite of our best efforts, the old saying holds true, "You can't control the weather." We were reminded daily as we checked the forecasts for temperature and precipitation and managed what we could control - how to dress, iced coffee or hot coffee, and what the day's activities will be. Similarly, at RFC we found ourselves checking the forecasts somewhat obsessively - for snow, drought, runoff, and wildfires - to decide what to do next. This year we once again had low snowpack, low runoff, and drought conditions. This drove not only how we acted day to day, but what we studied and invested in long-term.

On page 9, you'll find an update on RFC's drought resiliency program. This innovative study brought together nonprofit, government, and private landowners to explore soil-based treatments to improve both soil health and product yield for ranchers in times of water shortage. This study is the direct result of persistent drought and water shortage in the West. While the ranches we partnered with may be miles from the river, as we know and teach in so many programs, what happens on the land impacts the rivers. So, when we talk over and over about drought, the call to action is always to use less water. Conserving water in our households, in our communities, on our lawns, and in our parks are all brought to

the forefront in times of drought. The word drought itself creates that uncomfortable feeling inside us because we can't control the weather and what we can control feels so hard to change.

Rather than changing habits every time the drought monitor turns yellow again, RFC is working to build resiliency. Oxford Languages defines resilience as "the capacity to withstand or recover quickly from difficulties." This is the choice to actively make changes not in anticipation of the difficult time, but of recovering from it. It changes the narrative from panicked and reactive, to proactive and results-oriented. Our drought resiliency study looks at how one can preemptively improve soil health to better recover from the next dry season. Projects like Crystal Riverfront Park make clear changes to the river to enhance not just the current state, but create future resiliency. RFC's water quality team is working to understand long-term trends on Lincoln Creek and how to manage a complex and contaminated system.

Lincoln Creek also shows us how rivers can recover from short-term impacts and the tipping point where those impacts overcome even the most resilient of waterways. We continue to rely on the resilience of our rivers in challenging years and work to enhance that durability through projects, studies, and stewardship. Your support, along with our combined action, will enhance protection for local rivers and prepare these natural systems for better resiliency and smoother recovery when drought years strike.



Pat McMahon

Pat McMahon
President,
Board of Directors



Rick Lofaro

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Executive Director

An In-Depth Look: Lincoln Creek

RFC continues to partner with the Lincoln Creek Workgroup to study water quality concerns on Lincoln Creek. In 2025, this work culminated in the largest sampling event ever conducted by RFC!

Lincoln Creek, a tributary to the upper Roaring Fork River, is increasingly impacted by elevated metals concentrations, stemming from unique geology in the area and exacerbated by climate change. These metals are transported down the creek, through Grizzly Reservoir, and eventually impact the Roaring Fork River as well.

The Lincoln Creek Workgroup is a collaboration of local, state, and federal agencies working together to understand and address these issues. In addition to ongoing water quality monitoring, a new component was added this year. During workgroup discussions LRE Water, a project consultant, recommended an in-depth analysis of upper Lincoln Creek. Out of this came the Synoptic Survey, a comprehensive study of a whole area, on Lincoln Creek and its tributaries above Grizzly Reservoir.

The goal of this survey was to collect water quality data and measure stream flow on every tributary to upper Lincoln Creek with a flow greater than 4 gallons per minute. This equated to 40+ tributaries over a 4-mile distance...a huge task! Adding to the challenge was the need to complete this work in a concise timeframe to eliminate variability.

While RFC staff took the lead in planning, organizing, and implementing this event, it was certainly a team effort. Significant support was provided by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), LRE Water, Pitkin County Environmental Health, U.S. Forest Service (USFS), and other partners. Funding was provided by Pitkin County Healthy Rivers.

After hundreds of hours of reconnaissance work, planning meetings, communication with laboratories, equipment and supply preparation, more meetings, and final logistical preparation, the survey occurred in late September. A relatively small group of staff from RFC and partner organizations conducted the work with an amazing outcome: 40 hours of work over 3 days, 54 sites visited, in-depth samples at 25 sites, and RFC's largest multi-day sampling event ever! While this event represented a "first" for RFC, several other noteworthy "firsts" included use of flumes for flow measurements, collection of isotope and fluoride samples, and camping during sampling (to save travel time).

Sample analysis and data compilation are currently underway. The end-goal is to provide an understanding of key inputs to the system and create a "water balance model" that can simulate potential mitigation alternatives. The success of this combined effort represents a crucial step in understanding and addressing this ongoing Lincoln Creek concern.



What did it take to conduct this Synoptic Survey?

- » 7 combined staff from RFC and partner organizations
- » 40 hours of field work over 3 days
- » \$53,000+ worth of high-tech water quality equipment
- » 54 in-stream water quality measurements
- » 51 flow measurements
- » 24 sets of water quality samples
- » 43 total parameters
- » 22,300 ml of sample water collected in 124 sample bottles
- » 3 days of scouting
- » 200+ hours prep time



Photo: Megan McConville, CPW



RFC is Being a Pain in the ANS!

Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) are aquatic plants and animals that invade lakes, reservoirs, rivers and streams and can also include fish pathogens and diseases, such as whirling disease. They deplete habitat for our native species, alter water quality, can clog waterways such as irrigation systems and water intake pipes, and can impact fishing, boating, and other water recreation. Local rivers are not immune to these serious concerns. CPW increased sampling efforts after the 2024 discovery of zebra mussel veligers (the free-swimming larval stage of certain mollusks) in the Colorado River between Glenwood Springs and the Colorado/Utah border.

To determine the extent of the zebra mussel infestation throughout the Western Slope, CPW led an ANS BioBlitz of the Roaring Fork, Colorado, and Eagle rivers with 70 people from nine partner agencies and groups, including RFC. CPW spent a day with RFC staff floating the Roaring Fork River from Carbondale to the confluence with the Colorado River, sampling the shoreline by flipping over rocks in search of snails and mussels. While many native snails and an abundance of macroinvertebrates were observed, New Zealand mudsnails were, unfortunately, discovered in the Roaring Fork River for the first time ever. New Zealand mudsnails are an invasive freshwater snail that reproduces rapidly and depletes aquatic habitats of food for native species, damaging ecosystems in the process.

Macroinvertebrates, native snails, and fish are all negatively affected by mudsnails. In fact, they are able to pass through a fish's digestive system unharmed, leaving the fish malnourished and the mudsnail free to eat, reproduce, and do more damage to the surrounding habitat. Another unfortunate discovery during the BioBlitz was the presence of adult zebra mussels in the Colorado River as far upstream as Glenwood Canyon.

The primary way ANS move is via humans when equipment which has been in the river, lake, or reservoir is not dried and/or cleaned properly. This includes, but is not limited to: fishing line/flyes, waders, wading boots, sandals, trailers, rafts, SUP's, kayaks, wet suits, etc. You name it; if it was in the water, it needs to be cleaned and dried properly. Further expansion of these species would be catastrophic for our river ecosystem, irrigation ditches, and all water infrastructure. Once a river or reservoir has ANS in it, they are nearly impossible to eradicate. In almost all cases, an infiltration of ANS isn't treatable or even fixable. This becomes a permanent problem that will cost taxpayers and local water users and officials an incredible amount of time and money. RFC will continue to work with CPW and the public to stay ahead of the ANS threat to our watershed. An ounce of prevention is worth a ton of cure, and we must be proactive now as a river community, which means 100% participation!

CLEAN.

- Keep your distance from storm drains and new bodies of water while cleaning all equipment.
- Remove all visible plant material, animals, and mud from the board, fin, and associated plugs.
- Clean all other equipment that was used including paddles, lifejackets, and leashes.

DRAIN.

- Ensure that all water has been drained from your watercraft.

DRY.

- Sponge or towel any areas where water has been unable to drain.
- Find a place where the watercraft can continue to dry completely.

LEARN MORE
about protecting waterways from ANS by scanning the QR code.



Drought Response

- 2025 brought drought and low-flow conditions to local rivers leading to water quality concerns, particularly related to high water temperatures. In response, water quality staff maintained temperature loggers in the lower Roaring Fork River and Crystal River. Data was downloaded weekly throughout the summer and RFC worked with CPW to address impacts on aquatic life.
- Seven volunteers and three staff took daily stream temperature measurements at 15 locations across the watershed as part of RFC's Hot Spots for Trout citizen science program.

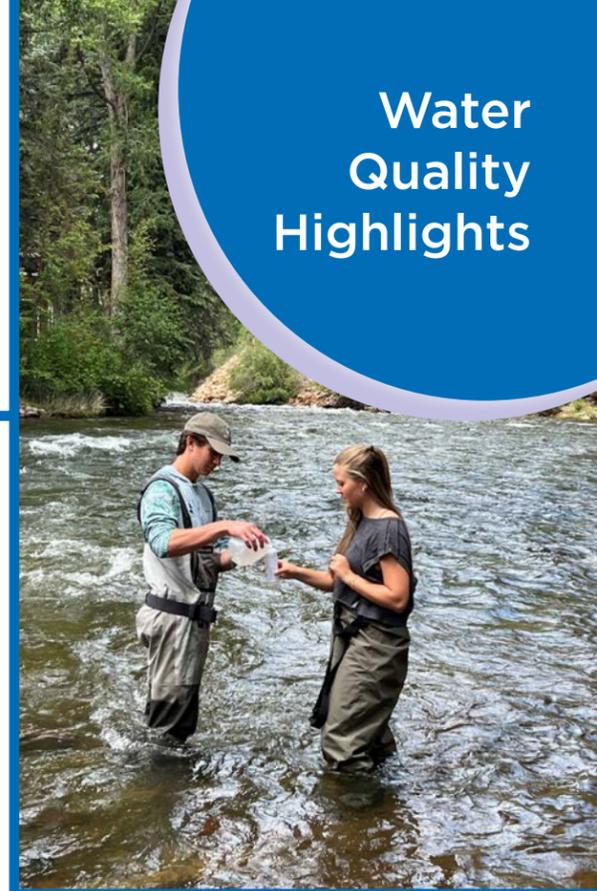
Colorado River Watch

- Partnered with volunteer Stream Teams to conduct regular water quality monitoring at 22 Roaring Fork Watershed sites. This continues RFC's robust effort to maintain baseline monitoring on streams and rivers throughout the watershed.
- Taught water quality monitoring and laboratory protocols to 60 students, teachers, and watershed groups at the annual River Watch State Training in Cedaredge, CO.
- Supported Middle Colorado Watershed Council and Glenwood Springs Middle School in their partnership to monitor Mitchell Creek in Glenwood Springs.
- Provided guidance and training to Basalt High School as they revived their River Watch program.

Lincoln Creek

- Partnered with Pitkin County Environmental Health to continue water quality monitoring on Lincoln Creek and the upper Roaring Fork River. Six rounds of monitoring were conducted at 14 sites, a significant expansion from previous years, with funding support from Pitkin County Healthy Rivers.
- In addition to RFC's own monitoring, water quality staff provided support to CPW sampling efforts.
- Responded to a fish kill incident at Grizzly Reservoir in coordination with CPW and the Lincoln Creek Workgroup. RFC and Pitkin County Environmental Health mobilized to conduct quick-response water quality monitoring.
- Teamed up with City of Aspen and USFS to install conductivity/temperature loggers in the Roaring Fork River at three sites near Aspen to gauge downstream impacts from Lincoln Creek.

Water Quality Highlights



Alpine Lake Algae Monitoring

- Continued efforts with Independence Pass Foundation to study the presence of algae and algae blooms in remote alpine lakes. Algal samples and general water quality measurements were taken at Linkins and Independence Lakes.

Fryingpan River

- RFC marked its twelfth-year monitoring levels of the algae *Didymosphenia geminata* (didymo) in the Fryingpan River. Didymo surveys and water quality monitoring were conducted at seven locations in spring, summer, and fall.
- RFC maintained temperature loggers at three sites in the Fryingpan River. These loggers measure stream temperature every hour and have operated nearly year-round since 2013.
- For the sixth consecutive winter, RFC monitored ice conditions at seven locations along the lower Fryingpan River to better understand connections between winter Ruedi Reservoir releases and anchor ice formation.



Defining Success Takes a Community

“WATER MANAGEMENT IS MORE ABOUT SOCIOLOGY THAN HYDROLOGY.”

Chris Treese, retired External Affairs Manager at the Colorado River Water Conservation District and current Chair of the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority



Photo: Matt Brockman

When this was said at a meeting nearly a decade ago, stream management planning was a new concept and quickly growing in popularity. RFC was engaged in the early phases of the Crystal Management Plan, where we brought together stakeholders to ask and answer questions about the Crystal River, to collaboratively find ways to live, work, and thrive in the communities on and around the Crystal. For the team working on that plan, Chris’s meaning was and remains clear: the best evaluations and science are rendered useless without the input and buy-in of those who hold, lease, manage, and use water.

In many ways, this has meant a transition from the historic process of groups - whether they be government, nonprofit, or otherwise - hire a consultant or create a study which dictates to a group of land or water owners what is “best” for them. The process of stream management planning, in its evolution, created a new standard

of community, stakeholders, and researchers coming together to not just discuss the process, but to shape it from its inception. In this way, the scientific process along with the art of community engagement have both improved alongside the ability to implement recommended actions.

What happens after the project is complete? We know how to measure instream outcomes - water chemistry, biological indicators like macroinvertebrates and fish, and riparian surveys are all proven methods to measure success of a restoration project. But what about the community? How do we know if all those folks whose input was so valuable to the planning process are satisfied with the outcomes and participating in the intended uses? To answer this question, RFC worked with Research Evaluation Consultants

(REC) on the Crystal Riverfront Park Impact Report. Through analysis of conversations and surveys with key stakeholders and community members, REC’s staff evaluated the goals and outcomes of the Riverfront Park project. The study found “that the Crystal Riverfront Park Restoration Project has made a positive impact on both the Carbondale community and the surrounding environment. The project helped and will likely continue to help restore vegetation and improve the riparian zone.” This process, new to stream restoration, will help give a comprehensive picture of watershed projects and their value not only to the ecology and hydrology, but to the sociology that defines our communities.

Read the report and survey results by scanning the QR code.



Drought Resiliency Update

In continuation of the drought resiliency study that began in 2023, RFC and partner Lotic Hydrological worked with Pitkin County and three local ranches over the summer to collect data associated with the soil amendments applied to each field at project onset. Soil moisture, forage yield, plant coverage class, and soil health were again evaluated at specific intervals throughout the summer, for which data is still being analyzed. RFC is striving to continue collecting data through 2027 to better understand long-term impacts of the study parameters.



1. The weekly collecting of soil moisture data at the Martineau Lease Property. 2. RFC staff use this frame quadrat (1-meter square) for collecting yield data. 3. After grass is clipped, a wet weight is recorded and it is left to dry for at least two weeks. A dry weight is collected and samples are then sent to Colorado State University Soil, Water, and Plant Testing Lab for analysis. 4. A scientist’s “cheat sheet” for grass identification and the scale used for assessing percentage of cover for each quadrat.

Community Outreach and Engagement



River Stewards

The River Stewards are a dedicated group of young professionals who live, work, and play in the Roaring Fork Valley. They come from diverse backgrounds and careers and are united by a passion for conservation and protecting our watershed. River Stewards are an extension of RFC's outreach program and ambassadors advancing RFC's mission. These passionate individuals engage other young professionals to promote responsible use of our water resources and river etiquette throughout the community and at outreach and fundraising events.

Buttermilk Uphill Breakfast Club

Over 200 people learned water trivia while they hiked, snowshoed, or skinned to the top of Buttermilk Mountain, commemorating World Water Day. Skiers met RFC staff and River Stewards, and learned more about the Roaring Fork Watershed and the City of Aspen Clean River Program before they skied down.

International Game Fish Association (IGFA): Virtual Macroinvertebrate Study

IGFA education staff are creating a virtual, comprehensive fly fishing training program for beginner fly anglers. One part of the program is a macroinvertebrate study which was conducted on a headwater stream in Rocky Mountain National Park and led by RFC staff. This program will soon be available world-wide.



"Iron Fly" Fly Tying Competition

Roaring Fork Valley Fly Fishing Club and RFC co-hosted the 9th annual Iron Fly Competition at the Topsy Trout in early February. Iron Fly is a fly tying event combined with a little friendly competition. Competitors are provided with secret and "funky" materials that must be used in each creative fly tied. Over 100 people attended this fun-filled annual fundraiser for both organizations.

Roaring Fork and Crystal Rivers State of the River

The Colorado River District's annual State of the River meetings bring communities together to discuss the most pressing water issues facing the Western Slope and beyond. These free events offer an opportunity to hear directly from water experts to better understand the factors shaping the future of our rivers, while providing valuable insights into river forecasts, local water projects, and key challenges impacting West Slope water users. RFC co-hosted this event in Carbondale and had 125 participants. RFC staff also presented updates on Lincoln Creek and the Crystal River Restoration at Riverfront Park.

City of Glenwood Springs River Commission

RFC participated in the 10th annual Glenwood Springs River Commission's annual RiverFEST event. Approximately 175 volunteers cleaned up 2,500 lbs. of metal and 2,250 lbs. of waste along streams and rivers throughout Glenwood Springs.

The Brooksher Watershed Institute

The Brooksher Watershed Institute hosted local, state, regional, and national water leaders who gave public presentations about our most precious resource, water. Five programs were offered in 2025, and each program provided opportunities for all 294 participants to engage in dialogue with these water leaders. The presentations were:

- What's the Big Deal with Lincoln Creek?* with Megan McConville, Ph.D., Water Quality Specialist at CPW and Chad Rudow, RFC's Water Quality Program Manager
- Dogs Are "Sniffing Out" Threats to Rivers* with Pete Coppelillo, Ph.D., Executive Director of Working Dogs for Conservation
- Are there Rare Earth Elements and Trace Metals in Lincoln Creek?* with Adam Odorisio, Graduate Student at University of Colorado Boulder
- Sacred Water, Wondrous River* with Lorelei Cloud, Johnny Le Coq, and Ramsey Kropf
- All Innovations for Weather, Snow, and Avalanche Risk* with Joel Gratz, CEO and Founding Meteorologist of OpenSnow

18th annual River Float

Believing that the best way to learn about the river is to get on it, RFC staff and boat ambassadors taught over 56 participants about local wildlife, water rights, riparian habitat, and more, while floating the middle Roaring Fork River.

27th Annual Watershed Cleanup

Volunteers for the annual Watershed Cleanup picked up road and stream-side debris over the course of a week. Over 140 residents and visitors cleaned up trash along 14 miles of road adjacent to the Fryingpan River, the Roaring Fork River from Aspen to Glenwood Springs, and the Crystal River.



Photo: Jessi Rochel



Photo: Nick DeGennaro

Watershed PenPal Program Continues



Watershed PenPals: Connecting Through Water is a video produced by Flylords, an online magazine based in Basalt, Colorado, with an international reach for all things fly fishing. This video underscores the core messages of both Watershed PenPals and Meet Your Headwaters programs. The video shows how rivers connect us and illustrates how collaboration is required to protect and conserve water in the West. It features a six-minute highlight of program experiences demonstrating how our shared water systems can unite rather than divide us.

In 2025, *Watershed PenPals: Connecting Through Water* was aired to communities, water leaders, and classrooms across the state. The video was shown at Colorado Water Conservation Board's (CWCB) annual C9 Summit, a collaborative gathering of Colorado's diverse water stakeholders, including Basin Rountable members, the Interbasin Compact Committee (IBCC), and the public. Dan Gibbs, Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources, Lauren Ris, Executive Director of CWCB, and Becky Mitchell, Colorado's Representative on the IBCC, have referenced the program as one that inspires positive change during a time of water scarcity and conflict. Watershed PenPals continues to create and cultivate connections across the state to benefit our shared water resources.

Scan QR code to watch the video.



Making Waves Across Colorado

The Meet Your Headwaters Exhibit, a 10-foot by 8-foot transportable "wall", showcasing student experiences by highlighting student photography and journal entries, has been on display at the following locations:

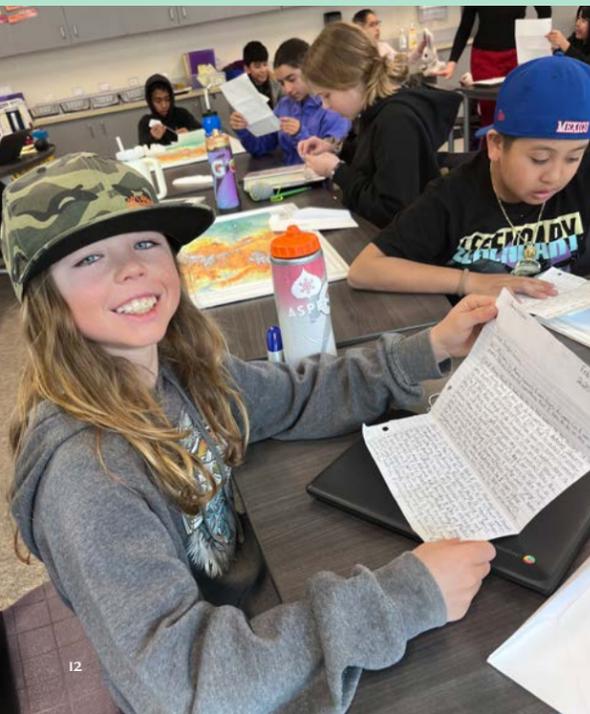
- Aurora Municipal Center, Aurora
- Tallyn's Reach Library, Aurora
- SEAM Building, Aurora
- Vista Peak Exploratory School, Aurora
- CSU Spur Hydro Building, Denver
- RFC, Basalt
- Basalt City Hall, Basalt
- Colorado River District Annual Seminar at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction
- Sustaining Colorado Watersheds Conference, Avon
- C9 Summit, Lakewood
- Basalt Middle School, Basalt



Students Become an Ecologist for a Day

Since 2020, RFC has taught Riparian Ecology Assessment (REA) programs to young stewards of our watershed and open spaces. Generously funded by Pitkin County Open Space and Trails, this program allows students to use field ecology tools to make observations, gather data to help rank erosion, rate plant species diversity, and sample various water quality parameters between two different field study sites: one with open space protections and one with more development and human impact.

This hands-on field experience allows students to learn about the important ecological services riparian and wetland areas provide, while using data to draw their own conclusions about the importance of protecting riparian habitat. To date, RFC has taught more than 2,100 students in 98 REA programs at North Star Nature Preserve, Herron Park, Elk Park, and Placita field study sites.



2025 EDUCATION IMPACTS

Roaring Fork Conservancy educators taught **304** education programs making over **6,980** contacts in 2025!

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

14 Watershed Explorations that included river floats, hikes through riparian habitats, and excursions to view fireflies in rare thermal wetlands reached **349** participants.

61 Adults and youth attended RFC led fly fishing clinics.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

44 First year raft guides received River Ecology Interpretation training.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

RFC educators taught **243** river and watershed related school programs reaching **4,846 STUDENTS.**

34% of education programs took place at The River Center



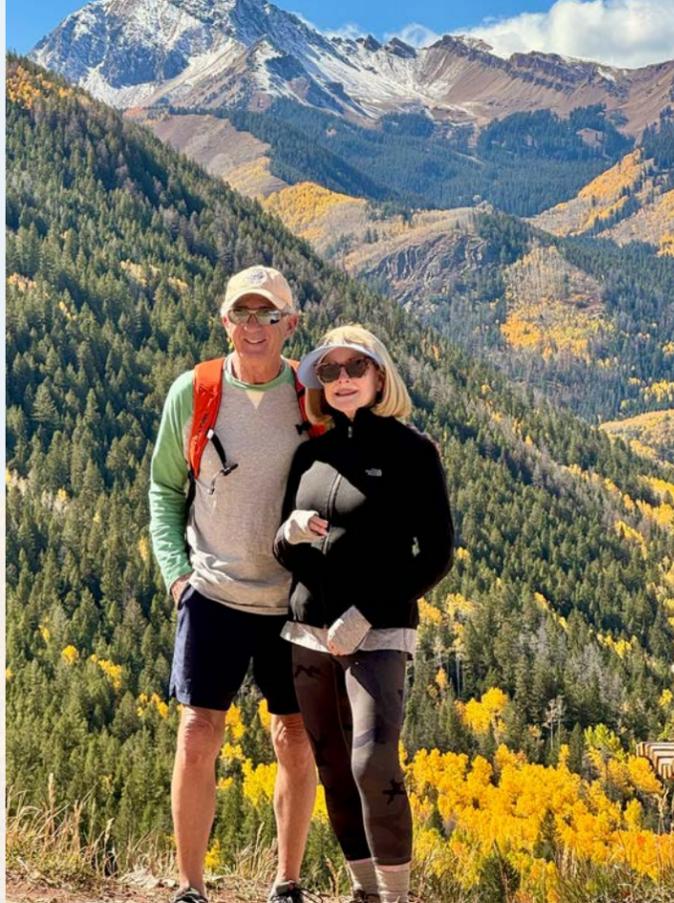
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 Wilderness Workshop
 Winter Wildlands Alliance
 Yampah Mountain High School





CINDA AND MIKE CARRON

National Council Supporter Spotlight



WHAT DO YOU WISH PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT RFC?

As we have become more involved with RFC, we find ourselves assuming the role of RFC ambassadors. There are many well-deserving organizations in the valley but very few demonstrate the commitment to preserving our most important natural resource...water.

As our area experiences periods of drought, the necessity to regulate and maintain clean water becomes paramount. Our rivers and streams are the lifeblood of our valley and their importance extends far beyond the boundaries of our watershed and the state of Colorado. This is where it starts, and residents and visitors to our valley should take pride in the responsibility we've been assigned.



WHAT HOOKED YOU WITH RFC?

Both Cinda and I have always felt that we are stewards of our environment, protecting our natural resources for future generations. Living in the Roaring Fork Valley we quickly realized the critical importance of our watershed. Our neighbor, a longtime resident and RFC board member, introduced us to RFC. Through various watershed projects and educational outreach programs we realized that RFC was the type of organization that prioritized responsible management of our rivers and riparian habitat.

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO GIVE YOUR FIRST GIFT?

Several years ago, we attended RFC's annual fundraiser. Two things impressed us that evening. The educational portion of the program was concise, thorough, and did an excellent job of describing what RFC has done since its inception in 1996 and what it sees as its future role. Secondly, was the opportunity to meet the dedicated staff who are fully committed to the success of RFC. Providing that initial gift was an easy decision.

Thank you to our 2025 National Council!

Representing all parts of the United States, RFC National Council members make annual membership contributions that serve as the foundation of RFC's annual funding. Their investment enables us to serve as a voice for the rivers, execute sound river science, inform decision-makers, and educate the current and next generation of river stewards.

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A Night for the Rivers

Thank you all for making A Night for the Rivers a truly memorable and successful evening for the protection and preservation of our Roaring Fork Watershed!

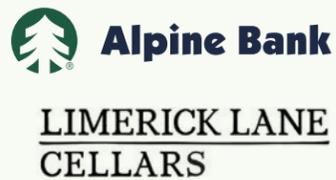
This year's event was an incredible evening for bringing people together to protect our rivers! We are so grateful to our generous sponsors, auction donors, supporters, volunteers, and the teams behind the scenes that made it happen!

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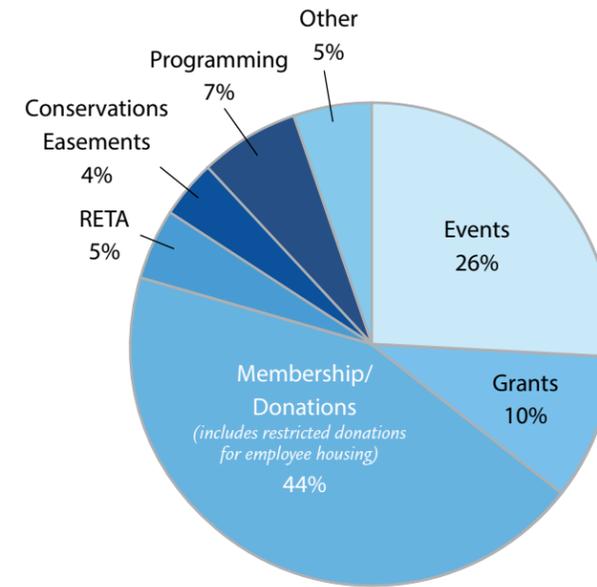


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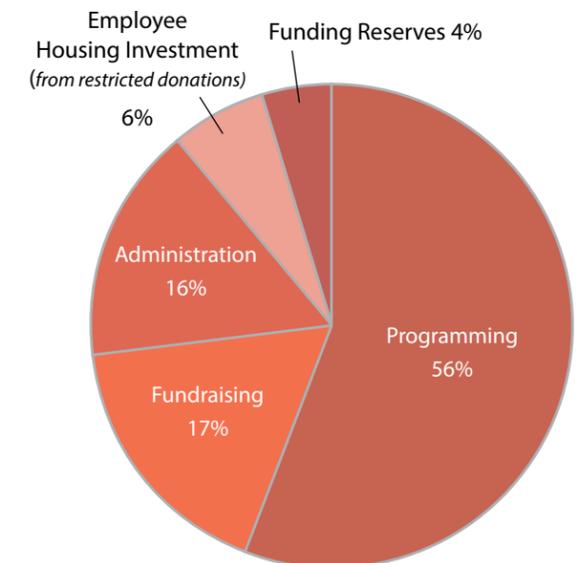
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Other	\$82,654
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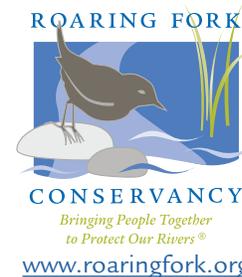
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