



U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region Watershed Partners

Creative Collaborations: Here is a sampling of notable Rocky Mountain Region watershed partners:

[Aurora Water](#) provides quality water to the citizens of Aurora (in the Denver area) and actively promotes water conservation and recycling.

[Clear Creek Watershed Foundation](#) is a non-profit organization that works with watershed stakeholders to improve conditions in this watershed near Denver, CO.

[Coalition for the Upper South Platte](#) works with federal, state, and private partners to restore the healthy function of Denver's major source watershed.

[Colorado Department of Natural Resources](#) works to develop, preserve, and enhance the State's natural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of citizens and visitors (see *Division of Water Resources* and *Colorado Water Conservation Board* on this website).

[Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#) is responsible for protecting and restoring the quality of surface and ground water and assuring that public water systems provide safe drinking water.

[Colorado Division of Wildlife](#) manages wildlife and fish populations in Colorado and works with national forests to restore cutthroat trout and other native animals to streams, wetlands, and riparian areas.

[Colorado Foundation for Water Education](#) provides educational information on water resource topics, river basin tours, and professional development courses.

[Colorado Watershed Assembly](#) is a non-profit advocate for watershed organizations in the State that works to build strong local watershed groups and citizen involvement.

[Denver Water](#) provides water to over 2.5 million people in the Denver area and actively promotes water conservation.

[Front Range Watershed-Wildfire Protection Group](#) is a partnership of federal and state agencies and water providers working to protect source watersheds from severe wildfires. For key material, see ***Watershed Protection*** at the Front Range Fuel Treatment Partnership site.

Kansas State Conservation Commission administers programs to improve water quality, reduce soil erosion, conserve water, reduce flood potential, and provide local water supply.

[MillerCoors Brewing Company](#) has used Clear Creek water (near Denver, CO) since 1873 and has donated tens of thousands of dollars and hundreds of volunteer hours to watershed restoration work in the Clear Creek watershed since 2007.

[Mountain Studies Institute](#) is an independent, not-for-profit institution and high-altitude field station established to increase the knowledge and use of the San Juan Mountains.

National Fish & Wildlife Foundation is a non-profit organization that preserves and restores native wildlife species and habitats by matching public conservation money with private funds.

[National Forest Foundation](#) receives donations, awards grants, and helps coordinate work to restore and enhance our national forests and grasslands.

National Park Service conserves the scenery, ecology, and history of 84 million acres of national parks, monuments, historic sites, battlefields preserves, recreation areas, seashores, and other treasures.

[Natural Resources Conservation Service](#) (originally the Soil Conservation Service) helps private land owners and managers conserve their soil, water, and other natural resources.

[Nebraska Department of Natural Resources](#) works with Nebraska's citizens and leaders to manage and conserve the State's water and soil resources.

Project WET is a non-profit organization educating children, parents and teachers that we all need water, that water connects us all, and that we are all responsible to manage water sustainably.

[Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation](#) works to protect the future of elk, other wildlife and their terrestrial and aquatic habitats.

[South Dakota Department of Environment & Natural Resources](#) works to protect public health and the environment through monitoring, project assistance, and regulation.

[The Nature Conservancy](#) is a major conservation organization working to protect ecologically important lands and waters.

Trees, Water & People is a non-profit organization that helps communities protect, conserve, and manage natural resources, with a focus on reforestation, watershed protection, renewable energy, and environmental education.

[Trout Unlimited](#) works to conserve, protect and restore cold-water fisheries and their watersheds.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service conserves, protects, and enhances fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats by managing 96 million acres of national wildlife refuges, operating 70 national fish hatcheries, and enforcing key environmental laws.

U.S. Geological Survey provides scientific information to enhance understanding about the earth and its land

and water resources and to reduce damage from natural disasters.

[Vail Resorts](#) operates several ski areas in Colorado and has joined the National Forest Foundation and the U.S. Forest Service in a major public-private partnership restoration project, to renew forest and watershed health in the Upper South Platte River watershed near Denver that was damaged by the epic Hayman Fire of 2002.

Watershed Management Council is a non-profit organization that promotes watershed stewardship by integrating knowledge, encouraging research, and supporting new laws and policies.

[Western Forestry Leadership Coalition](#) is a unique state-federal partnership helping family forest owners, rural and state fire organizations, and community forest groups improve forest health, encourage land conservation, and stimulate community economies.

[Western Governors' Association](#) develops policy, promotes shared solutions, and carries out programs to address critical issues in the West, including water, energy, and climate change.

[Western States Water Council](#) promotes cooperation among 18 western states in conserving, developing, and managing water resources. It reports to the Western Governors' Association.

[Western Water Assessment](#) provides information about natural climate variability and human-caused climate change to assist water-resource decisions.

[Wildlands Restoration Volunteers](#) is a non-profit organization that provides an opportunity for people to learn about their natural environment, and take direct action to restore and care for the land.

[Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts](#) represents 34 local conservation districts in the state.

[Wyoming Conservation Corps](#) connects young adults with hands-on natural resource management and leadership service projects.

[Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality](#) protects, conserves and enhances the environment while supporting responsible stewardship of the state's resources.

Wyoming Game & Fish Department manages and protects populations of wildlife and fish throughout the state of Wyoming.

[Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust](#) funds enhancement and conservation of wildlife habitat and natural resource values in the state.