

CONSERVATION ISSUES AND ACTIONS

1979	Colorado's Elk River, tributary to the Yampa, gets tentative approval for National Wild and Scenic River designation
1979	National Wild and Scenic River status is being considered for the Conejos River, the Dolores River, and Westwater Canyon and parts of Ruby and Horsethief Canyons on the Colorado River
1982	BLM planning to start charging river runners \$2/day on certain rivers; not charging fishermen, hunters, ORVers, or campers
1982	RMCC is non-political but encouraging members to give money to organizations fighting dam building including National Organization of River Sports or Colorado White Water Association
1984	Article in the newsletter noting the closing of the gates to finish the Dolores River of Sorrows -- losing the second to the last wild river in Colorado.
1984	Rivers can no longer be closed to kayaks and canoes: Governor Lamm signed a bill prohibiting "safety closures", apparently used to keep kayakers off the South Platte
1985	Two Forks Dam Project - note in newsletter to submit comments
1985	Creating a River Bank in your House - \$1 a day of boating contributed to a conservation organization; Kerry Edwards
1986	River Rendezvous 4 - 4 days of river seminars and videos in Telluride; fund raiser for river conservation; Katie Lee singing and showing short film "Cracking of Glen Canyon Dam"
1987	Discussion of activism -- perspective of Bill Nelson, just moved to the east
1987	Two Forks Dam Project still an issue
1988	Arkansas River State Park Proposal: brief history of proposed management of Arkansas River Corridor from Leadville to Pueblo Reservoir; asking RMCC officers to decide on a cutoff point for expenditures to participate in advising
1988	Article by John Williams opposing the Animas LaPlata Project
1988	Articles: Arkansas River Management Plan, Terry Owen and Rick Andrews; excellent description of the issues and the groups participating
1988	Rick Andrews suggest "Team Tackle" approach for jointly applying for elusive river permits
1988	Fall Meeting: Lieutenant Governor Mike Callahan attended to thank Wally Booth for taking him down the South Platte to the confluence with the North Fork (Two Forks?)

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1989	Newsletter Article: The Logic Behind the Two Forks Dam, Wally Booth
1990	Reminder to comment on Two Forks
1991	Update from Jennifer Reinbrecht, RMCC liason to Citizen Advisory Task Force for the Arkansas River Recreation Area
1991	"Idaho vs The Dam Builders" article taken from High Country News
1992	Proposed dam at Rifle on the Colorado River and discussion of river access; President Lowell Stephens
1998	Arkansas River Plan
2000	South Platte River Clean Up promoted by Jim Hollaway
2000	Colorado Rivers Alliance organized a local Pass the Paddle event for the Rivers 2000 project using one paddle to paddle across the country. The paddle will eventually be presented to President Clinton.
2000	8th Annual South Platte Cleanup (AKA NIMBYFEST)
2005	Article: Colorado Senate Bill 62. Limits on Recreational In-Channel Diversions by Doug Green
2006	CO Division of Wildlife institutes a Habitat Stamp for boaters, bikers, etc. to use State Wildlife Areas: \$10
2006	Roadless Area Conservation Rule repeal effort (President Bush)
2006	Selling of federal public lands (President Bush)
2006	Colorado Senate Bill 37: restricts the in-stream flow right of the white water parks during low water (flows of less than 90% of average)
2007	Volunteer weeding project at the South Platte Park in Littleton: Removing the common buckthorn promoted by Jeanne Willson
2009	Cleaning up tamarisk; Greg Jankowski
2010	Club's Dolores River Interests represented by Tony Littlejohn of Mancos, CO
2013	Protect Our Rivers license place approved by the General Assembly and on the way to Governor Hickenlooper
2018	Discussion on increasing our conservation and service efforts, including river cleanups, restoration projects, helping others get on the water.

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2018	Website spreadsheet of information sources and potential partner organizations for conservation and other projects; Lynne Carpenter
2018	Presentation by Mark Squillace, CU Law School on Stream Access Issues
2018	Investigating financially supporting conservation organizations; Lindsay Meeks coordinating
2019	First Otter Conservation Award to Wildland Restoration Volunteers: a plaque and \$500 donation
2020	Presentation: Conversations on the Colorado Water Plan and Other Colorado Water Development/Management Issues; Doug Kenny, Getches-Wilkinson Center at CU Law School
2022	Conservation Coordinator Anne Fiore monitored/distributed info on boating and water-related issues being considered in Congress and on activities and proposals of federal and state agencies.
2022	\$250 donation to the 15th Annual River Cleanup on the South Platte
2022	Advertised river cleanup projects and updated the Conservation/Service webpage
2023	Second Otter Conservation Award to Western Rivers Conservancy: a plaque and \$500 donation
2024	Conservation Coordinator Anne Fiore and members circulated information on river cleanups, access and conservation issues to the GoogleGroup
2024	Comments submitted with Poudre Paddlers on Chimney Hollow reservoir west of Carter Lake.
2024	Book Recommendations added to the website Conservation page
2025	Conservation Coordinator Michael Johnson and members circulated information on river cleanups, access and conservation issues to the GoogleGroup
2025	Renewed interest in stream access through private lands for boaters and other recreational users
2025	While the club remains a "Social Club", Individuals commented on and protested federal plans to sell public lands, eliminate the Roadless Rule, gut the ESA and NEPA, and dessimate the federal workforce
2025	Third Otter Conservation Award: to be awarded soon.