



Coalition for the Upper South Platte

**Watershed News**

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## WATER QUALITY WORK

Water testing in the Middle Fork area to quantify existing conditions and possible impacts from historic and modern mining operations. Partnership with Park County Commissioners and Colo. Dept. of Public Health and Environment.

Installation of river access stairs in the Deckers area to control bank erosion and impacts to river habitat. Partnership with South Platte Enhancement Board and Trout Unlimited.

Study to remove historic dam spillway that is the only blockage for aquatic life between Eleven Mile Dam and Strontia Springs Reservoir. Partnership with South Platte Enhancement Board and Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife.



## WHAT IS A WATERSHED?

“An area of land where all the precipitation that falls on it, and drains off of it, goes to a common outlet.”

-US Geological Survey

## MUSHROOM STUDY

CUSP continues our study on using mushrooms to break down wood chips that result from forest mitigation projects. The results have been very promising, and we continue to expand the research.



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## VISION

A healthy watershed – now and in the future

## MISSION

To protect the water quality and ecological health of the Upper South Platte Watershed, through the cooperative efforts of watershed stakeholders, with emphasis placed on community values and economic sustainability.



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## FORESTRY PROJECTS AND FIRE MITIGATION

- Neighborhood Fuels Reduction—Our chipper and crews travel the water-shed, helping communities manage their fuels reduction efforts.
- Slash Sites—The Divide and Bailey sites will be open on weekends through October.
- Community Focused Efforts—We continue to work with communities on Wildfire Protection Plans, assessing fire risk, mitigation, and safety con-cerns such as evacuation routes.



## STAFF CHANGES

Helen Dyer, our Outreach and Development Director, retired in April. We will miss her bright sense of humor and amazing culinary skills.

Jane Mannon has been appointed to fill Helen's shoes, ably assisted by Shannon Cleary. That is why you haven't heard from us this summer. Jane and Shannon are busy getting to know the programs and projects. Contact us at [Jane@cusp.ws](mailto:Jane@cusp.ws) or [Shannon@cusp.ws](mailto:Shannon@cusp.ws)

## NOXIOUS WEED MITIGATION

- Colorado State Law requires property owners to mitigate weeds.
- Volunteers and property owners are the key to addressing invasive weeds.
- Weed eradication helps preserve native plants, helping to preserve watershed health.

