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Alberto Crespo with his catch on the shore of Brush Hollow Reservoir.

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Colin Cipolla is all smiles with his catch from Granby Reservoir.

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Laila Seibert caught this 22" monster through the ice at Deweese Reservoir.

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Bobby Erbe shows off his catch on a beautiful day at Chatfield Reservoir.

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Nick Sauer and his catch from Pelican Pond at St. Vrain State Park.

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Matt Taylor on Bear Creek Reservoir.

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Cooper Skalla and his catch near Silverton.  
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▲ Ronnie Romero and his catch pulled in from Granby Reservoir. © Ronnie Romero



Rafael Lopez on Poudre Learning Center Pond.  
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Shawn Buster on Cheesman Reservoir.  
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Kolten fishing in style on Pueblo Reservoir.  
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Juan Camacho shows off his catch from Pelican Pond at St. Vrain State Park.  
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## CPW ADMINISTRATIVE, REGIONAL & AREA OFFICE LOCATIONS

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Denver, 80216  
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**REGISTRATION OFFICE**

Boat, Snowmobile, Off-Highway Vehicle  
13787 US Hwy. 85 N  
Littleton, 80125

**ONLY** the offices below can assist hunters with animal checks and taking samples that are related to hunting activities. See CPW's website for a complete list of our park locations that can also sell licenses, issue duplicate licenses and accept some licenses for refunds.

**BRUSH**

28167 County Rd. T  
Brush, 80723  
970-842-6300

**GRAND JUNCTION**

711 Independent Ave.  
Grand Junction, 81505  
970-255-6100

**MONTE VISTA**

0722 S. Rd. 1 E.  
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719-587-6900

**COLORADO SPRINGS**

4255 Sinton Rd.  
Colorado Springs, 80907  
719-227-5200

**GUNNISON**

200 S. Spruce St.  
Gunnison, 81230  
970-641-7060

**MONTROSE**

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Denver, 80216  
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346 Grand County Rd. 362  
Hot Sulphur Springs, 80451  
970-725-6200

**PUEBLO**

600 Pueblo Reservoir Rd.  
Pueblo, 81005  
719-561-5300

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151 E. 16th St.  
Durango, 81301  
970-247-0855

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2500 S. Main St.  
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7405 Hwy. 50  
Salida, 81201  
719-530-5520

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Fort Collins, 80526  
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73485 Hwy. 64  
Meeker, 81641  
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Steamboat Springs, 80487  
970-870-3333

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0088 Wildlife Way  
Glenwood Springs, 81601  
970-947-2920



# WHAT'S NEW: 2024

## ▶ NEW REGULATIONS FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES:

- **The West Fork of Clear Creek, Duck Creek, the Square Top Lakes, and Williams Gulch:** Fishing with fly and lure only and catch-and-release. *See pages 11–39.*
- **Blue River and Tenmile Creek:** Brown trout over 14 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water upon catch and fishing is prohibited Sept. 1–Dec. 1. *See pages 13 and 37.*
- **Dillon Reservoir:** Brown trout over 14 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water upon catch. *See page 20.*
- **Hermosa Creek:** Fishing is prohibited 100 feet upstream and downstream of the fish barrier located 0.1 miles below the East Fork of Hermosa Creek confluence. *See page 25.*

## ▶ NEW RECORDS BY WEIGHT AND LENGTH:

Look for the **NEW** tag on pages 6 and 7 for the newest records by weight and length, and go to [cpw.info/fishing-records](http://cpw.info/fishing-records) for how to properly weigh and measure your fish.

## ▶ KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

There are actions you can take and available resources to consult **BEFORE** you head out on your next adventure that will help make your fishing experience the best it can be.

CPW encourages you to disinfect your fishing gear (*page 4*), know the statewide and special regulations for the water you plan to visit (*starting on page 8*), and be aware of the local fishing conditions such as water level/stream flow and water temperature (*page 5*). You may also contact the local CPW Area Office for more information: [cpw.info/contact-us](http://cpw.info/contact-us)

# LICENSE INFORMATION

**SEASON DATES:** Colorado waters are open to taking fish, amphibians and crustaceans day and night, year round, except if otherwise stated in the regulation section of this brochure. *See pages 11–39.*

**FREE FISHING DAYS:** Residents and nonresidents can fish without a license or Habitat Stamp from June 1–2, 2024. All other rules and regulations apply.

## LICENSE FEES, HABITAT STAMPS & ANS STAMP

HABITAT STAMPS	FEE
▪ Annual Habitat Stamp ( <i>nonrefundable</i> ) .....	<b>\$12.15</b>
<i>Only one is required per person, ages 18–64, per year buying or applying for a license.</i>	
▪ Lifetime Habitat Stamp .....	<b>\$364.63</b>
AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES (ANS) STAMP	AMOUNT
<i>required for motorboats and sailboats</i>	
▪ <b>RESIDENTS:</b> Annual .....	<b>\$25.00</b>
▪ <b>NONRESIDENTS:</b> Annual .....	<b>\$50.00</b>
LICENSES	FEE
▪ <b>RESIDENTS</b>	
Adult annual (18–64) .....	<b>\$41.83</b>
Senior annual (65+) .....	<b>\$11.47</b>
Youth ages 16–17 ( <i>second-rod stamp charge still applies; see below</i> ) .....	<b>\$11.47</b>
Small game & fishing combo .....	<b>\$60.05</b>
Senior small game & fishing combo (65+) .....	<b>\$35.32</b>
▪ <b>NONRESIDENTS</b>	
Annual .....	<b>\$117.14</b>
Five-day .....	<b>\$38.19</b>
▪ <b>RESIDENTS &amp; NONRESIDENTS</b>	
Second-rod stamp .....	<b>\$12.68</b>
<i>A second-rod stamp per year is available to anyone who has purchased a fishing license and to any youth under 16.</i>	
One-day fishing*: residents .....	<b>\$16.33</b>
One-day fishing*: nonresidents .....	<b>\$19.97</b>
Additional-day fishing* .....	<b>\$7.82</b>

\*Customers buying a one-day or one-additional day license are exempt from the Habitat Stamp fee with the first two of these licenses. The Habitat Stamp fee will be assessed when a third license of this type is purchased.

All license fees include a **25-cent** search-and-rescue fee and a **\$1.50** fee for the Wildlife Education Fund.

ANNUAL LICENSES VALID MARCH 1–MARCH 31 THE NEXT YEAR (13 MONTHS)

## WHAT YOU NEED TO BUY A LICENSE

**1 PROPER IDENTIFICATION** and **PROOF** of residency (for CO residents).

**2 HABITAT STAMP:** A 2024 or lifetime Habitat Stamp is required prior to buying a license for anyone ages 18–64. One will be automatically added to your purchase, if applicable. (*See page 2.*)

**NOTE:** A **Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number is required for hunters age 12 and older, per federal law.**

## LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ **ADULTS:** People 16 and older are required to buy and carry a physical fishing license (or My CPW app accessible license) to fish or take fish, amphibians and crustaceans on their person, except where prohibited.
- ▶ **YOUTH:** Residents ages 16–17 can purchase a fishing license for \$11.47. Those under 16 can take a full bag and possession limit without a license. However, they must have a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.
- ▶ **SENIORS:** Colorado residents age 65 and older can obtain an annual senior fishing license for \$11.47 or an annual senior combo small game/fishing license for \$35.32, both of which include the 25-cent search-and-rescue fee and the \$1.50 Wildlife Education Fund fee. License must be carried while fishing. Seniors must have a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.
  - Senior lifetime low-income fishing licenses also are available for Colorado residents age 64 or older. For information and eligibility requirements, contact any CPW location.
- ▶ **SECOND-ROD STAMP:** Anglers can use a second rod, handline or tip-up by purchasing a second-rod stamp. One stamp is allowed per season and is nontransferable. A second-rod stamp does not entitle an angler to an additional bag limit, nor can it be used for another person to fish.
  - Those with disability licenses must purchase a stamp if fishing with a second line.
  - A second-rod stamp is not required when only using trotlines or jugs.
  - Youth under 16 must have and carry with them a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.
  - Seniors fishing with a senior license must have and carry with them a second-rod stamp if fishing with a second line.
- ▶ **COMMERCIAL LICENSE:** \$40. An annual license is required to take or possess bait fish, amphibians, or crustaceans for commercial purposes. Licensees must provide live-fish buyers with a receipt stating the seller's name, date of sale, species and number sold. For application, restrictions, and annual reporting requirements, visit: [cpw.info/purchase-special-license](http://cpw.info/purchase-special-license)
- ▶ **CHILD SUPPORT DELINQUENCY:** State and federal law require a Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number to buy a license. It is not displayed on the license but is provided, if requested, to Child Support Enforcement authorities. Hunting and fishing licenses are not issued to those suspended for noncompliance with child support. Any current licenses become invalid if held by an individual who is deemed noncompliant by Child Support Enforcement.
- ▶ **ARMED FORCES EXEMPTION:** Colorado residents on active duty with U.S. armed forces out of state can fish free without a license while here on temporary leave, maximum of 30 days a year. You must carry official leave papers while fishing.

## HEALTH ADVISORIES

### EATING YOUR CATCH?

Colorado Parks and Wildlife encourages Colorado residents to go fishing and enjoy eating the fish they catch. Keep in mind that not all fish should be eaten in unlimited amounts. Fish are an important part of a healthy diet: They are a lean, low-calorie source of protein and nutrients. However, some fish meat may contain chemicals that could pose health risks. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, in cooperation with CPW, tests fish throughout the state for the presence of certain contaminants (such as mercury, arsenic and selenium) that may be present in some fish.

**CURRENT ADVISORIES ARE ONLINE:**

[colorado.gov/cdphe/wq-fish-consumption](http://colorado.gov/cdphe/wq-fish-consumption)

## 1 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ The physical residence address you give to buy or apply for a license must be the same as the address given for Colorado state income tax purposes. Visit [cpw.info/proof-of-residency](http://cpw.info/proof-of-residency).
- ▶ You terminate your Colorado residency if you apply for, buy or accept a resident hunting, fishing or trapping license issued by another state or foreign country, register to vote outside Colorado or accept a driver's license that shows an address other than in Colorado.

### RESIDENCY TYPES

#### 1. STANDARD COLORADO RESIDENT

- a. Requirements:** You must live in Colorado for at least 6 consecutive months immediately prior to buying or applying for any resident CPW product, have your primary residence in Colorado and have not applied for or purchased a resident license or pass outside of Colorado in the last 6 months.
- b. Proof:** Current and valid Colorado driver's license/ID with a Colorado address issued 6 or more months prior. If the Colorado driver's license/ID is not 6 months old, you must provide at least two forms of additional residency proof, as outlined in "Additional Residency Proofs" below.

#### 2. STUDENT: ATTENDING SCHOOL FULL TIME IN COLORADO

- a. Requirements:** You must be attending school full time at an accredited Colorado school starting at least 6 months prior to buying or applying for any resident CPW product.
- b. Proof:** Student ID, name of institution, date you became a full-time student, school transcript showing full-time status.

#### 3. STUDENT: ATTENDING SCHOOL FULL TIME OUTSIDE OF COLORADO

- a. Requirements:** You must meet Colorado residency requirements and be attending an accredited school outside of Colorado, paying nonresident tuition.
- b. Proof:** Student ID, name of institution, date you became a full-time student, proof of out-of-state tuition payment.

#### 4. MILITARY: STATIONED IN COLORADO

- a. Requirements:** You must be active-duty military stationed in Colorado. Military member's spouse and/or dependents share the same residency status. Residency begins the date the orders begin.
- b. Proof:** Military ID and active orders.

#### 5. MILITARY: COLORADO HOME OF RECORD

- a. Requirements:** You must be active-duty military stationed outside of Colorado, but with Colorado as your home of record, paying income tax as a Colorado resident. Military member's spouse and/or dependents share the same residency status.
- b. Proof:** Military ID and active orders.

#### 6. YOUTH

Children under the age of 18 have the same residency status as their parent, legal guardian or person with whom they live the majority of the time per court order.

### OTHER RESIDENCY INFORMATION

#### 1. ADDITIONAL RESIDENCY PROOFS

If you otherwise meet residency requirements but your Colorado driver's license or ID was issued or renewed less than 6 months ago, or you have a CPW-approved religious exemption to photo identification on your record, you must provide at least two additional proofs of residency showing 6 consecutive months of Colorado residency immediately prior to buying or applying for a license. Those proofs include: income sources (pay stubs), utility bills, state income tax documents (as a full-time resident), lease agreements/rent receipts, motor vehicle registration, voter registration.

#### 2. MULTIPLE HOMES

If you have a home in Colorado and another location, call 303-297-1192 to make sure you comply with Colorado residency requirements before obtaining a CPW license or state park pass.

## 2 HABITAT STAMPS

Habitat Stamps are \$12.15 and only one is required per person, per year for anyone ages 18–64. Stamps are valid March 1–March 31 (13 months).

- ▶ You must purchase a stamp before buying or applying for a hunting or fishing license.
- ▶ A lifetime stamp is available for \$364.63.
- ▶ Anyone who is approved in the Columbine, First Responder, Veteran and/or Big Game Mobility Impaired programs is exempt from the Habitat Stamp requirement. See [cpw.info/accessibility](http://cpw.info/accessibility).
- ▶ Learn more online: [cpw.info/habitat-stamp](http://cpw.info/habitat-stamp)



## ANGLERS WITH DISABILITIES

CPW offers several programs for hunters and anglers with disabilities. Go to [cpw.info/accessibility](http://cpw.info/accessibility) for more on how to apply.

These programs require advance legal paperwork submissions: Please apply **AT LEAST 30 DAYS** prior to when you wish to use the permit or license. *Due to volume, applications cannot be expedited.*

### RESIDENT COLUMBINE FISHING LIFETIME PROGRAM

Colorado residents who are totally and permanently disabled can apply for a free lifetime fishing license.

### RESIDENT FIRST RESPONDER LIFETIME COMBO LICENSE

Colorado resident first responders who have proof of a permanent occupational disability can qualify for the First Responder program to obtain a free lifetime fishing or combo small game/fishing license.

### RESIDENT DISABLED VETERAN LIFETIME COMBO LICENSE

Purple Heart recipients or military veterans who have a service-connected disability (with an overall combined rating of 60% or more by the Dept. of Veteran's Affairs) and are residents of Colorado can obtain a free lifetime fishing or combo small game/fishing license.

## HELP IMPROVE YOUR FISHERIES

### SOME FISH SPECIES ARE GOOD WHERE THEY BELONG, BUT IN THE WRONG BODY OF WATER THEY CAN RUIN A FISHERY.

- ▶ CPW biologists are no longer stocking fish in some waters because illegally introduced fish can compete with and/or eat fish that would normally be stocked. Fish are stocked by CPW in other waters to ensure better use of your license dollars. CPW hatcheries are also raising larger-sized fish to stock so that illegally introduced fish have a smaller chance of eating stocked fish. This situation results in increased expenses to CPW and fewer fish available to anglers.
- ▶ In the wrong place, some fish species can change the entire ecosystem, reducing the quality of fishing overall and interfering with CPW fishery management.
- ▶ Unlimited bag and possession limits are often established to aid in the management of species that were illegally stocked and/or not compatible with CPW fishery management.
- ▶ For waters with no bag and possession limits for certain species, anglers are encouraged to catch and keep these fish.

### SOME WATERS WHERE YOU CAN KEEP ALL YOU CATCH OF CERTAIN SPECIES:

- **Crawford Reservoir:** northern pike
- **Elkhead Reservoir:** northern pike; smallmouth bass
- **Green Mountain Reservoir:** northern pike
- **Harvey Gap Reservoir:** northern pike; smallmouth bass
- **Juniata Reservoir:** smallmouth bass
- **Kenney Reservoir:** northern pike
- **Ridgway Reservoir:** smallmouth bass
- **Rifle Gap Reservoir:** northern pike; smallmouth bass
- **Stagecoach Reservoir:** northern pike; smallmouth bass; walleye
- **Wolford Mountain Reservoir:** northern pike
- Many other rivers and lakes on the West Slope have no bag and possession limits for certain species. See pages 11–39 of this brochure.





# GENERAL INFORMATION

## GOLD MEDAL WATERS

This G next to a body of water on pages 11–39 signifies it as a Gold Medal Water.



Gold Medal Waters are the highest quality cold-water habitats and have the capability to produce many quality-sized (14 inches or longer) trout.

CPW has established criteria and management guidelines to support the public interest in angling, observing and protecting these significant cold-water fishery resources.

Gold Medal Waters are defined as any river or lake which is producing a standing stock of

at least 60 pounds per acre and at least 12 trout that are 14 inches or longer per acre on a sustained basis. River segments designated as Gold Medal Waters must be a minimum of 2 miles in length, and lakes must be a minimum of 50 acres.

**The following lakes and streams in Colorado offer the greatest potential for trophy trout fishing!**

## GOLD MEDAL STREAMS

- **ANIMAS RIVER:** From Lightner Creek to Rivera Crossing bridge.
- **ARKANSAS RIVER:**
  - ▶ From the confluence with the Lake Fork of the Arkansas, near Leadville, downstream to Parkdale at the U.S. 50 bridge crossing above the Royal Gorge.
- **BLUE RIVER:**
  - ▶ From Dillon Reservoir dam to Hamilton Creek Road bridge.
  - ▶ From Green Mountain Reservoir dam to the Colorado River.
- **COLORADO RIVER:**
  - ▶ From Fraser River to Troublesome Creek.
  - ▶ From Canyon Creek (Grand Co.) to Rock Creek.
- **FRYPAN RIVER:** From Ruedi Reservoir dam to the Roaring Fork River.
- **GORE CREEK:** From Red Sandstone Creek to Eagle River.
- **GUNNISON RIVER:**
  - ▶ From Almont to the U.S. 50 bridge.
  - ▶ From 200 yards downstream of Crystal Reservoir dam to the North Fork of the Gunnison.
- **NORTH PLATTE RIVER:** From the south boundary of Routt National Forest to Wyoming (Northgate Canyon).
- **RIO GRANDE:** From the Colo. 149 bridge at South Fork downstream to the Rio Grande Canal diversion structure.
- **ROARING FORK RIVER:** From the Fryingpan River to the Colorado River.
- **SOUTH PLATTE RIVER:**
  - ▶ From the confluence of the Middle and South Forks to the Spinney Mountain Reservoir inlet.
  - ▶ From the Spinney Mountain Reservoir outlet to the Eleven Mile Reservoir inlet.
  - ▶ From Cheesman Reservoir dam to the south boundary of the Wigwam Club property.
  - ▶ From the north boundary of the Wigwam Club property to the Scraggy View picnic ground.
  - ▶ Middle Fork, from the Colo. 9 bridge to the South Fork confluence.
- **TAYLOR RIVER:** From Taylor Park Reservoir dam to Almont.

## GOLD MEDAL LAKES

- **NORTH DELANEY BUTTE LAKE** in Jackson Co.
- **SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR** in Park Co.
- **STEAMBOAT LAKE** in Routt Co.

## WILD TROUT PROGRAM

CPW is responsible for the preservation and protection of native and nonnative wild trout populations. Most mountain streams and some high lakes in Colorado support populations of wild trout.

These resources are important to the integrity of Colorado's trout fisheries, as an indicator of properly functioning aquatic ecosystems, and for their intrinsic value to those seeking a unique, aesthetic and significant fishery resource.

To assure the continuation and availability of wild self-sustaining trout populations, the Parks and Wildlife Commission has established specific management guidelines for those aquatic habitats which support all life stages of trout. These waters are to be managed to the extent possible to maintain these wild trout populations.

## WILD TROUT & GOLD MEDAL WATERS POLICY: [cpw.info/gold-medal-policy](http://cpw.info/gold-medal-policy)



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## STREAM SURVEYS



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### STREAM SURVEYS HELP BIOLOGISTS MANAGE FISHING

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is the state agency responsible for fisheries management of public waters in Colorado. The primary tool that guides fish management is the lake and stream survey. These surveys periodically monitor fish populations.

During the process, fish are collected using a variety of gear and the necessary biological data is recorded. This gauges the entire fish community rather than a single species.

The collected data is used to track fish population trends, evaluate the effectiveness of management actions such as stocking and regulations, and establish realistic management goals for a given lake or stream. The fisheries section of CPW conducts hundreds of lake and stream surveys each year.

High-priority and brood waters such as Chatfield, Pueblo and Horsetooth reservoirs and the Gunnison River are surveyed annually. Smaller, more remote, or lightly used lakes or streams may only be surveyed once every 5–10 years.

Most of the survey fieldwork takes place from early June through late September; however, many areas also conduct more specialized sampling beginning right after ice-out and again in the fall prior to freeze-up.

### MORE ABOUT HOW FISHERY BIOLOGISTS SAMPLE FISH: [cpw.info/fishery-management](http://cpw.info/fishery-management)

FISHERY DATA FOR SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE COLORADO WATERS:  
[cpw.info/fishery-data](http://cpw.info/fishery-data)



## AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES (ANS)

### DON'T LET INVASIVE SPECIES RUIN YOUR FAVORITE FISHING SPOT

Aquatic nuisance species (ANS) are a significant and rapidly-growing threat to Colorado's fisheries and water supplies. ANS are invasive animals, plants and diseases that are not native to our rivers, lakes, streams and wetlands. Once introduced, most ANS cannot be eradicated and cost millions to manage. **Preventing the introduction and spread of ANS is critical to maintaining our fisheries.**

**AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES ALERTS:** [cpw.info/ans-alerts](http://cpw.info/ans-alerts)

### ANS STAMP: Required for motorboats and sailboats

To help CPW detect, prevent and manage aquatic nuisance species in Colorado's waters, and to protect human health, safety and welfare from aquatic nuisance species, each motorboat or sailboat must have an ANS stamp before launching in Colorado waters. Boat owners are required to purchase the ANS Stamp, and boat operators must retain proof of purchase (an electronic or printed receipt) on their person, motorboat or sailboat when operating the vehicle.

- ▶ **RESIDENTS:** Boaters registering in Colorado will purchase the ANS Stamp at the time of registration, renewal online, or at any CPW office or state park. Residents with motorboats or sailboats documented by the U.S. Coast Guard or otherwise exempt from in-state registration can purchase the ANS stamp online at [cpw.info/buy-apply](http://cpw.info/buy-apply), or in person at any CPW office, state park or sales agent.
- ▶ **NONRESIDENTS:** Nonresidents can purchase the ANS stamp online at [cpw.info/buy-apply](http://cpw.info/buy-apply), or in person at any CPW office, state park or sales agent.



*Zebra mussels are just one example of aquatic nuisance species that can ruin fishing waters.*

Threats to Colorado's aquatic ecosystem and fisheries include zebra and quagga mussels, New Zealand mudsnails, whirling disease, viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) and Eurasian watermilfoil. Help CPW combat these invasive species and prevent new ANS from entering our state by following the guidelines outlined below:

1. It is the responsibility of the vessel or other floating device operator to clean, drain water from all compartments and motors/engines between launches, and dry the vessel or other floating device in between launches.
2. Upon removal of a vessel or other floating device from waters of the state, and before leaving the boat launch or parking area, the operator is required to remove aquatic plants and water drain plug(s). It is prohibited to transport a vessel or other floating device over land with aquatic plants or water drain plugs in place.
3. Remove all plants, animals or mud, and thoroughly wash boats, trailers, waders and equipment that have come in contact with the water before leaving a lake or stream.
4. Drain any space or item that could hold water, including live wells, bait containers, bilge, ballast tanks, storage areas, engine cooling systems or any other place on boats or equipment that might hold water.
5. Allow boats, engines, boots and gear to dry completely before moving to other waters.
6. If draining and drying are not possible, wash boats, trailers and equipment carefully and completely with hot water (120–140 degrees F).
7. Stop by the CPW office in Denver (6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216) Monday–Friday for a free professional ANS inspection or decontamination. Check the CPW website for all 77 statewide inspection station hours of operation.
8. Don't move or transport fish between water bodies. This can spread diseases and nuisance species.
9. Don't dispose of fish entrails or other byproducts into any body of water.

**MORE ON INVASIVE SPECIES:** [cpw.info/invasive-species](http://cpw.info/invasive-species)

**MORE ON THE ANS STAMP:** [cpw.info/boating-registration](http://cpw.info/boating-registration)

## ATTENTION BOATERS



**STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!**

ANS can hitchhike on boats and gear, being introduced into new waters accidentally. Inspect your boat between uses and make sure it is clean, drained and dry. Colorado has a mandatory boat-inspection program. Your boat must be inspected if:

1. The boat has been in any water that is positive or suspect for ANS.
2. The boat has been in any water body outside of Colorado.
3. The boat will enter any water where inspections are required.

There are 77 inspection and decontamination stations in Colorado. Check the CPW website or call ahead for important details on hours of operation, ramp closures, fees and reservoir-specific boating policies: [cpw.info/boat-inspections](http://cpw.info/boat-inspections)

### DISINFECTING YOUR GEAR

Disinfect waders or boots between uses. Scrub the bottom of waders with a wire brush and remove all mud, plants and organic materials. Following all label precautions, perform one of the following before going into the next body of water:

- **OPTION 1:** Submerge waders and gear in a tub filled with mixture of 6 ounces of a quaternary ammonium-based institutional cleaner (such as Super HDQ Neutral) per gallon of water for at least 10 minutes, scrubbing debris from gear and visually inspecting the gear for mud, plants or snails before rinsing. Rinse with water from ANS-free source. Dispose of chemicals properly, away from the water body.
- **OPTION 2:** Spray or soak waders and gear with water 140 degrees F for at least 10 min.
- **OPTION 3:** Dry waders and equipment completely for at least 10 days in between uses.
- **OPTION 4:** Place waders and boots in a freezer overnight between uses.

### REPORT IT

If you find what you think is an invasive species on your boat or in a body of water, report it to CPW by emailing: [invasive.species@state.co.us](mailto:invasive.species@state.co.us), or call: 303-291-7295

## RUSTY CRAYFISH

### AGGRESSIVE AND OPPORTUNISTIC

Crayfish are not native to parts of Colorado, yet they have become established in many waters throughout the state.

Rusty crayfish endanger aquatic native species and sportfish by:

- ▶ **PREYING** on all life stages of fish, amphibians and invertebrates and other species of crayfish.
- ▶ **COMPETING** aggressively for habitat and food.
- ▶ **DESTROYING** productive habitat in our streams, ponds and lakes.

Crayfish can be taken for personal consumption, but care should be taken with their use and disposal.

- Even though crayfish can be taken live east of the Continental Divide, it is recommended that the tails of all crayfish be removed immediately and packed in ice for transport.
- Do not throw unused bait crayfish, or bait of any kind, back in the water alive.

### LIVE TRANSPORT PROHIBITED

#### FROM WATERS WEST OF THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

All crayfish caught west of the Continental Divide must be immediately killed (by removing the head from the thorax) and taken into possession, or immediately returned to the water from which they were taken.

#### AT SANCHEZ RESERVOIR SWA

Rusty crayfish have been discovered at Sanchez Reservoir State Wildlife Area (SWA) in Costilla Co. To prevent their spread within and beyond this area, a CPW order prevents the transport of any live crayfish from Sanchez Reservoir SWA.



**LEARN HOW TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF RUSTY CRAYFISH:**  
[cpw.info/rusty-crayfish](http://cpw.info/rusty-crayfish)



## FISHING TERMS GLOSSARY

- **ARTIFICIAL FLIES AND LURES** means devices made entirely of, or a combination of, natural or synthetic nonedible, nonscented materials (regardless if the scent is added in the manufacturing process or applied afterward), or materials such as wood, plastic, silicone, rubber, epoxy, glass, hair, metal, feathers or fiber, designed to attract fish. This does not include anything defined as bait below.
- **BAIT** means any hand-moldable material designed to attract fish by the sense of taste or smell; those devices to which scents or smell attractants have been added or externally applied (regardless if the scent is added in the manufacturing process or applied afterward) and scented manufactured fish eggs and traditional organic baits, including but not limited to worms, grubs, crickets, leeches, dough baits or stink baits, insects, crayfish, human food, fish, fish parts or fish eggs.
- **CHUMMING** is placing fish, parts of fish or other feeding material in the waters for the purpose of attracting fish to a particular area in order that they might be taken. This does not include fishing with baited hooks or live traps.
- **COMMON HOOK** is any hook or multiple hooks having a common shank. All hooks attached to a manufactured artificial lure are considered a common hook.
- **FISHING** is defined as efforts to take fish, amphibians or crustaceans, including by hook and line, handline, trot-line, jug, seine, net, underwater spearfishing, archery, snagging or gigging.
- **FLOAT TUBE** means a floating device which suspends a single occupant in the water from the seat down and is not propelled by oars, paddles or motors.
- **GAME FISH** means all species of fish (except unregulated species and prohibited nongame, endangered and threatened species), which currently exist or may be introduced into the state and which are classified as game fish by the Parks and Wildlife Commission. This includes, but is not limited to, brown, brook, cutthroat, golden, lake (Mackinaw), and rainbow trout; cutbow (rainbow/cutthroat hybrids); splake (lake trout/brook trout hybrids) and tiger trout (brown/brook trout hybrids); Arctic char; grayling; kokanee salmon; whitefish; sculpin; smallmouth, largemouth, spotted, striped and white bass; wiper (striped bass/white bass hybrids); carp; bullhead, blue, channel and flathead catfish; black and white crappie; drum; northern pike; tiger muskie; Sacramento and yellow perch; sauger; saugeye (walleye/sauger hybrids); speckled dace; rainbow smelt; tench; walleye; bluegill; bluegill hybrids (bluegill/green sunfish); green, redear and pumpkinseed sunfish; gizzard shad; longnose and white suckers; and minnows.
- **GIG** is a barbed fork with one or more tines attached to a handle.
- **JUGS** are floats to which are attached a line and common hook.
- **MINNOW** means all members of the families of fish classified Cyprinidae (which includes, but is not limited to: carp, chub, dace, fathead minnow, shiner, stoneroller and tench), Cyprinodontidae (including but not limited to: killifish) and Clupeidae (gizzard shad), except those designated as nongame, threatened or endangered, or those designated as nonregulated. See pages 8–9, and Chapters 10 and 11 of CPW regulations online.
- **NATURAL STREAM** is one where water naturally flows regularly or intermittently for at least part of the year. Man-made ditches or other channels are not considered natural streams.
- **NET** means seine, dip net, gill net, cast net, trap net, hoop net or similar devices used to take or as an aid in taking fish, amphibians or crustaceans.
- **PERSONALLY ATTENDED LINE** means a rod and line, handline or tip-up that is used for fishing and which is under the personal control of a person who is in proximity to it.
- **SEINING** means the capture of live fish with the use of a net that hangs vertically in the water and is used to enclose fish when its ends are pulled together or are drawn ashore.
- **SIZE OR LENGTH** means the total length of a fish with head and tail attached, measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail.
- **SLINGBOW** means a hand-held device, not drawn or held mechanically, with the arms or attachment points to which an elastic band is attached for propelling an arrow. Also includes string releases or mechanical releases which are hand-drawn and handheld, with no other attachment or connection to the slingbow other than to the bowstring. Wrist-brace attachments are considered normal components of a slingbow.
- **SNAGGING** is the taking of fish by snatching with hooks, gang hooks, artificial flies or lures, or similar devices where the fish is hooked in a part of the body other than the mouth.
- **TROT-LINE** is a single, anchored line with a float at each end from which droplines are attached.

## PRESERVE. CONSERVE. ENJOY. LEAVE NO TRACE!



The **LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES** are the best way to minimize your impact while fishing:

- ▶ **PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE:** Know the local regulations where you'll fish, obey size and quantity limits, prepare for weather and emergencies.
- ▶ **TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES:** Good campsites are found, not made. Use existing sites whenever possible.
- ▶ **DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY:** Pack out all trash including food scraps and toilet paper. Check with local land managers for regulations on disposal of fish entrails. Avoid using lead sinkers and jigs.
- ▶ **LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND:** When practicing catch and release, use barbless hooks. Do not fight a fish to exhaustion, use a rod and line of sufficient strength and avoid suspending fish out of water by the fishing line. Take care not to introduce nonnative species to water sources and surrounding areas.
- ▶ **MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS:** Use an established fire ring or fire pan, and don't put trash or food in the fire pit.
- ▶ **RESPECT WILDLIFE:** Humanely dispatch catches you are keeping with a quick blow to the back of the head with a rock or other solid object. Refrigerate or eat fish quickly to avoid wasting them. Never feed wild animals; store your camp food and trash securely.
- ▶ **BE CONSIDERATE TO OTHER VISITORS:** Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience. Let nature's sounds prevail.

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## ONLINE RESOURCES

- ▶ **FISHING CONDITIONS:** [cpw.info/fishing-conditions](http://cpw.info/fishing-conditions)
- ▶ **FISHING REPORT & STOCKING REPORT**  
Fishing and stocking reports are generated weekly April 1–Oct. 31, and twice a month Nov. 1–March 31. Sign up to receive the reports:
  - [cpw.info/fishing-report-sign-up](http://cpw.info/fishing-report-sign-up)
  - [cpw.info/fish-stocking-report](http://cpw.info/fish-stocking-report)
- ▶ **BOAT REGISTRATION:** [cpw.info/boating-registration](http://cpw.info/boating-registration)
- ▶ **FISHING ATLAS**  
The interactive Colorado Fishing Atlas allows you to search for fishing opportunities by species, specific interest or proximity to your home or destination: [cpw.info/maps](http://cpw.info/maps)
- ▶ **FISHING MAPS**  
Find all of the color-coded fishing regulation maps in this brochure (pages 11–39) online: [cpw.info/maps](http://cpw.info/maps)
- ▶ **FISHING NEWS & EVENTS**  
Check out upcoming fishing tournaments, such as Debunk the Winter Funk at Stagecoach State Park and the Kokanee Giveaway.
- ▶ **CATCH OF THE WEEK**  
Send us your photo for a chance to be featured online: [dnr\\_fish.reporter@state.co.us](mailto:dnr_fish.reporter@state.co.us)
- ▶ **FISHERY MANAGEMENT & SURVEYS OF COLORADO'S WATERS**  
CPW is the lead agency responsible for fisheries management of public waters in the state of Colorado. The primary tool that guides fish management is the lake and stream survey; find the PDF online.
- ▶ **AND MORE! GO TO:** [cpw.info/fishing](http://cpw.info/fishing)



STATE RECORDS BY WEIGHT

SPECIES	YEAR	LOCATION & CO.	WEIGHT (lbs.-ozs.)	LENGTH (inches)	ANGLER
Arctic char	2023	Dillon Res., Summit	7-7.68	26.8	Pete McDonnell
bass, hybrid striped (wiper)	2004	Pueblo Res., Pueblo	26-15.0	37.5	Kevin Treanor
bass, largemouth	1997	Echo Canyon Res., Archuleta	11-6.0	22.5	Jarrett Edwards
bass, rock	1979	Ramah Res., El Paso	1-1.3	10.5	Timothy Fisk
bass, smallmouth	2011	Aurora Res., Arapahoe	6-11.0	21.5	Raymond Ong
bass, spotted	2005	Valco Ponds, Pueblo	4-7.9	17.75	Michael Hardin
bass, striped	2017	Arkansas River, Bent	29-5.0	39	Harvey Shade
bass, white	1963	Blue Lake, Bent & Kiowa	4-7.0	18	Pedro Martinez
carp, common	2001	Glenmere Park, Weld	35-5.0	38.75	Adam Wickam
carp, grass	2013	Cottonwood Park Lake, Jefferson	57-13.0	47	Brian Husmann
catfish, black bullhead	1993	Farm Pond, Delta	5-1.0	23	Uldene Kuretech
catfish, blue	<b>NEW 2023</b>	<b>Pueblo Res., Pueblo</b>	<b>33-8.48</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>Coy Bowyer</b>
catfish, channel	2010	Aurora Res., Arapahoe	43-10.1	40.5	Jessica Walton
catfish, flathead	<b>NEW 2023</b>	<b>John Martin Res., Bent</b>	<b>33-13.6</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>David Medina</b>
crappie, black	2017	Frank State Wildlife Area	3-7.8	17.5	Fesstus Stalder
crappie, white	1975	Northglenn Lake, Adams	4-3.8	17	Daryel Thompson
eel, American	1996	Flagler Res., Kit Carson	3-1.0	35.25	Juergen Kernal
freshwater drum	1978	Lonetree Res., Larimer	17-3.0	31	Faye Lancamp
grayling	2002	Lower Big Creek Lake, Jackson	1-10.0	17.25	Derik Drinnen
mountain whitefish	1982	Roaring Fork River, Eagle	5-2.0	18.75	Richard Sals
northern pike	2006	Stagecoach Res., Routt	30-11.0	46.5	Tim Bone
perch, Sacramento	1974	Banner Lakes, Weld	1-14.0	13.25	Dana Wilfong
perch, yellow	2007	Seaman Res., Larimer	2-9.6	13.75	Justin Allbrandt
salmon, chinook	1989	Williams Fork Res., Grand	11-0.0	28.5	Helen Eaton
salmon, kokanee (angling)	1986	Spinney Mountain Res., Park	6-13.0	27.5	Will Arduino
salmon, kokanee (snagging)	2002	Blue Mesa Res., Gunnison	7-5.0	27	Lee Cox
sauger	2011	Horseshoe Res., Huerfano	3-6.7	21.5	Jeff Riddle
saugeye	2001	John Martin Res., Bent	10-14.0	28.5	Rocklyn Beise
splake	1976	Island Lake, Delta	18-15.0	32	Robin Perkins
sucker, white	2011	Aurora Res., Arapahoe	5-6.7	23.5	Jay Grupp
sunfish, bluegill	2019	Totten Res., Montezuma	2-9.5	12.75	Gregory Wallace
sunfish, green	2001	Gravel pit, Larimer	1-5.0	11.5	Joshua Robinson
	& 1997	Big Thompson Pond, Weld	1-5.0	11.25	Justin Evans
sunfish, hybrid	1986	Gravel pit, Larimer	1-8.5	10.75	Jeff Robinson
sunfish, redear	2022	Stalker Lake, Yuma	1-7.0	12.75	Parker Erker
tench	1998	Home Lake, Rio Grande	5-6.9	20	Craig Curtis
tiger muskie	1994	Quincy Res., Arapahoe	40-2.0	53	Jason Potter
trout, brook	2022	Waterdog Lake, Hinsdale	8-8.9	26.25	Matt Smiley
trout, brown	1988	Roaring Judy Ponds, Gunnison	30-8.0	36	Alan Schneider
trout, cutbow	2007	Antero Res., Park	18-8.0	28.5	Frank Stack
trout, golden	1979	Kelly Lake, Jackson	3-12.0	22.5	Donald O'Leary
trout, lake	2007	Blue Mesa Res., Gunnison	50-5.6	44.25	Donald Walker
trout, native cutthroat	1964	Twin Lakes, Lake	16-0.0	n/a	George Hranchak
trout, rainbow	2003	Morrow Point Res., Gunnison	19-9.6	34	Lee Cox
trout, Snake River cutthroat	2005	Blue River, Summit	17-2.6	33	Rob Peckham
trout, tiger	2017	Upper Dome Lake, Gunnison	8-3.7	27.5	Anthony Janssen
walleye	1997	Standley Lake, Jefferson	18-12.6	34	Scott Regan

STATE RECORDS PROGRAMS

CPW recognizes licensed anglers who catch exceptionally large fish through three separate programs: Records by Weight, Records by Length (release only) and Master Angler. Learn more at: [cpw.info/fishing-records](http://cpw.info/fishing-records)

STATE RECORDS BY WEIGHT

State Records by Weight is Colorado's original and oldest fishing recognition program. Fish records are tracked by weight in 49 different species categories (see table at left). If an angler catches a large fish that they believe may have broken the weight record in its species, there are a series of steps that must be taken to have the fish certified as a new state record:

- Potential record holders must have a valid Colorado fishing license or be under the age of 16.
- The catch must be made in Colorado in compliance with all state fishing rules and regulations.
- The fish in question must be weighed on a state-certified scale (pounds and ounces). State-certified scales are available at the four CPW regional offices: NE, NW, SE, SW.
- The fish, not frozen, gutted or altered in any way, must be examined, identified and the application signed by a CPW employee before an application is submitted. The employee will fill out and return the application form, picture of fish on scale showing weight, weight receipt of fish when possible and picture of fish on a length-measuring device to the Assistant Chief of Hatcheries in Denver.
- Verified state record applicants will receive a lapel pin.
- Applications can be sent to: Record Fish Program, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Attn: Assistant Chief of Hatcheries, 6060 Broadway, Denver CO 80216.
- See records and more information on qualifying: [cpw.info/fish-weight-records](http://cpw.info/fish-weight-records)

MEASURE YOUR CATCH

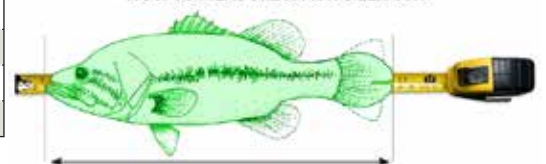
Fish must be hooked, played and landed on sport tackle by the entrant. (Snagged fish are not eligible.) Only fish caught in Colorado are eligible for entry and must be submitted within 60 days of catch, and all state fishing regulations must be followed.

See the State Records by Length table and more information on the program on the next page. ▶

To accurately measure a fish for a length record:

- You **MUST** place the fish directly on the measuring device (ruler, tape measure, etc.). As pictured below, the measuring device shall be behind or under the fish and not following the curvature of the fish.
- You **MUST** align the fish at a clearly-marked area of the measuring device. In the image below, the 1-inch mark is used to clearly and accurately indicate the starting point for measurement.
- You **MUST** place fish on its side with the jaw closed.
- You **MUST** squeeze the tail fin together to obtain the maximum overall length.
- You **MUST** measure a straight line from the tip of the snout to the extreme tip of the tail fin.

HOW TO MEASURE A FISH'S LENGTH





STATE RECORDS BY LENGTH

SPECIES	YEAR	LOCATION & CO.	QUALIFYING LENGTH (inches)	RECORD LENGTH (inches)	ANGLER
Arctic char		<i>no verified record</i>	18		
bass, hybrid striped (wiper)	<b>NEW 2023</b>	<b>Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo</b>	25	<b>28.5</b>	<b>Gary Nussbaum II</b>
bass, largemouth	<b>NEW 2023</b>	<b>Longview Pond (private), Weld</b>	18	<b>22.5</b>	<b>Timothy Holt</b>
bass, rock		<i>no verified record</i>	10		
bass, smallmouth	<b>NEW 2023</b>	<b>Valco Ponds, Pueblo</b>	17	<b>21.25</b>	<b>Corey Ricker</b>
bass, spotted		<i>no verified record</i>	18		
bass, striped		<i>no verified record</i>	28		
bass, white		<i>no verified record</i>	17		
carp, common	<b>NEW 2023</b>	<b>Chatfield Res., Douglas &amp; Jefferson</b>	30	<b>35</b>	<b>James Hurrell</b>
carp, grass	<b>NEW 2023</b>	<b>Pomona Lake #2, Jefferson</b>	30	<b>36.5</b>	<b>Daniel J. Leonardo II</b>
catfish, black bullhead	2022	James M. Robb Colo. River State Park (Colo. River Section), Mesa	14	14.19	Marc Melnick
catfish, brown bullhead		<i>no verified record</i>	14		
catfish, blue		<i>no verified record</i>	30		
catfish, channel	2021	Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo	30	39.5	Colten Smith
catfish, flathead		<i>no verified record</i>	30		
crappie, black	<b>NEW 2023</b>	<b>McKay Lake, Adams</b>	14	<b>18.25</b>	<b>Eric Allee</b>
crappie, white	<b>NEW 2023</b>	<b>Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo</b>	14	<b>15.75</b>	<b>Pam Mitzner</b>
freshwater drum		<i>no verified record</i>	20		
grayling	<b>NEW 2023</b>	<b>Bonham Reservoir, Mesa</b>	15	<b>16.75</b>	<b>Kenzie Sanderson</b>
mountain whitefish	<b>NEW 2023</b>	<b>Roaring Fork River, Garfield</b>	15	<b>20</b>	<b>John Whiteley</b>
northern pike	<b>NEW 2023</b>	<b>Spinney Mountain Res., Park</b>	36	<b>46.25</b>	<b>Anny Atwell</b>
perch, Sacramento		<i>no verified record</i>	12		
perch, yellow	2022	Trinidad Res., Las Animas	12	13.63	Jose Mares Jr.
salmon, chinook		<i>no verified record</i>	28		
salmon, kokanee (angling)	<b>NEW 2023</b>	<b>South Platte River, Park</b>	20	<b>20.75</b>	<b>Cody Hails</b>
sauger		<i>no verified record</i>	16		
saugeye		<i>no verified record</i>	26		
splake		<i>no verified record</i>	20		
sucker, white		<i>no verified record</i>	22		
sucker, longnose		<i>no verified record</i>	18		
sunfish, bluegill	<b>NEW 2023</b>	<b>Castle Pines Village Lake, Douglas</b>	10	<b>10.5</b>	<b>Miles Cullum</b>
sunfish, green	2022	Private farm pond, Mesa	10	10.25	Andrew Potter
sunfish, hybrid	2021	Juniata Reservoir, Mesa	10	10.88	Tristan Francis
sunfish, pumpkinseed		<i>no verified record</i>	8		
sunfish, redear		<i>no verified record</i>	12		
tench		<i>no verified record</i>	18		
tiger muskie	<b>NEW 2023</b>	<b>Clear Creek Reservoir, Chaffee</b>	40	<b>41.5</b>	<b>Kevin Snell</b>
trout, brook	2021	Antero Reservoir, Park	16	17	Kyle Schelhaas
trout, brown	<b>NEW 2023</b>	<b>Spinney Mountain Res., Park</b>	22	<b>23</b>	<b>Stephen Dabelko</b>
trout, cutbow	<b>NEW 2023</b>	<b>Spinney Mountain Res., Park</b>	22	<b>25.5</b>	<b>Thomas Horne</b>
trout, golden		<i>no verified record</i>	16		
trout, lake		<i>no verified record</i>	32		
trout, native cutthroat		<i>no verified record</i>	20		
trout, rainbow	2022	Blue River, Grand	24	29.75	Zach Langer
trout, Snake River cutthroat		<i>no verified record</i>	20		
trout, tiger	2022	S. Platte River, Jefferson	18	20.25	Kolton Paulson
walleye	<b>NEW 2023</b>	<b>Rifle Gap Reservoir, Garfield</b>	26	<b>31</b>	<b>Steven Stanton</b>

STATE RECORDS BY LENGTH

State Records by Length recognizes the longest fish of a particular species that is caught and released by an angler, anywhere throughout Colorado. Records are by length (inches) for this program, and the angler will fill out and return an application form. Applications can be sent to: Record Fish Program, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Attn: Assistant Chief of Hatcheries, 6060 Broadway, Denver CO 80216.

Prior to Jan. 2020, the fish that were considered for the Records by Length program came through our Master Angler program (see below). The Master Angler program did not have enough length verification requirements to verify the size of the fish before it was released. Because of this, the validity of some catches was brought into question.

Since Jan. 2020, our Records by Length program has been a stand-alone program where specific steps must be followed for record submission and acceptance. Unlike the Records by Weight program, these fish **MUST BE RELEASED** in order to qualify. **Only submissions showing properly measured fish will be accepted.** See "Measure Your Catch" on the previous page of this brochure. Find more information on qualifying lengths and the submission process online: [cpw.info/fish-length-records](http://cpw.info/fish-length-records)

MASTER ANGLER PROGRAM

The Master Angler Program was designed to recognize anglers for success in their sport, as well as to promote the conservation of fishery resources and quality fishing by encouraging the careful release of trophy-sized popular sport species.



Master Angler awards are based on fish length rather than weight; this allows anglers to measure fish and return them to the water alive if they choose to do so.

There are 46 categories of species recognized in this program, and there can be more than one Master Angler award given in each category every year. See award lengths table below. Anglers who catch a qualifying-length fish will get a Master Angler certificate and patch; only one patch per angler, per year. For more information on the program, including application rules, and to see the Heritage Master Angler Lengths table online, go to: [cpw.info/master-angler](http://cpw.info/master-angler)

AWARD LENGTHS FOR MASTER ANGLER:

SPECIES	LENGTH (inches)	SPECIES	LENGTH (inches)
Arctic char	18	salmon, Chinook	28
bass, hybrid striped (wiper)	25	salmon, kokanee (angling)	20
bass, largemouth	18	sauger	16
bass, rock	10	saugeye	26
bass, smallmouth	17	splake	20
bass, spotted	18	sucker, white	22
bass, striped	28	sucker, longnose	18
bass, white	17	sunfish, bluegill	10
carp, common	30	sunfish, green	10
carp, grass	30	sunfish, hybrid	10
catfish, black bullhead	14	sunfish, redear	12
catfish, brown bullhead	14	tench	18
catfish, blue	30	tiger muskie	40
catfish, channel	30	trout, brook	16
catfish, flathead	30	trout, brown	22
crappie, black	14	trout, cutbow	22
crappie, white	14	trout, golden	16
freshwater drum	20	trout, lake	32
grayling	15	trout, native cutthroat	20
mountain whitefish	15	trout, rainbow	24
northern pike	36	trout, Snake River cutthroat	20
perch, Sacramento	12	trout, tiger	18
perch, yellow	12	walleye	26

# FISHING LAWS

**NOTE:** It is illegal to go onto private land to fish without permission, including touching any part of private land by person or watercraft. Private land is not required to be posted or fenced. **Trespassers may be suspended for up to 5 years.**

## LEGAL FISHING METHODS

- 1. ONE PERSONALLY-ATTENDED LINE:** Each line shall have only three common hooks attached.
- 2. TROT-LINES**
  - a. Permitted only on these reservoirs (*as listed in this brochure*): Adobe Creek, Bonny, Henry, Horse Creek, Meredith, Navajo, Nee Gronda, Nee Noshe, Nee So Pah, Queens (North and South), Thurston and Two Buttes.
  - b. No one may use more than one trot-line.
  - c. Must be anchored, marked at each end by floats, be no longer than 150 feet with no more than 25 droplines and shall be weighted to place the line at least 3 feet under water.
  - d. Only three barbed hooks allowed on a common hook on each dropline.
  - e. Must be tagged with the user's CID number and date set, or user's name when CID is unavailable.
  - f. All trot-lines shall be personally checked at least once in every 24-hour period.
- 3. JUGS**
  - a. Permitted only on these reservoirs (*as listed in this brochure*): Adobe Creek, Bonny, Henry, Horse Creek, Meredith, Nee Gronda, Nee Noshe, Nee So Pah, Queens (North and South), Thurston and Two Buttes.
  - b. Only 10 jugs are allowed for each license holder, each with only one single line and one common hook.
  - c. Must be tagged with the user's CID number or name when CID is unavailable.
  - d. Must be personally checked at least once an hour.
- 4. UNDERWATER SPEARFISHING, ARCHERY, SLINGBOWS AND GIGS**

Bow anglers are advised to reference the current State Recreation Lands brochure for more regulations on waters that allow archery fishing.

  - a. Underwater spearfishing, archery, slingshots and gigs may be used statewide for the taking of carp and northern pike, except as prohibited by these regulations or land management agencies. East of the Continental Divide, gizzard shad and white or longnose suckers may also be taken, unless otherwise prohibited in "Special Regulations: Fishing Waters," pages 11–39. Other fish may be taken when authorized for specific waters in the regulation section.
- b. Archery and slingshots may be used to take kokanee if a water is otherwise open to snagging. In such cases, the following applies:
  1. Bows must have reel, fishing line and arrow attached to bow.
  2. Bows must have an arrow safety-slide mechanism that keeps fishing line in front of the arrow at all times.
- c. Additional restrictions apply to underwater spearfishing:
  1. CO2 guns or cartridge-powered spears are prohibited.
  2. Guns must be loaded and unloaded while the gun is submerged.
  3. Divers must stay within a radius of 100 feet of a float bearing the National Divers' Symbol.
  4. Spears must be attached by a safety line.
- d. Archery, slingshots and gigs are allowed for taking bullfrogs.
- 5. SNAGGING** is permitted for taking kokanee salmon only, on specific waters listed in this brochure. Other species snagged must be returned to the water immediately.
- 6. SEINES AND CAST-NET** See "Use and Collection of Bait Fish," below and next page.
  - a. Seines are allowed only for bait fish, gilled form of aquatic tiger salamander larvae and crayfish, or, if authorized, for emergency salvage.
  - b. Seines must be made of a quarter-inch or less nonmetallic square mesh.
  - c. Seines cannot exceed 20 feet long and 4 feet in depth.
- 7. BY HAND OR WITH DIP NETS**

See "Use and Collection of Bait Fish," below and next page.

  - a. Allowed for bullfrogs, crayfish and the gilled form of aquatic tiger salamander larvae.
  - b. Fish may be taken by these means or others approved by CPW for emergency salvage.
  - c. Hand-held dip nets may be used for taking bait fish according to restrictions.
- 8. LIVETRAPS** See "Use and Collection of Bait Fish," below and next page. Cage or box traps, including set pots, shall be used only for the taking of crayfish, snapping turtles and fish captured as bait fish or for personal consumption. Traps must be tagged with the user's CID number or name when CID is unavailable.
- 9. ARTIFICIAL LIGHT** may be used as a fishing aid.
- 10. BAIT** may be used where permitted as a fishing aid, except by chumming.

## SPECIAL CONDITIONS & RESTRICTIONS

### THREATENED, ENDANGERED & NONGAME SPECIES

If caught, these species must be returned to the water immediately.

### IT IS ILLEGAL TO TAKE OR USE THE FOLLOWING:

Arkansas darter, bluehead sucker, bonytail chub, boreal toad, brassy minnow, Colorado pikeminnow, common shiner, flannelmouth sucker, flathead chub, greenback cutthroat trout, humpback chub, Iowa darter, lake chub, mollusks, mountain sucker, northern leopard frog, northern redbelly dace, plains leopard frog, plains minnow, plains topminnow, plains orangethroat darter, razorback sucker, Rio Grande chub, Rio Grande sucker, river shiner, roundtail chub, southern redbelly dace, stonecat, suckermouth minnow, wood frog and Woodhouse's toad.

- 1. CATCH AND RELEASE:** Any fish released upon catch must be released alive and into the same body of water from which it was taken.
- 2. PROHIBITED FISHING METHODS INCLUDE:** Chumming, using toxicants or poisons, stupefying substances, electrofishing, explosives.
- 3. ALLOWABLE SPECIES — THE FOLLOWING AQUATIC WILDLIFE MAY BE POSSESSED BY ANY PERSON IN THE STATE OF COLORADO:**
  - a. **AMPHIBIANS:** Bullfrogs; aquatic gilled forms of tiger salamanders; any amphibians allowed under Chapter W-10 regulations; any amphibian designated as unregulated wildlife under Chapter W-11 regulations:
- b. **CRUSTACEANS:** The following crustaceans may be possessed east of the Continental Divide: virile crayfish, water nymph crayfish, calico crayfish, ringed crayfish and Southern Plains crayfish. The following crustaceans may be possessed on either side of the Continental Divide: freshwater shrimp, commercially available brine shrimp and commercially available krill. All other species are not allowed to be possessed in Colorado. See "h. Crustaceans" on next page.
- c. **FISH:** Brown, brook, cutthroat, golden, lake and rainbow trout, and their hybrids; arctic char; grayling; kokanee salmon; whitefish; sculpin; smallmouth, largemouth, spotted, striped and white bass; wipers; common carp; triploid grass carp; bullhead, blue, channel and flathead catfish; black and white crappie; drum; northern pike; tiger muskie; Sacramento and yellow perch, and their hybrids; sauger and saugeye; speckled dace; rainbow smelt; tench; walleye; bluegill and bluegill hybrids; green, redear and pumpkinseed sunfish; gizzard shad; longnose and white suckers; fathead minnow; families of fish classified Cyprinidae except for bighead carp, black carp and silver carp; any fish designated as unregulated wildlife under regulations. *All other species are not allowed to be possessed in Colorado.*
- 4. USE AND COLLECTION OF BAIT FISH:**
  - a. Except as otherwise noted in this brochure, in waters east of the Continental Divide and below 7,000 feet elevation, live fish collected for use as bait may only be used in the same body of water from which they were collected. In addition, collection and use is allowed in any man-made



ditches and canals within one-half of a mile of the adjoining lake or reservoir. Use of any baitfish collected in those ditches and canals is restricted to only the water from which it was collected and the adjoining lake or reservoir. Baitfish collected under this provision may not be otherwise transported or stored for later use.

- b.** The collection, use or possession of live fish for use as bait is prohibited in all waters east of the Continental Divide above 7,000 feet elevation and all waters west of the Continental Divide, except in Navajo Reservoir; collection, use or possession of live fish for bait is also prohibited in the Arkansas River above Parkdale (in Fremont and Chaffee counties) and in Watson Lake in Larimer Co.
- c.** In Baca, Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero and Prowers counties, live fish collected for personal use as bait may be transported, stored or used anywhere within these counties. Transportation to, or use of, any such baitfish in any other county is prohibited.
- d.** The only fish allowed to be taken for commercial use are minnows, gizzard shad, white and longnose suckers, and carp. All live aquatic organisms from a commercial source and transported by anglers must at all times be accompanied by a receipt from the source. It is illegal to import any live native or nonnative aquatic wildlife into Colorado without authorization from CPW or as stated in regulations.
- e.** The only species allowed to be taken and used for personal use as bait (either alive or dead) by fishing, seining, netting, trapping or dipping are minnows, bluegill, hybrid bluegill, carp, sunfish, gizzard shad, sculpin, white and longnose suckers, yellow perch and rainbow smelt. Statewide bag limits apply to sunfish, bluegill, hybrid bluegills and yellow perch.
- f.** The seining, netting, trapping and dipping of fish is prohibited statewide in all natural streams, springs, all waters in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Gilpin, Elbert, Jefferson and Park counties, and all public standing waters in Rio Grande, Saguache, Conejos, Costilla, Alamosa, Mineral and Hinsdale counties in the Rio Grande drainage. This does not apply to fish handled or produced at commercially licensed aquaculture facilities.
- g. BULLFROGS AND SALAMANDERS:** Bullfrogs and the aquatic gilled form of the tiger salamander for private and commercial use are permitted. Statewide bag limits apply. Bullfrogs can be taken by fishing, archery, hand, gigs and nets. Artificial light is allowed. Salamander larvae can be taken by fishing, hand, traps, seines or nets.
- h. CRUSTACEANS:** Take methods include by hand, baited lines, traps, pots, nets or seines for food or bait. Taking crustaceans, crayfish, with a commercial fishing license is allowed with the following restrictions: The minimum size is 3 inches for commercial food (measured from the tip of the acumen (bony spike between the eye) to the telson (last bony plate in the tail)); crayfish with eggs attached must be returned to the water immediately; all set pots and traps must be labeled with the user's CID or user's name if a CID is unavailable.
- Only the following species are allowed to be possessed east of the Continental Divide: virile crayfish, water nymph crayfish, calico crayfish, ringed crayfish and Southern Plains crayfish. Only the following crustaceans may be possessed on either side of the Continental Divide: freshwater shrimp, commercially available brine shrimp and commercially available krill. All other species are not allowed to be possessed in Colorado.
- In all waters west of the Continental Divide and from Sanchez Reservoir SWA, all crayfish must be returned to the water of origin immediately or killed by separating the abdomen from the cephalothorax (tail from body) and taken into possession immediately upon catch.
- i. MOLLUSKS:** Taking mollusks is prohibited.
- 5. ICE FISHING:** The following rules apply to waters open for ice fishing:
- Ice-fishing holes cannot exceed 10 inches in diameter, or 10 inches on any side.
  - All fires on the ice must be enclosed in a container.
  - No litter allowed on the ice.
  - Portable ice-fishing shelters (where permitted) must be removed at the end of the day.
  - Permanent ice-fishing shelters (where permitted) must display the name and CID number of the owner or user on the outside of the shelter facing the shore. Writing must be in legible, contrasting-color letters at least 2 inches high.

**6. TAGGING FISH AND RELEASING TAGGED FISH:** It is illegal to tag or mark a fish prior to releasing it. It is also illegal to release tagged or marked fish, except for approved contests, into public waters. Tagged or marked fish can be released in public waters for scientific research with written application and approval by CPW at least 30 days before release.

**7. DONATING FISH:** You can donate edible parts of fish to like-license holders anywhere or to anyone at the recipient's home. Donor and recipient subject to bag and possession limits. A "like-license" is a Colorado fishing license.

**8. TRANSPORTING AND EXPORTING FISH:** The license holder must accompany any species in this brochure, or parts of game fish, that are transported within or exported from Colorado. Wildlife shipped by common carrier must be accompanied by license or photocopy of license and donation certificate, if needed.

**9. ILLEGAL TAKE AND TRANSFER OF FISH:** Only people designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may take fish, amphibians, mollusks or crustaceans within the boundaries of any Federal fish hatchery or rearing unit. Molesting, disturbing or damaging gill nets, traps, seines or trot-lines set by CPW is prohibited.

**10. EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF FISHING WATERS:** Emergency closure of waters may be authorized for up to nine months when environmental conditions in these waters warrant and fishing could result in unacceptable levels of fish mortality. Public notice will be given if waters are closed and notice will be posted at the site. Closures may occur when any of these criteria are met:

- Daily maximum water temperature exceeds 71 degrees F.
- Measured stream flows are 50 percent or less of the daily average flow.
- Fungus and other visible signs of deterioration and/or stress may be present.
- Daily minimum dissolved oxygen levels are below 6 parts per million (ppm).
- When environmental events such as wildfires, mudslides, oil spills or similar events have occurred, resulting in the need for recovery time or remedial action for a fish population.

**11. PROTECTED WATERS:** Fishing may be prohibited as posted to protect: threatened or endangered species, spawning areas, waters used in CPW research projects, newly-acquired access to fishing waters and the integrity of aquatic wildlife.

**12. EMERGENCY PUBLIC SALVAGE:** If substantial numbers of fish are in imminent danger of being lost, CPW can allow licensed anglers to take fish during daylight hours. Public notice will be given, and notice will be posted at the site regarding the catch limit and approved fishing methods.

**13. FISHING CONTESTS:** Fishing contests cannot be advertised, promoted or conducted without CPW approval if the purpose is to take marked or tagged fish released in waters open to public fishing.

Applications and a \$40 nonrefundable fee must be made 60 days before the contest. Written approval must be obtained from landowners or agencies before applying. Contests are not permitted on streams, rivers, other flowing water or Gold Medal Waters, or commercial or private lakes licensed by CPW. All standard fishing regulations apply.

Contests for tagged or marked trout will be permitted only on waters greater than 200 surface acres and managed as a catchable fishery. Public fishing areas will remain open during a contest, regardless of contest fees. Sponsors shall document the number of participants, average time spent fishing and estimated total catch by species in a written report for CPW within 20 days of the contest end.



**Are you catching our emails?**

*If not, you're missing out on fishing conditions, tips, news and upcoming events, as well as regulation updates!*

**4 EASY STEPS TO ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS:**

- Go to: [cpw.state.co.us](http://cpw.state.co.us)
- Click "Things To Do"
- Click "Fishing Report"
- Click "Sign Up"

The CPW Call Center can also assist you: 303-297-1192

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STATEWIDE BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS

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entrance fees and restrictions that may apply where you're going: [cpw.info/park-finder](http://cpw.info/park-finder)

National parks also offer fishing opportunities around the state, but may have different bag limits and regulations. One example of this is at Rocky Mountain National Park. There, you will need a CPW fishing license but restrictions will be specific to the park. Before you plan your trip, check regulations online at:

[nps.gov/romo/planyourvisit/fishing.htm](http://nps.gov/romo/planyourvisit/fishing.htm)

Fishing is available at more than 270 national wildlife refuges, 29 national fish hatcheries and many other U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service lands and waters. Certain refuges may have individual restrictions. Plan your trip by researching specific refuges online: [fws.gov/fishing](http://fws.gov/fishing)

**DAILY BAG LIMIT**

Maximum number of fish you can take in a day, regardless of what you do with them that day. Fish caught and placed on a stringer, in a container or live well, or not returned to the same water immediately, do count in your daily bag or possession limit. Fish released immediately are not part of the limit.

**POSSESSION LIMIT**

Maximum number of fish allowed at any time, including in the field, transporting, at home or in storage. Transporting live fish without proper permits is prohibited. Fish taken and later smoked, canned, frozen or preserved for consumption are part of the possession limit until consumed.

**READING THE LIMITS CHART**

Statewide limits for species are listed in the chart to the right. Species not on this chart have no bag or possession limits or are restricted or illegal to take. See "Special Conditions and Restrictions," page 8.

Some waters have more restrictive limits than what is listed on the chart. See "Special Regulations: Fishing Waters," pages 11–39, for the area you plan to fish to learn more about specific waters. If a water is not on the list or no bag limit is specified, these statewide limits apply.

**FISHING IN STATE PARKS & NATIONAL PARKS**

Fishing is available at most of Colorado's state parks. If you plan a fishing trip to these waters, check the CPW Park Finder for any additional

**MAP: WIPER/WHITE BASS & WALLEYE/SAUGEYE BAG LIMITS**

The map below outlines the general areas of the Arkansas and South Republican River drainages (green) and the South Platte and North Republican drainages (yellow). If you are fishing for wiper, white bass, walleye or saugeye in these areas, the daily bag and possession limits are different for the two areas on the map. See the Statewide Limits chart at right for details.



STATEWIDE LIMITS

TYPE OF FISH	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
<b>TROUT, ARCTIC CHAR, GRAYLING, SALMON, MOUNTAIN WHITEFISH</b> (except kokanee) in aggregate*	4	8
Trout include brook, brown, cutbow, cutthroat, golden, lake, rainbow, splake and tiger trout		
<b>BROOK TROUT</b> 8 inches long or less (in addition to trout limit above)	10	10
<b>KOKANEEL SALMON</b> angling, snagging or archery	10	10
<b>WALLEYE, SAUGEYE, SAUGER</b> statewide, in aggregate*	5	5
on Arkansas and South Fork of Republican River drainages, in aggregate*	10	10
<b>BASS: LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH, SPOTTED</b> in aggregate*	5	5
west of Continental Divide for smallmouth only	unlimited	unlimited
<b>BASS: WHITE, STRIPED, WIPER</b> statewide, in aggregate*	10	10
on Arkansas and South Fork of Republican River drainages, in aggregate*	20	20
<b>CATFISH: CHANNEL, FLATHEAD, BLUE</b> in aggregate*	10	10
<b>CRAPPIE: WHITE, BLACK</b> in aggregate*	20	20
<b>BLUEGILL, HYBRID BLUEGILL, GREEN SUNFISH, REDEAR SUNFISH, PUMPKINSEED SUNFISH</b> in aggregate*	20	20
<b>YELLOW PERCH</b> west of Continental Divide	unlimited	unlimited
east of Continental Divide	20	20
<b>TIGER MUSKIE</b> at least 36 inches long	1	1
<b>NORTHERN PIKE, BULLHEAD</b>	unlimited	unlimited
<b>SPECKLED DACE, SCULPIN</b> west of Continental Divide in aggregate*	20	20
east of Continental Divide	unlimited	unlimited
<b>CRAYFISH (CRAWDADS), BULLFROGS</b>	unlimited	unlimited
<b>AQUATIC TIGER SALAMANDER LARVAE</b> gilled and less than 5 inches long	50	50

SEE "SPECIAL REGULATIONS: FISHING WATERS" SECTION FOR WATERS WITH MORE RESTRICTIVE LIMITS. PAGES 11–39.

\* in aggregate means the limit may consist of one species or a mixed bag of more than one species.



# SPECIAL REGULATIONS: FISHING WATERS

**G GOLD MEDAL WATERS:** Waters that offer the greatest potential for trophy trout fishing. See page 3 for details.

**FISHING MAPS ARE ONLINE:** PDFs of the maps in the brochure are available online. Store them on your smartphone for use in the field: [cpw.info/maps](http://cpw.info/maps)

## THE FOLLOWING WATERS AND CPW PROPERTIES HAVE MORE RESTRICTIVE FISHING REGULATIONS THAN STANDARD BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS, MANNER OF TAKE, FISHING HOURS, ETC.

If a specific water doesn't appear in this list, statewide regulations (page 10) apply.

**ATTENTION!** This brochure includes fishing regulations. State wildlife areas have additional access and land regulations. If you plan to visit a SWA, you must consult CPW's current State Recreation Lands brochure for specific property regulations.

Special regulations are designed to provide the best fishing and maintain the long-term welfare of fish. They include bag limits, size limits and harvest restrictions.

By reducing bag limits and requiring that certain fish be returned to the water, larger fish may result. While many streams and rivers support a daily bag and possession limit, anglers are asked to reduce their harvest by practicing voluntary, selective harvest.

### ▶ ABRAMS CREEK — EAGLE

**MAP:** PAGE 15

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

### ▶ ADAMS CO. FAIRGROUNDS LAKES (PUBLIC WORKS & MANN-NYHOLT LAKES) — ADAMS

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

### ▶ ADOBE CREEK RESERVOIR (BLUE LAKE) — BENT, KIOWA

**NOTE:** Access to the frozen surface of the lake is prohibited.

1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

### ▶ AGNES LAKES (UPPER & LOWER LAKES) — JACKSON

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

### ▶ AKRON CITY LAKE — WASHINGTON

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

### ▶ ALBERTA PARK RESERVOIR — MINERAL

**MAP:** PAGE 27

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

### ▶ AMERICAN LAKES (SNOW & MICHIGAN LAKES) — JACKSON

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

### ▶ ANIMAS RIVER — LA PLATA

**G** FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH LIGHTNER CREEK TO THE RIVERA CROSSING BRIDGE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH HERMOSA CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

### ▶ ANTELOPE CREEK, WEST — GUNNISON

**MAP:** PAGE 19

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

### ▶ ANTERO RESERVOIR — PARK

**MAP:** PAGE 30

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
2. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.

### ▶ ANTHRACITE CREEK, NORTH FORK — GUNNISON

**MAP:** PAGE 20

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH HELL CREEK:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

### ▶ APACHE CREEK, NORTH & SOUTH FORKS — HUERFANO

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:

1. Fishing prohibited.

### ▶ ARAPAHOE BEND NATURAL AREA (BASS, BEAVER, CORMORANT & SNAPPER PONDS) — LARIMER

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

### ▶ ARAPAHO CREEK — GRAND

**MAP:** PAGE 16

FROM MONARCH LAKE DOWNSTREAM TO USFS RD. 125:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

### ▶ ARCHULETA CREEK — SAGUACHE

**MAP:** PAGE 19

WITHIN THE COCHETOPA STATE WILDLIFE AREA (SNYDER RANCH) DOWNSTREAM FROM DOME LAKES STATE WILDLIFE AREA:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

### ▶ ARKANSAS RIVER — CHAFFEE, LAKE

**MAP:** PAGE 12

**G** FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE LAKE FORK OF THE ARKANSAS NEAR LEAD VILLE DOWNSTREAM TO PARKDALE AT THE U.S. 50 BRIDGE CROSSING ABOVE THE ROYAL GORGE.

### ▶ ARKANSAS RIVER — CHAFFEE, FREMONT, PUEBLO

WITHIN THE PUEBLO RESERVOIR STATE WILDLIFE AREA:

1. Bag, possession and min. size for walleye and saugeye is 5 in the aggregate, 18 inches long.
2. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

FROM THE BRIDGE AT VALCO PONDS DOWNSTREAM TO PUEBLO BLVD. (EXCEPT AT PUEBLO NATURE CENTER, AS POSTED):

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout longer than 16 inches must be returned to water immediately.

### ▶ ARKANSAS RIVER, MIDDLE FORK OF THE SOUTH ARKANSAS — CHAFFEE

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO BOSS LAKE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

### ▶ AUGUSTORA CREEK — ARCHULETA

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

### ▶ AURORA (SENAK) RESERVOIR — ARAPAHOE

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
2. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
3. Min. size for walleye is 18 inches long.
4. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

### ▶ BARD CREEK — CLEAR CREEK

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

### ▶ BARKER RESERVOIR — BOULDER

1. Ice fishing prohibited.
2. Snagging kokanee permitted Oct. 1–Dec. 1.

### ▶ BARR LAKE — ADAMS

1. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
2. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

### ▶ BASIN CREEK — GUNNISON

**MAP:** PAGE 20

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

### ▶ BEAR CREEK — CONEJOS

**MAP:** PAGE 18

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE CONEJOS RIVER:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

### ▶ BEAR CREEK — EL PASO

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO GOLD CAMP ROAD:

1. Fishing prohibited.

### ▶ BEAR CREEK — JEFFERSON

FROM THE BASE OF EVERGREEN LAKE DAM DOWNSTREAM TO BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout (except rainbow and cutbow) is 2.
3. Rainbow trout and cutbow must be returned to water immediately.

► **BEAR CREEK — MONTEZUMA**

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE DOLORES RIVER:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

► **BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR — JEFFERSON**

1. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
2. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

► **BEAVER CREEK — GARFIELD**

MAP: PAGE 22

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **BEAVER CREEK — GUNNISON**

MAP: PAGE 19

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **BEAVER CREEK — MINERAL**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **BEAVER CREEK RESERVOIR — RIO GRANDE**

MAP: PAGE 27

1. Snagging kokanee permitted Oct. 1–Dec. 31.

► **BEAVER CREEK, WEST — GUNNISON**

MAP: PAGE 19

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **BEAVER DAMS CREEK — OURAY**

MAP: PAGE 21

FROM THE HEADWATERS AND UNNAMED TRIBUTARY STREAM DOWNSTREAM TO USFS BOUNDARY:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **BERTHOUD RESERVOIR — LARIMER**

1. Bag, possession limit for crappie and redear sunfish is 10 fish in aggregate, min. of 10 inches long.
2. Largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.

► **BESWICK POND — MESA**

MAP: PAGE 22

1. Fishing prohibited.

► **BIG BEND CREEK — LA PLATA**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

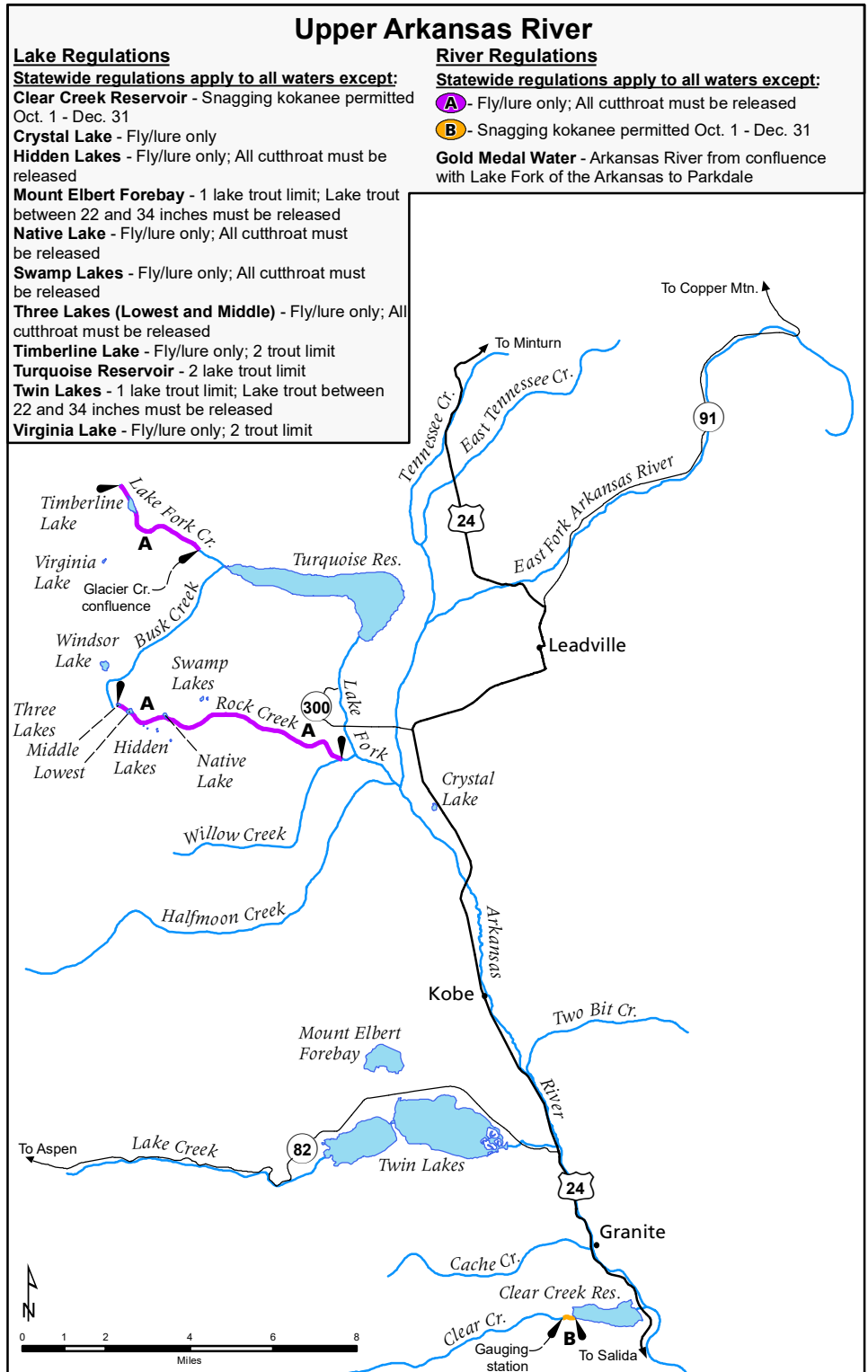
► **BIG CREEK LAKE (LOWER) — JACKSON**

1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout and/or splake is 3. Only 1 may be longer than 26 inches.

► **BIG HOLE CREEK — EAGLE**

MAP: PAGE 16

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.



► **BIG LAKE — CONEJOS**

MAP: PAGE 18

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **BIG THOMPSON PONDS — LARIMER**

1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in aggregate, 15 inches long.

► **BIG THOMPSON RIVER — LARIMER**

FROM THE BASE OF OLYMPUS DAM AT LAKE ESTES DOWNSTREAM TO BRIDGE AT WALTONIA:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

► **BLACK CANYON — SAN JUAN**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.



► **BLACK HOLLOW CREEK — LARIMER**

MAP: PAGE 25

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **BLANCA WILDLIFE HABITAT AREA (BLM PONDS) — ALAMOSA**

1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Fishing prohibited Feb. 15–July 15.

► **BLUE MESA RESERVOIR — GUNNISON**

MAP: PAGES 19, 21

1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. No bag or possession limit for lake trout.
3. Only 1 lake trout longer than 32 inches may be taken per day.
4. Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 1–Dec. 31.
5. Bag limit for kokanee is 5.
6. Possession limit for kokanee is 10.

► **BLUE RIVER — GRAND, SUMMIT**

MAP: PAGE 13

**G** FROM DILLON RESERVOIR DAM TO HAMILTON CREEK ROAD BRIDGE

FROM SUMMIT CR 3 (COYNE VALLEY ROAD 3 MILES NORTH OF BRECKENRIDGE) DOWNSTREAM TO DILLON RESERVOIR:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. **NEW** Brown trout over 14 inches long must be returned to water immediately.
3. **NEW** Fishing prohibited Sept. 1–Dec. 1.

FROM DILLON DAM DOWNSTREAM TO NORTH CITY LIMITS OF SILVERTHORNE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM NORTH CITY LIMITS OF SILVERTHORNE DOWNSTREAM TO COLO. 9 BRIDGE OVER THE BLUE RIVER AT BLUE RIVER STATE WILDLIFE AREA:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

FROM COLO. 9 BRIDGE OVER THE BLUE RIVER AT BLUE RIVER STATE WILDLIFE AREA DOWNSTREAM TO GREEN MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR INLET:

1. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1–Dec. 31.

**G** FROM GREEN MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE COLORADO RIVER:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

► **BOBTAIL CREEK — GRAND**

MAP: PAGE 16

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE DENVER WATER BOARD DIVERSION:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **BOEDECKER RESERVOIR — LARIMER**

1. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.

► **BONNY RESERVOIR — YUMA**

**NOTE:** At publication, this reservoir is dry and not expected to be refilled.

1. No bag or possession limit for any game fish species.
2. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

► **BOSS LAKE — CHAFFEE**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **BOULDER CREEK — BOULDER**

FROM THE UPPER END OF EBEN FINE PARK (WITHIN BOULDER CITY LIMITS) DOWNSTREAM TO 55TH STREET:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

► **BOYD LAKE — LARIMER**

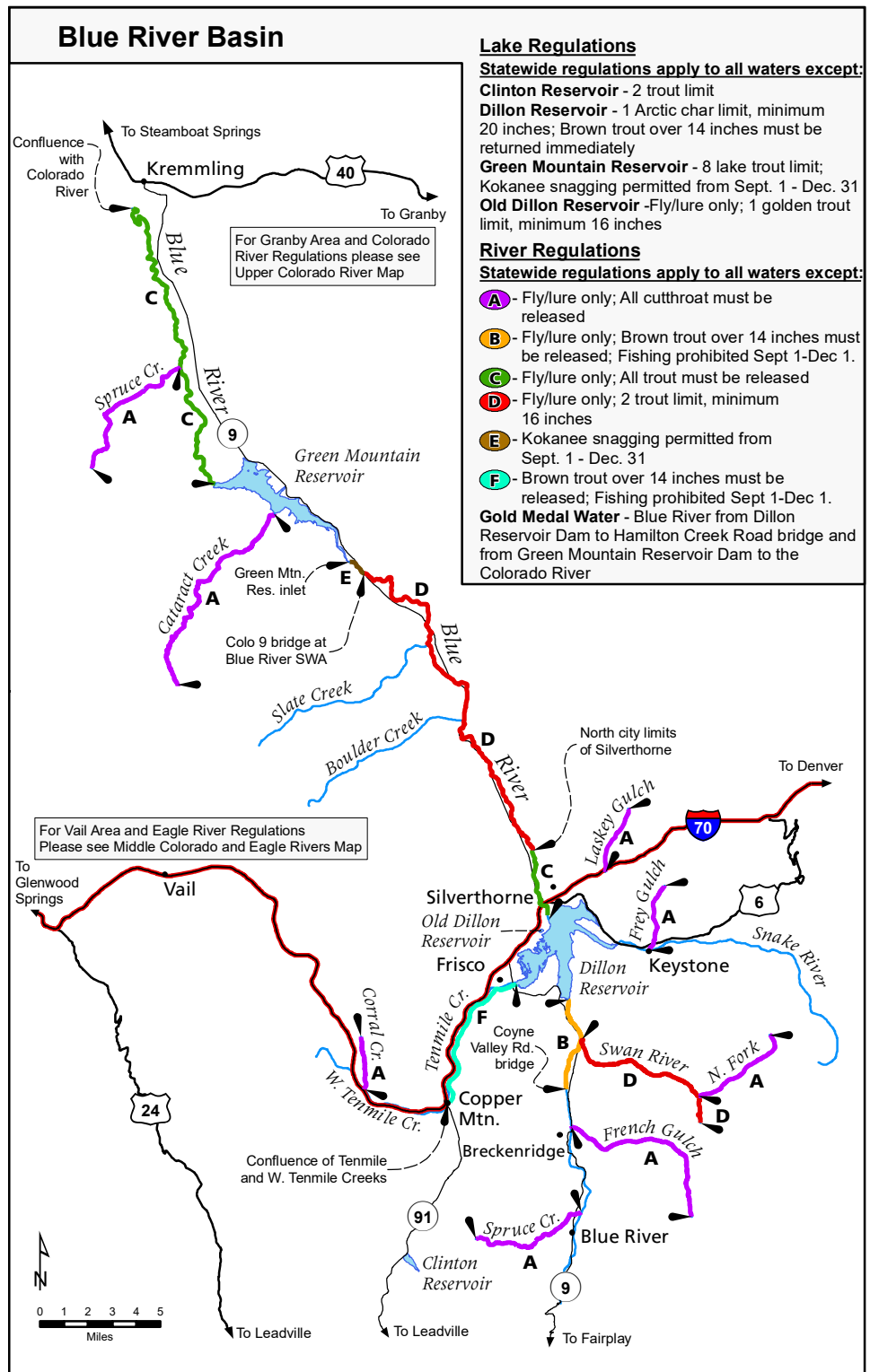
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

► **BRUSH CREEK — EAGLE**

MAP: PAGE 15

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE EAGLE RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 2.5 MILES:

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.



▶ **BRUSH CREEK, WEST — EAGLE**

MAP: PAGE 15

IN THE SYLVAN LAKE INLET AND UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:

1. Fishing prohibited Sept. 1–Nov. 30.

▶ **BRUSH HOLLOW RESERVOIR — FREMONT**

1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass is 15 inches long.

▶ **BULL BASIN RESERVOIR NO. 1 — MESA**

MAP: PAGE 22

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

▶ **BULL CREEK RESERVOIRS NO. 1, NO. 2 & CONNECTING CHANNELS — MESA**

MAP: PAGE 22

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

▶ **BUTTON ROCK (RALPH PRICE) RESERVOIR — BOULDER**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
3. Fishing prohibited Nov. 1–April 30.

▶ **CABIN CREEK — GARFIELD**

MAP: PAGE 33

FROM TRAPPERS LAKE UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:

1. Fishing prohibited.

▶ **CANYON CREEK — GARFIELD**

MAP: PAGE 28

FROM NORTH SIDE OF I-70 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:

1. Fishing prohibited March 15–May 31 and Oct. 1–Nov. 30.

▶ **CARNERO CREEK: MIDDLE, NORTH & SOUTH — SAGUACHE**

MAP: PAGE 27

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **CARTER CREEK — GRAND**

MAP: PAGE 16

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **CARTER LAKE — LARIMER**

1. All walleye exceeding 21 inches must be returned to water immediately.
2. Daily bag limit for walleye is 3 fish less than 21 inches long.
3. It is unlawful to possess filleted or cleaned fish in boat on lake.

▶ **CASCADE CREEK — CONEJOS**

MAP: PAGE 18

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **CASCADE CREEK — HUERFANO**

THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:

1. Fishing prohibited.

▶ **CASTLE CREEK — LA PLATA**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **CAT CREEK — RIO GRANDE, CONEJOS**

MAP: PAGE 18

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **CAT CREEK, NORTH & SOUTH FORKS — RIO GRANDE**

MAP: PAGE 18

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **CATARACT CREEK — SUMMIT**

MAP: PAGE 13

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **CERRO SUMMIT (MONTROSE) RESERVOIR — MONTROSE**

MAP: PAGE 21

1. Fishing is prohibited from Dec. 1–Feb. 28.
2. Fishing access is restricted to the parking lot, the trail and up to 50 feet from the water line from March 1–Aug. 15.
3. Fishing is by artificial flies and lures only.
4. All fish must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.
5. Ice fishing is prohibited.

▶ **CHAIR CREEK — GUNNISON**

MAP: PAGE 20

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **CHALK CREEK — CHAFFEE**

WITHIN WRIGHT'S LAKE STATE WILDLIFE AREA:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.

▶ **CHARTIER POND — MORGAN**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

▶ **CHATFIELD RESERVOIR & CHATFIELD STATE PARK — DOUGLAS, JEFFERSON**

MAP: PAGE 31

WITHIN CHATFIELD STATE PARK, INCLUDING THE SOUTH PLATTE RIVER AND ALL PONDS WITHIN THE PARK BOUNDARY:

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag and min. size for walleye is 3, 18 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
4. Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 ft. of dam or walleye spawning nets Mar. 1–April 15, or until walleye spawning operations are complete.
5. Fishing prohibited on ponds in dog off-leash area.

▶ **CHEESMAN RESERVOIR — DOUGLAS, JEFFERSON**

MAP: PAGE 31

1. Fishing prohibited Oct. 1–April 30.
2. Fishing prohibited one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
3. Fishing prohibited on dam and around reservoir as posted.
4. Ice fishing prohibited.
5. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1–30.

▶ **CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR — ARAPAHOE**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag and min. size for walleye is 3, 18 inches long.

## GOOD PLACES TO:



Fishing at Lake Mary © CPW photo by Wayne D. Lewis

## TAKE KIDS FISHING!

- Barr Lake State Park, Adams Co.
- Corn Lake, Mesa Co.
- Fairplay Beach, Park Co.
- Frantz Lake, Chaffee Co.
- Haviland Lake, La Plata Co.
- Kingfisher Cove at Chatfield State Park, Douglas/Jefferson Cos.
- Lake Mary, Adams Co.
- Midwestern Farm Pond, Prowers Co.
- Monument Lake, El Paso Co.
- St. Vrain State Park, Weld Co.
- West Lake, Mesa Co.

## More places:

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3. Only 1 walleye longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
4. Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 ft. of dam or walleye spawning nets Mar. 1–April 15, or until walleye spawning operations are complete.

▶ **CHEYENNE CREEK, NORTH — EL PASO, TELLER**

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO GOLD CAMP ROAD:

1. Fishing prohibited.

▶ **CIMARRON RIVER — MONTROSE**

MAP: PAGE 21

1. Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 1–Dec. 31.

▶ **CLEAR CREEK — CHAFFEE**

MAP: PAGE 12

FROM THE GAUGING STATION (APPROXIMATELY 0.5 OF A MILE ABOVE CLEAR CREEK RESERVOIR) DOWNSTREAM TO CLEAR CREEK RESERVOIR:

1. Snagging kokanee permitted Oct. 1–Dec. 31.

▶ **CLEAR CREEK — LA PLATA**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.



### Middle Colorado and Eagle Rivers

**River Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

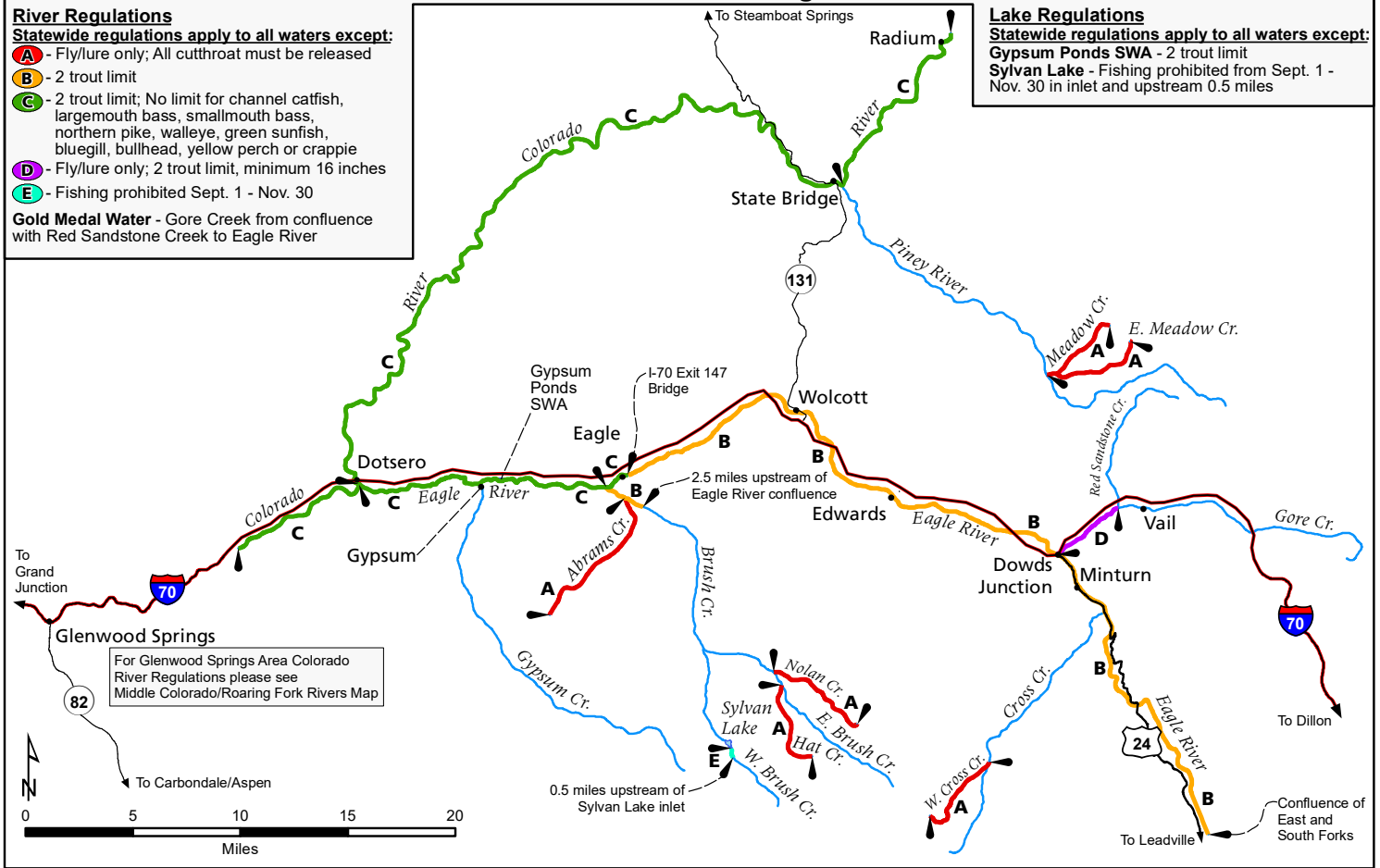
- A** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- B** - 2 trout limit
- C** - 2 trout limit; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
- D** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- E** - Fishing prohibited Sept. 1 - Nov. 30

**Gold Medal Water** - Gore Creek from confluence with Red Sandstone Creek to Eagle River

**Lake Regulations**

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Gypsum Ponds SWA** - 2 trout limit
- Sylvan Lake** - Fishing prohibited from Sept. 1 - Nov. 30 in inlet and upstream 0.5 miles



▶ **CLEAR CREEK HOLDING PONDS (SANDOVAL POND) — ADAMS**

1. Fishing prohibited except for youth in CPW angler education activities.

▶ **CLEAR CREEK RESERVOIR — CHAFFEE**

MAP: PAGE 12

1. Snagging kokanee permitted Oct. 1–Dec. 31.

▶ **NEW CLEAR CREEK, WEST FORK — CLEAR CREEK**

FROM THE HEADWATERS TO THE CONFLUENCE OF BUTLER GULCH:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **CLEAR FORK OF MUDDY CREEK — GUNNISON**

MAP: PAGE 20

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **CLEAR LAKE — JACKSON**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

▶ **CLIFF CREEK — GUNNISON**

MAP: PAGE 20

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH SOUTH PRONG CLIFF CREEK:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **CLINE RANCH STATE WILDLIFE AREA — PARK**

(See Tarryall Creek on page 37.)

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
3. Fishing prohibited Oct. 1–last day of Feb.

▶ **CLINTON RESERVOIR — SUMMIT**

MAP: PAGE 13

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

▶ **COCHETOPA CREEK — SAGUACHE**

MAP: PAGE 19

WITHIN COCHETOPA STATE WILDLIFE AREA (SNYDER RANCH):

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **COLORADO RIVER — GARFIELD, EAGLE, GRAND, MESA**

MAPS: PAGES 16, 22, 28

**G** FROM FRASER RIVER TO TROUBLESOME CREEK AND FROM CANYON CREEK (GRAND CO.) TO ROCK CREEK.

FROM LAKE GRANBY DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE U.S. 40 BRIDGE APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES WEST OF HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS:

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM THE U.S. 40 BRIDGE APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES WEST OF THE HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS DOWNSTREAM TO CONFLUENCE WITH TROUBLESOME CREEK (APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES EAST OF KREMLING):

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE WILLIAMS FORK RIVER DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH TROUBLESOME CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO I-70 EXIT 90 BRIDGE AT RIFLE (EXCLUDING 50 YARDS UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM OF THE CONFLUENCES WITH CANYON, ELK, GRIZZLY AND NO NAME CREEKS):

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM 50 YARDS UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM OF THE CONFLUENCES WITH CANYON, ELK, GRIZZLY AND NO NAME CREEKS:

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
2. Fishing prohibited March 15–May 31 and Oct. 1–Nov. 30.

▶ **COLORADO RIVER, NORTH FORK INCLUDING SHADOW MOUNTAIN SPILLWAY — GRAND**

MAP: PAGE 16

FROM SHADOW MOUNTAIN DAM SPILLWAY TO LAKE GRANBY, INCLUDING COLUMBINE BAY TO THE TWIN CREEK INLET:

1. Fishing prohibited Oct. 15–Nov. 30.

▶ **COMO CREEK — BOULDER**

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH NORTH BOULDER CREEK:

1. Fishing prohibited.

## Upper Colorado River - Headwaters to Radium

### Lake Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

**Grand Lake** - 4 lake trout limit; Only 1 lake trout greater than 36 inches; All lake trout 26 - 36 inches must be released; Portable ice fishing shelters only; Gaffs and tail snares prohibited

**Lake Granby** - 4 lake trout limit; From Jan. 1 - Aug. 31, limit for trout (except lake trout) and kokanee is 4, singly or in aggregate; From Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, limit for trout (except lake trout) is 4, singly or in aggregate; From Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, limit for kokanee is 10; Snagging kokanee permitted from Sept. 1 - Dec. 31 except in Columbine Bay from the inlet of Twin Creek upstream; Gaffs and tail snares prohibited; Portable ice fishing shelters only

**Columbine Bay, Lake Granby** - Fishing prohibited Oct. 15 - Nov. 30 from the Twin Creek inlet upstream

**Meadow Creek Reservoir** - Bag, possession and min. size limit for tiger trout is 1, 18 inches long.

**Shadow Mountain Reservoir** - Portable ice fishing shelters only

**Williams Fork Reservoir** - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1 - Dec. 31; Northern pike from 26 - 34 inches must be released; Use of spearfishing, archery, slingshots and gigs prohibited for take of northern pike; 8 lake trout limit; Only 1 lake trout greater than 30 inches; Fishing and snagging prohibited Sept. 15 - Nov. 30 from inlet buoy line to Grand Co. Rd. 330 bridge (Williams Fork Bridge Rd.)

**Willow Creek Reservoir** - Portable ice fishing shelters only

**Wolford Mountain Reservoir** - Access prohibited within 150 feet of any kokanee spawning trap or wing net Oct. 1-Dec. 1.

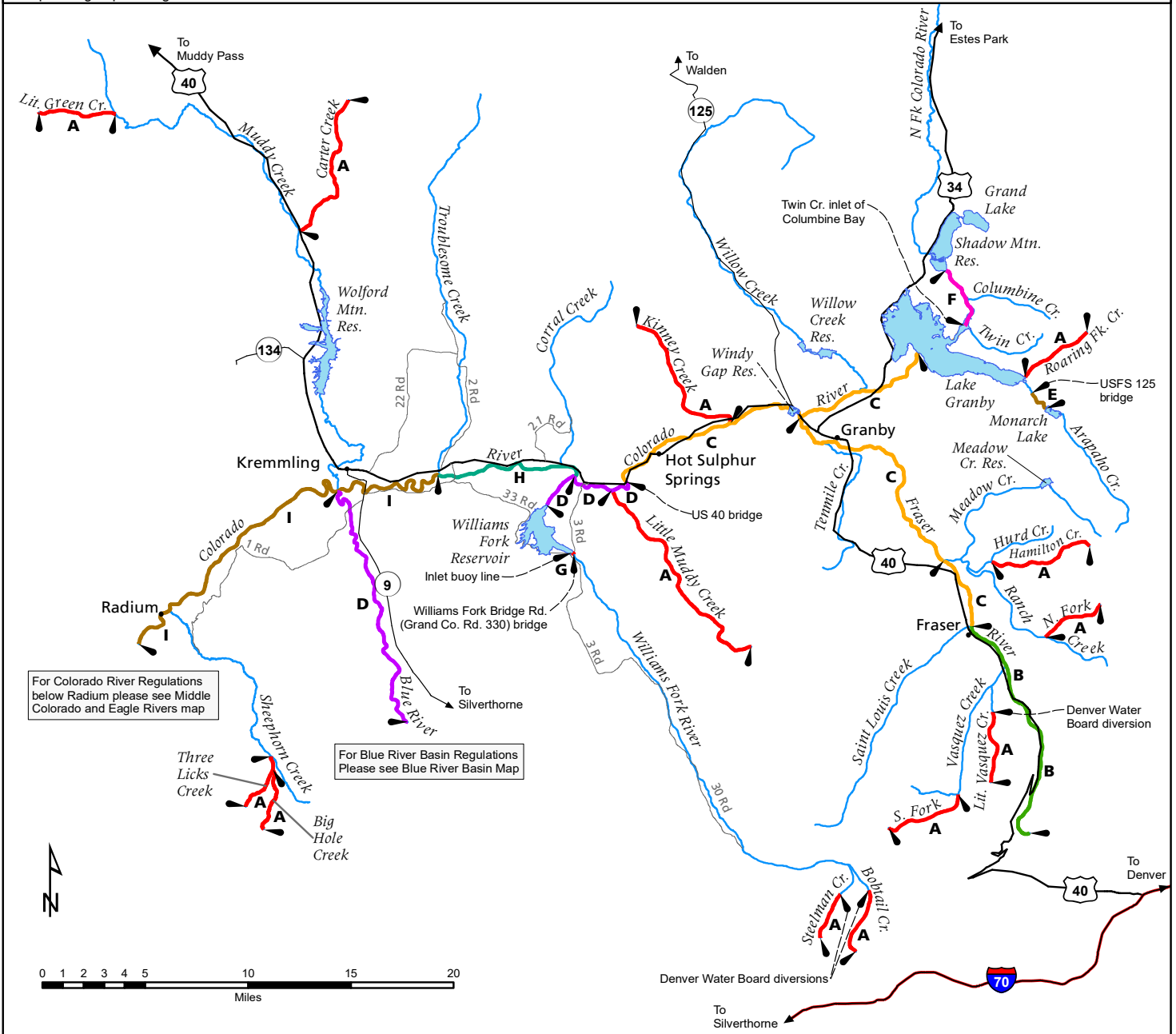
### River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- A** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- B** - Fly/lure only; All rainbow trout must be released
- C** - 2 trout limit
- D** - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released
- E** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
- F** - Snagging prohibited; Fishing prohibited Oct. 15 - Nov. 30
- G** - Fishing and snagging prohibited Sept. 15 - Nov. 30; Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1 - Sept. 14 and Dec. 1 - Dec. 31; Northern pike from 24 - 36 inches must be released
- H** - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released; \*Non-native fish regulation
- I** - 2 trout limit; \*Non-native fish regulation

**Gold Medal Water** - Colorado River from Fraser River confluence to Troublesome Creek confluence

**\*Non-native fish regulation** - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie





## CUTTHROAT TROUT: HOLDING ON TO A LEGACY



Cutthroat trout © Kevin Rogers

The rugged topography of the Rocky Mountain West has led to stream isolation and, in turn, the evolution of 14 recognized subspecies of cutthroat trout, making it the most diverse and wide-ranging trout species in North America.

The greenback, Colorado River and Rio Grande cutthroat trout still call Colorado home, but all three have endured dramatic reductions in their native ranges, primarily due to the introduction of nonnative trout.

Rainbow trout hybridize with native cutthroat trout, while brook and brown trout tend to replace them in streams and rivers where they occur together.

All three cutthroat trout subspecies are either currently listed or have been petitioned to be listed under the Endangered Species Act as a result.

In an effort to preserve the legacy of these prized game fish, multiagency conservation teams

have been established for each subspecies. Aquatic biologists on these teams use a variety of conservation measures to reclaim historic habitats and establish new populations.

## PROTECTED CUTTHROAT WATERS

Various cutthroat waters, specifically those considered Cutthroat Conservation and Recreation Waters, are protected throughout the state.

In these waters, fishing is allowed by artificial flies and lures only, and all cutthroat trout must be returned to the water immediately upon catch.

These restrictions protect the growing number of cutthroat trout streams and lakes that are being included in conservation and recovery efforts. CPW recommends anglers disinfect waders and other fishing gear between uses (*see page 4*) to limit the spread of aquatic nuisance species and their potential to negatively impact cutthroat trout.

▶ **CONEJOS RIVER — CONEJOS**

MAP: PAGE 18

FROM THE LOWER BRIDGE AT TOWN OF PLATORO DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SOUTH FORK OF THE CONEJOS RIVER:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

FROM MENKHAVEN RESORT DOWNSTREAM TO THE UPPER BOUNDARY OF ASPEN GLADE CAMPGROUND:

1. Artificial flies only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

▶ **CONEJOS RIVER, LAKE FORK — CONEJOS**

MAP: PAGE 18

FROM THE HEADWATERS INCLUDING BIG LAKE, DOWNSTREAM TO AND INCLUDING ROCK LAKE AND ITS OUTLET:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **CONNECTED LAKE — MESA**

MAP: PAGE 22

1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth bass is 2, 18 inches long.

▶ **COOPER LAKE — HINSDALE**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **CORNELIUS CREEK — LARIMER**

MAP: PAGE 25

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **CORRAL CREEK — SAN JUAN**

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH HERMOSA CREEK:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **CORRAL CREEK — SUMMIT**

MAP: PAGE 13

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **COTTONWOOD CREEK, LITTLE — MOFFAT**

MAP: PAGE 36

FROM FREEMAN RESERVOIR UPSTREAM FOR 0.25 OF A MILE:

1. Fishing prohibited Jan. 1–July 31.

▶ **CRAWFORD RESERVOIR — DELTA**

1. Bag, possession limit and min. size for largemouth bass is one fish, 18 inches long.
2. No bag or possession limit for yellow perch.

FROM THE FENCE ON TOP OF THE CRAWFORD RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY FENCE:

MAP: PAGE 21

1. Fishing prohibited in spillway, stilling basin and outlet canal.

▶ **CROSHO RESERVOIR — RIO BLANCO**

MAP: PAGE 36

1. Bag, possession and min. size for grayling is 2, 16 inches long.

▶ **CRYSTAL LAKE — LAKE**

MAP: PAGE 12

1. Artificial flies and lures only.

▶ **CRYSTAL RESERVOIR — MONTROSE**

MAP: PAGE 21

1. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1–Dec. 31.

▶ **CULEBRA CREEK — COSTILLA**

FROM COLO. 159 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES TO THE JAQUEZ BRIDGE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **CUNNINGHAM CREEK — DELTA**

MAP: PAGE 20

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **CUNNINGHAM CREEK — PITKIN**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **DAIGRE LAKE — HUERFANO**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Ice fishing prohibited.

▶ **DEADMAN GULCH — ROUTT**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **DEEP CREEK — GUNNISON**

MAP: PAGE 20

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO PAONIA RESERVOIR:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **DEEP CREEK — LA PLATA**

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **DEEP CREEK — SAN MIGUEL**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **DEER BEAVER CREEK — SAGUACHE**

MAP: PAGE 19

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **DELANEY BUTTE LAKES (NORTH, SOUTH & EAST) — JACKSON**

1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
3. Brown trout 14–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
4. Rainbow, cutthroat and cutbow trout 18–22 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.

**G** NORTH DELANEY BUTTE LAKE:

1. Fishing prohibited in inlet upstream of standing water line.
2. Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 feet of dam Sept. 15–Nov. 15.

SOUTH DELANEY BUTTE LAKE:

1. Fishing prohibited in inlet upstream of standing water line.

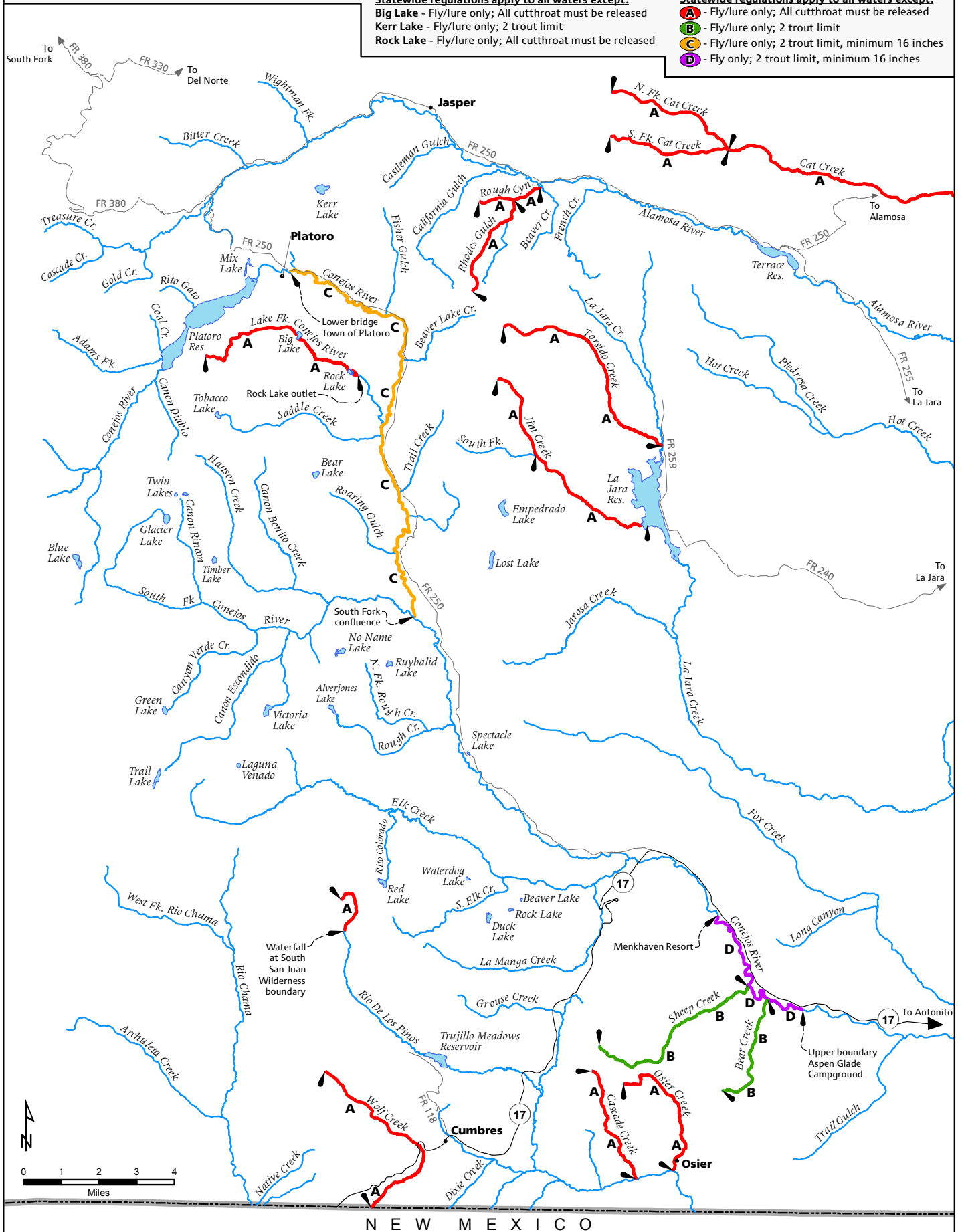
# Conejos and Alamosa River Drainages

## Lake Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:  
**Big Lake** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released  
**Kerr Lake** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit  
**Rock Lake** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released

## River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:  
**A** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released  
**B** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit  
**C** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches  
**D** - Fly only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches



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## Upper Gunnison Basin - Taylor Park Reservoir to Blue Mesa Reservoir

### River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

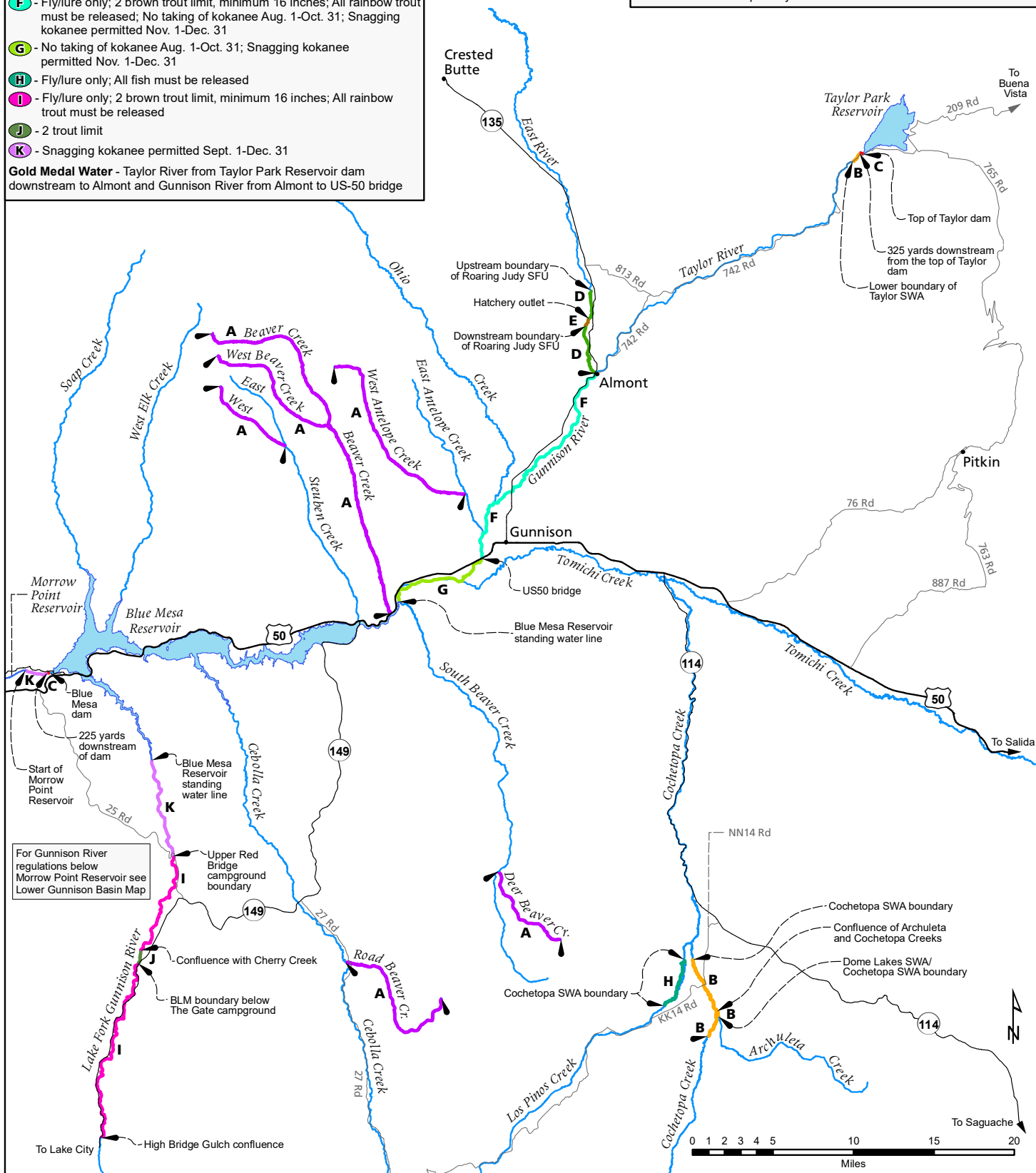
- (A)** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- (B)** - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released
- (C)** - Fishing prohibited as posted
- (D)** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, maximum 12 inches; No taking of kokanee
- (E)** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, maximum 12 inches; No taking of kokanee; Fishing prohibited Aug. 1- Oct. 31
- (F)** - Fly/lure only; 2 brown trout limit, minimum 16 inches; All rainbow trout must be released; No taking of kokanee Aug. 1-Oct. 31; Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 1-Dec. 31
- (G)** - No taking of kokanee Aug. 1-Oct. 31; Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 1-Dec. 31
- (H)** - Fly/lure only; All fish must be released
- (I)** - Fly/lure only; 2 brown trout limit, minimum 16 inches; All rainbow trout must be released
- (J)** - 2 trout limit
- (K)** - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31

**Gold Medal Water** - Taylor River from Taylor Park Reservoir dam downstream to Almont and Gunnison River from Almont to US-50 bridge

### Lake Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Blue Mesa Reservoir** - Ice fishing shelters must be portable; No bag or possession limit for lake trout; Only 1 lake trout over 32 inches per day; Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 1-Dec. 31; Bag limit for kokanee is 5; Possession limit for kokanee is 10
- Morrow Point Reservoir** - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31
- Taylor Park Reservoir** - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31; Gaffs and tail snares prohibited; 3 lake trout limit; Only one lake trout over 26 inches per day



## North Fork Gunnison Basin - Hotchkiss to McClure Pass

### River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

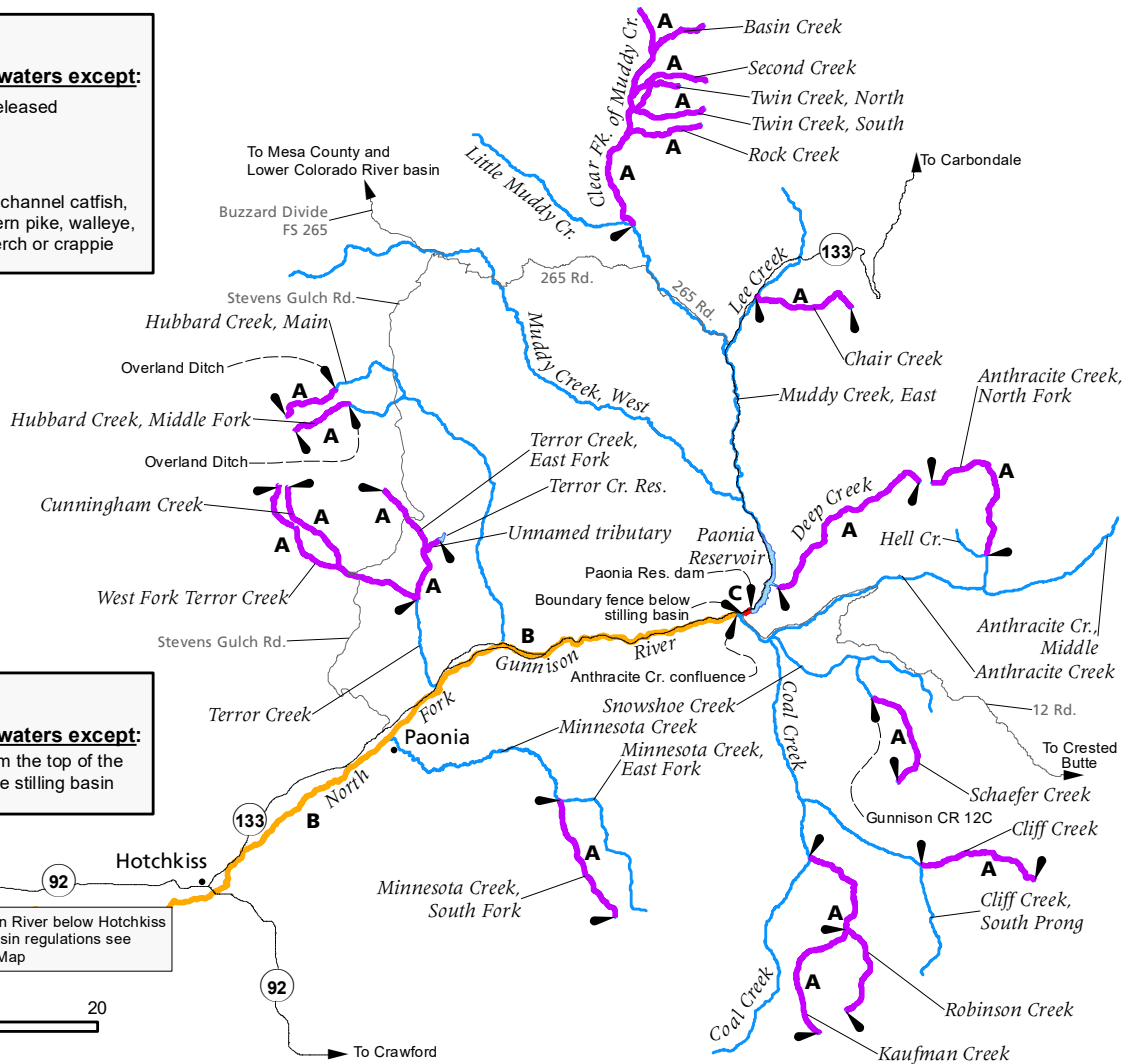
- (A)** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- (B)** - \*Non-native fish regulation
- (C)** - Fishing prohibited as posted

\*Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

### Lake Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

Paonia Reservoir - Fishing prohibited from the top of the dam down to the boundary fence below the stilling basin



#### ▶ DePOORTER LAKE — SEDGWICK

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

#### ▶ DILLON RESERVOIR — SUMMIT

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1. Arctic char under 20 inches must be returned to the water immediately.
2. Bag, possession and min. size limit for Arctic char is 1, 20 inches long.
3. **NEW** Brown trout over 14 inches long must be returned to water immediately.

#### ▶ DISAPPOINTMENT CREEK — DOLORES

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO USFS BOUNDARY:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

#### ▶ DISAPPOINTMENT CREEK, SOUTH FORK — DOLORES

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

#### ▶ DIVIDE CREEK, WEST — GARFIELD

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH BROOK CREEK:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

#### ▶ DIXON LAKE — LARIMER

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

#### ▶ DOLORES RIVER — DOLORES, MESA, MONTEZUMA, MONTROSE, SAN MIGUEL

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH WEST FORK OF THE DOLORES RIVER DOWNSTREAM TO THE STANDING WATER LINE OF MCPHEE RESERVOIR:

1. Taking kokanee prohibited except Nov. 15–Dec. 31 when snagging permitted.

FROM MCPHEE DAM DOWNSTREAM APPROXIMATELY 11 MILES TO THE BRADFIELD BRIDGE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM MCPHEE DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

FROM THE BRADFIELD BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:

1. No bag or possession limit for brown trout.

#### ▶ DOTY PARK LAKE — MORGAN

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

#### ▶ DOUG CREEK — MONTROSE

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

#### ▶ DRY GULCH — CLEAR CREEK

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH CLEAR CREEK:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

#### ▶ **NEW** DUCK CREEK — CLEAR CREEK

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO DUCK LAKE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

#### ▶ DUKE LAKE — MESA

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1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth bass is 2, 18 inches long.



## Lower Gunnison Basin - Blue Mesa Reservoir to Delta

### River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- A** - Fly/lure only; All outthroat must be released
- B** - Fly/lure only; All rainbow trout must be released;
- C** - Fishing prohibited as posted
- D** - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31
- E** - Fly/lure only; All rainbow trout must be released; \*Non-native fish regulation
- F** - Fishing in the spillway, the stilling basin and the outlet canal is prohibited.
- G** - Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 1-Dec. 31
- H** - \*Non-native fish regulation
- I** - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released; \*Non-native fish regulation

**Gold Medal Water** - Gunnison River from 200 yards downstream of Crystal Reservoir dam to the North Fork of the Gunnison.

**\*Non-native fish regulation** - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

### Lake Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

**Blue Mesa Reservoir** - Ice fishing shelters must be portable; No bag or possession limit for lake trout; only 1 lake trout over 32 inches per day; Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 1-Dec. 31; Bag limit for kokanee is 5; Possession limit for kokanee is 10

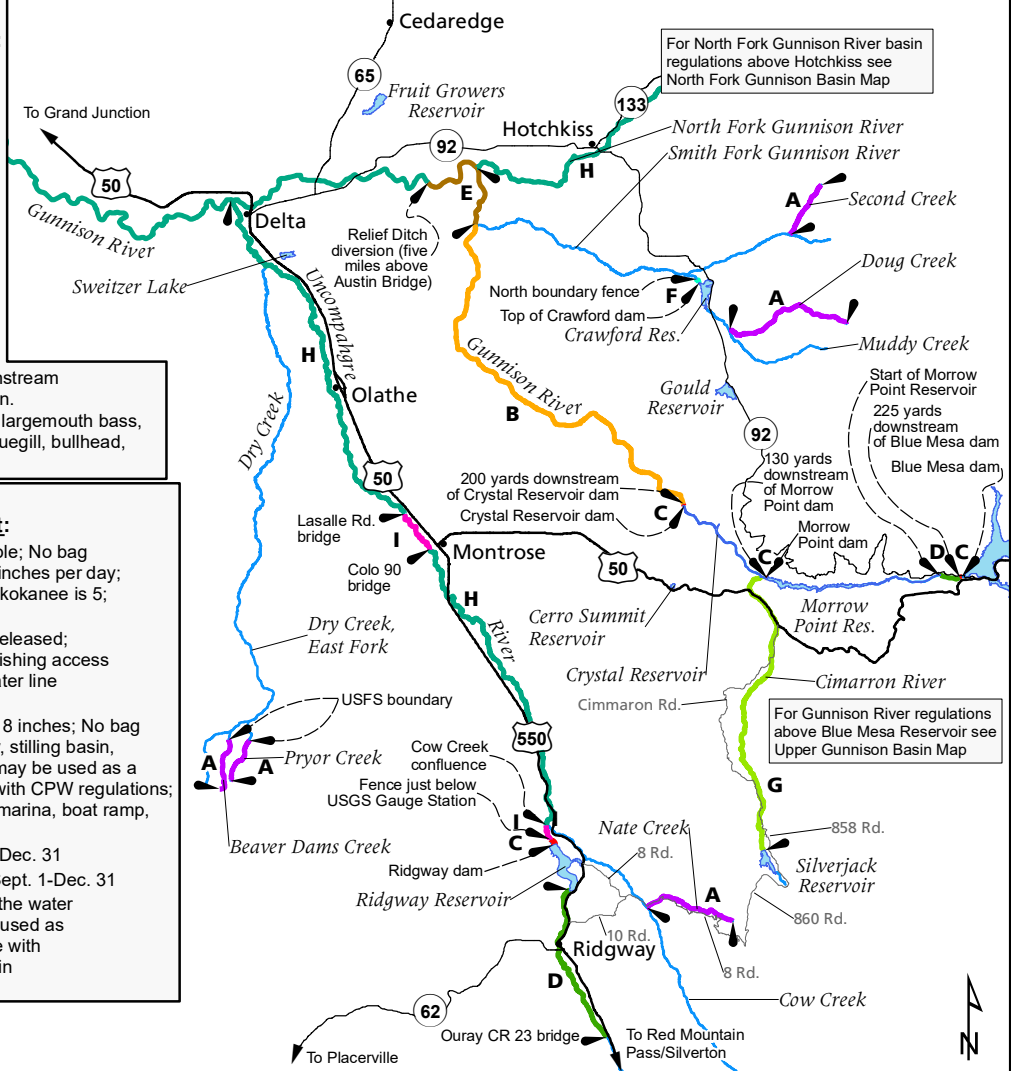
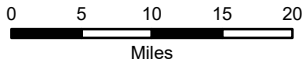
**Cerro Summit Reservoir** - Fly/lure only; All fish must be released; Ice fishing prohibited; Fishing prohibited Dec. 1-Feb. 28; Fishing access restricted to parking lot, trail, and up to 50 feet from the water line March 1-Aug. 15;

**Crawford Reservoir** - 1 largemouth bass limit, minimum 18 inches; No bag or possession limit for yellow perch; Fishing in the spillway, stilling basin, or the outlet canal is prohibited; Underwater spearfishing may be used as a method of fishing for northern pike or carp in accordance with CPW regulations; Underwater spearfishing prohibited within 100 feet of any marina, boat ramp, swim beach or dam

**Crystal Reservoir** - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31

**Morrow Point Reservoir** - Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1-Dec. 31

**Sweitzer Lake** - All fish, except carp, must be returned to the water immediately upon catch; Underwater spearfishing may be used as a method of fishing for northern pike or carp in accordance with CPW regulations; Underwater spearfishing prohibited within 100 feet of any marina, boat ramp, swim beach or dam



### ► EAGLE RIVER — EAGLE

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FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE EAST FORK AND THE SOUTH FORK DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM THE I-70 EXIT 147 BRIDGE IN EAGLE DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

### ► EAST PASS CREEK — SAGUACHE

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

### ► EAST RIVER — GUNNISON

MAP: PAGE 19

FROM THE UPSTREAM PROPERTY BOUNDARY AT THE ROARING JUDY FISH HATCHERY DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE TAYLOR RIVER:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 2, 12 inches long.
3. Taking kokanee prohibited.

FROM ROARING JUDY HATCHERY OUTLET DOWNSTREAM TO SOUTHERN ROARING JUDY STATE FISHING UNIT BOUNDARY:

1. Fishing prohibited Aug. 1–Oct. 31.

### ► ECHO CANYON RESERVOIR — ARCHULETA

1. Largemouth bass 12–15 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.

### ► ELAINE T. VALENTE OPEN SPACE LAKES, NORTH LAKE — ADAMS

1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. All fish must be returned to the water immediately.

### ► ELEVEN MILE RESERVOIR — PARK

MAP: PAGE 30

1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 4. Only 2 may be longer than 16 inches.
3. No bag or possession limit on yellow perch.

### ► ELK CREEK — GARFIELD

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- FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER UPSTREAM TO THE U.S. 6 BRIDGE IN NEW CASTLE:
1. Fishing prohibited March 15–May 31 and from Oct. 1–Nov. 30.

### ► ELK CREEK — SAN MIGUEL

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

### ► ELKHEAD RESERVOIR — MOFFAT, ROUTT

MAP: PAGE 36

1. Bag and possession limit for crappie is 10.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth bass is 2, 15 inches long.

### ► EMERALD LAKES (BIG & LITTLE) — HINSDALE

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 2, 14 inches long.

IN THE LAKE CREEK INLET FOR 0.5 OF A MILE ABOVE BIG EMERALD LAKE:

1. Fishing prohibited Jan. 1–July 15.

### ► ERIE LAKE — BOULDER

1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.

### ► ESCALANTE CREEK, NORTH FORK — MESA

- FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO USFS BOUNDARY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

# Lower Colorado River and Grand Mesa

### Lake Regulations

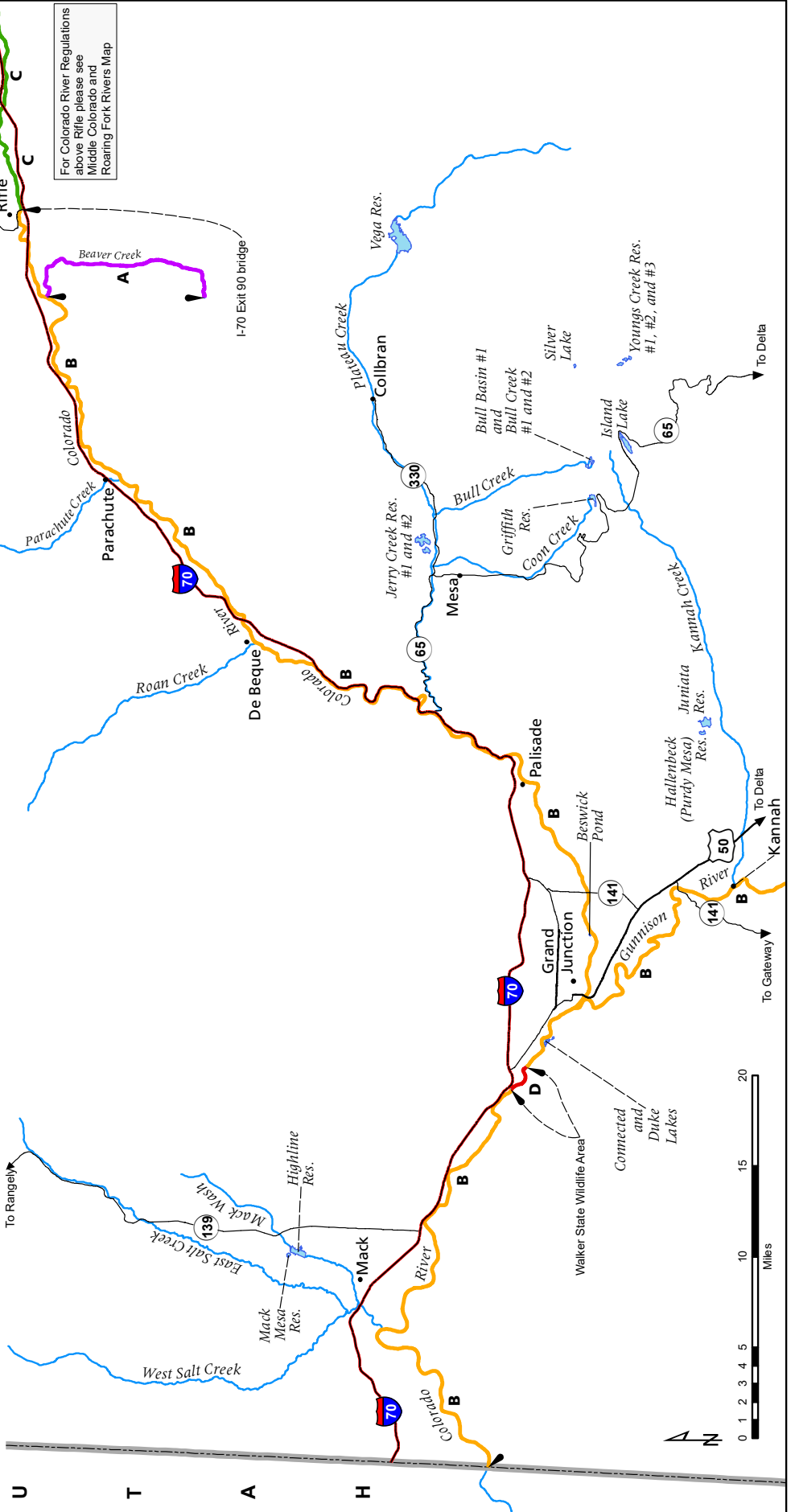
Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Beswick Pond** - Fishing prohibited
- Bull Basin Res. #1, Bull Creek Res. #1 & #2, and connecting channels** - Fly/lure only; 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 16 inches
- Connected & Duke Lakes** - 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 18 inches
- Griffith Reservoir** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Hallenbeck Reservoir** - Fly/lure only. Scented flies or lures may be used if longer than 1.5 inches; Largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released; Only 2 largemouth bass greater than 15 inches allowed
- Harvey Gap Reservoir** - Minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches; 2 channel catfish limit; Use of spearfishing, archery, slingshots and gigs for the take of northern pike is prohibited
- Highline Reservoir** - 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 15 inches
- Jerry Creek Reservoirs #1 & #2** - Fly/lure only. Scented flies or lures may be used if longer than 1.5 inches; All fish must be released; Float tubes with chest-high waders permitted
- Juniata Reservoir** - Fly/lure only. Scented flies or lures may be used if longer than 1.5 inches; Largemouth bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released; Only 2 largemouth bass greater than 15 inches allowed
- Mack Mesa Reservoir** - 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 15 inches
- Mack Mesa Reservoir** - 3 walleye limit, minimum 15 inches; Only 1 walleye longer than 18 inches per day; 20 yellow perch limit
- Silver Lake** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- Youngs Creek reservoirs #1, #2, and #3** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released

### River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- A** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- B** - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
- C** - 2 trout limit; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
- D** - Fishing prohibited Oct. 1 - last day of Feb.



For Colorado River Regulations above Rifle please see Middle Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers Map



▶ **EVANS CITY LAKE (RIVERSIDE PARK) — WELD**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

▶ **FALL CREEK — MINERAL**

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO WOLF CREEK:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **FALL CREEK — SAN MIGUEL**

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO WOODS LAKE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **FAWN CREEK — RIO BLANCO**

MAP: PAGE 33

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **FLORIDA RIVER — LA PLATA**

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO LEMON RESERVOIR:

1. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1–Dec. 31.

FROM THE U.S. 160 BRIDGE EAST OF DURANGO DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE ANIMAS RIVER:

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

▶ **FORBES PARK LAKE — COSTILLA**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **FORT MORGAN PONDS — MORGAN**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

▶ **FOURMILE CREEK — GARFIELD**

MAP: PAGE 28

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE ROARING FORK RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:

1. Fishing prohibited March 15–May 31 and Oct. 1–Nov. 30.

▶ **FRANK EASEMENT PONDS (NORTH & SOUTH) — WELD**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

▶ **FRASER CREEK — GARFIELD**

MAP: PAGE 33

FROM TRAPPERS LAKE UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:

1. Fishing prohibited.

▶ **FRASER RIVER — GRAND**

MAP: PAGE 16

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH ST. LOUIS CREEK:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH ST. LOUIS CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE COLORADO RIVER:

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

▶ **FREEMAN RESERVOIR — MOFFAT**

MAP: PAGE 36

WITHIN 50 YARDS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE INLET AND UPSTREAM FOR 0.25 OF A MILE:

1. Fishing prohibited Jan. 1–July 31.

▶ **FRENCH GULCH — SUMMIT**

MAP: PAGE 13

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **FREY GULCH — SUMMIT**

MAP: PAGE 13

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **FRYINGPAN LAKES NO. 2 & NO. 3 — PITKIN**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **FRYINGPAN RIVER — EAGLE, PITKIN**

MAP: PAGE 28

**G** FROM RUEDI DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE ROARING FORK RIVER, APPROXIMATELY 14 MILES:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and max. size for brown trout is 2, 14 inches long.
3. Trout (except brown trout) must be returned to the water immediately.

▶ **GEORGE CREEK — LARIMER**

MAP: PAGE 25

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **GOAT CREEK — SAN MIGUEL**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **GOLDEN PARK PONDS — BOULDER**

ON GOLDEN PARK PONDS NO. 1 AND NO. 2:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
3. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.
4. Possession of largemouth or smallmouth bass while fishing Golden Park Ponds No. 1 or 2 is prohibited.

ON GOLDEN PARK POND NO. 3:

1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in the aggregate, 15 inches long.

▶ **GORE CREEK — EAGLE**

MAP: PAGE 15

**G** FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH RED SANDSTONE CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE EAGLE RIVER:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

▶ **GRAND LAKE — GRAND**

MAP: PAGE 16

1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 4. Only 1 may be longer than 36 inches. All lake trout 26–36 inches long must be returned to water immediately.
3. Gaffs and tail snares prohibited.

▶ **GRANDVIEW PONDS — ADAMS**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

▶ **GRANEROS CREEK — PUEBLO**

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:

1. Fishing prohibited.

▶ **GRASSY CREEK — SAN JUAN**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **GREEN CREEK, LITTLE — GRAND, ROUTT**

MAP: PAGE 16

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **GREEN MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR — SUMMIT**

MAP: PAGE 13

1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 8.
2. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1–Dec. 31.

▶ **GREEN RIVER — MOFFAT**

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

▶ **GRIFFITH RESERVOIR — MESA**

MAP: PAGE 22

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

▶ **GRIMES CREEK — LA PLATA**

FROM THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION PROPERTY DOWNSTREAM TO THE STANDING WATER LINE OF VALLECITO RESERVOIR:

1. Fishing is prohibited from Sept. 1–Nov. 14.
2. Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 15–Dec. 31.

▶ **GRIZZLY CREEK — GARFIELD**

MAP: PAGE 28

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 MILES:

1. Fishing prohibited March 15–May 31 and Oct. 1–Nov. 30.

▶ **GROSS RESERVOIR — BOULDER**

1. Fishing prohibited from sunset to sunrise.
2. Snagging kokanee permitted Oct. 1–Dec. 1.

▶ **GROUNDHOG CREEK — DOLORES**

FROM GROUNDHOG RESERVOIR UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:

1. Fishing prohibited April 15–July 15.

▶ **GROUNDHOG RESERVOIR — DOLORES**

IN THE NASH CREEK AND GROUNDHOG CREEK INLETS UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:

1. Fishing prohibited April 15–July 15.

► **GUNNISON RIVER — DELTA, GUNNISON, MONTROSE**  
 FROM ALMONT TO THE U.S. 50 BRIDGE. **MAP: PAGE 19.**



FROM 200 YARDS DOWNSTREAM OF THE CRYSTAL RESERVOIR DAM TO THE NORTH FORK OF THE GUNNISON. **MAP: PAGE 21**

FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE EAST AND TAYLOR RIVERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE U.S. 50 BRIDGE:

**MAP: PAGE 19**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for brown trout is 2, 16 inches long.
3. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE EAST AND TAYLOR RIVERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE STANDING WATER LINE OF BLUE MESA RESERVOIR, INCLUDING ALL TRIBUTARY CANALS AND DIVERSIONS:

**MAP: PAGE 19**

1. Taking kokanee prohibited Aug. 1–Oct 31.
2. Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 1–Dec. 31.

FROM BLUE MESA DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR 225 YARDS:

**MAP: PAGE 19**

1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

FROM THE CLOSURE SIGNS BELOW BLUE MESA DAM DOWNSTREAM TO MORROW POINT RESERVOIR DAM:

**MAP: PAGE 19**

1. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1–Dec. 31.

FROM MORROW POINT RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR 130 YARDS:

**MAP: PAGE 21**

1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

FROM THE CLOSURE SIGN BELOW MORROW POINT RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO CRYSTAL RESERVOIR DAM:

**MAP: PAGE 21**

1. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1–Dec. 31.

FROM CRYSTAL RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR 200 YARDS:

**MAP: PAGE 21**

FROM 200 YARDS DOWNSTREAM OF THE CRYSTAL RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE RELIEF DITCH DIVERSION (5 MILES ABOVE AUSTIN BRIDGE):

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SMITH FORK DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

► **GUNNISON RIVER, LAKE FORK — GUNNISON, HINSDALE**  
 FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE WATERFALL AT SHERMAN:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

FROM FIRST BRIDGE CROSSING ABOVE LAKE SAN CRISTOBAL DOWNSTREAM TO LAKE SAN CRISTOBAL:

1. Artificial flies only.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH HIGH BRIDGE GULCH DOWNSTREAM TO THE BLM BOUNDARY BELOW “THE GATE” CAMPGROUND:

**MAP: PAGE 19**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for brown trout is 2, 16 inches long.
3. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE BLM BOUNDARY BELOW “THE GATE” CAMPGROUND TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH CHERRY CREEK:

**MAP: PAGE 19**

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH CHERRY CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE UPPER RED BRIDGE CAMPGROUND BOUNDARY:

**MAP: PAGE 19**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for brown trout is 2, 16 inches long.
3. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE UPPER RED BRIDGE CAMPGROUND BOUNDARY DOWNSTREAM TO BLUE MESA RESERVOIR:

**MAP: PAGE 19**

1. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1–Dec. 31.

► **GUNNISON RIVER, NORTH FORK — DELTA, GUNNISON**  
**MAP: PAGES 20 & 21**

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH ANTHRACITE CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE GUNNISON RIVER:

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

► **GYPSUM PONDS STATE WILDLIFE AREA — EAGLE**  
**MAP: PAGE 15**

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

► **HAHN CREEK — RIO BLANCO**  
**MAP: PAGE 33**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **HALLENBECK (PURDY MESA) RESERVOIR — MESA**  
**MAP: PAGE 22**

1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. Largemouth bass 12–15 inches long must be returned to water immediately. No more than 2 largemouth bass in any bag and possession limit can be longer than 15 inches.

► **HAMILTON CREEK — GRAND**  
**MAP: PAGE 16**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **HANGING LAKE — GARFIELD**  
**MAP: PAGE 28**

1. Fishing prohibited.

► **HARVEY GAP RESERVOIR — GARFIELD**  
**MAPS: PAGES 22, 28**

1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag, possession limit for channel catfish is 2.
3. Use of spearfishing, slingbows, archery, gigs for take of northern pike is prohibited.

**GOOD PLACES TO:**



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**CATCH CRAPPIE!**

- Adobe Creek Reservoir, Bent & Kiowa Cos.
- Turk's Pond, Baca Co.
- North Sterling Reservoir, Logan Co.
- Prewitt Reservoir, Logan & Washington Cos.
- Jumbo Reservoir, Logan & Sedgwick Cos.
- Crawford State Park, Delta Co.

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► **HAT CREEK — EAGLE**  
**MAP: PAGE 15**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **HAXTUN CITY LAKE (GUN CLUB LAKE) — PHILLIPS**  
 1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

► **HEADACHE CREEK — ARCHULETA**  
 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **HEBERTON CREEK — GARFIELD**  
**MAP: PAGE 33**

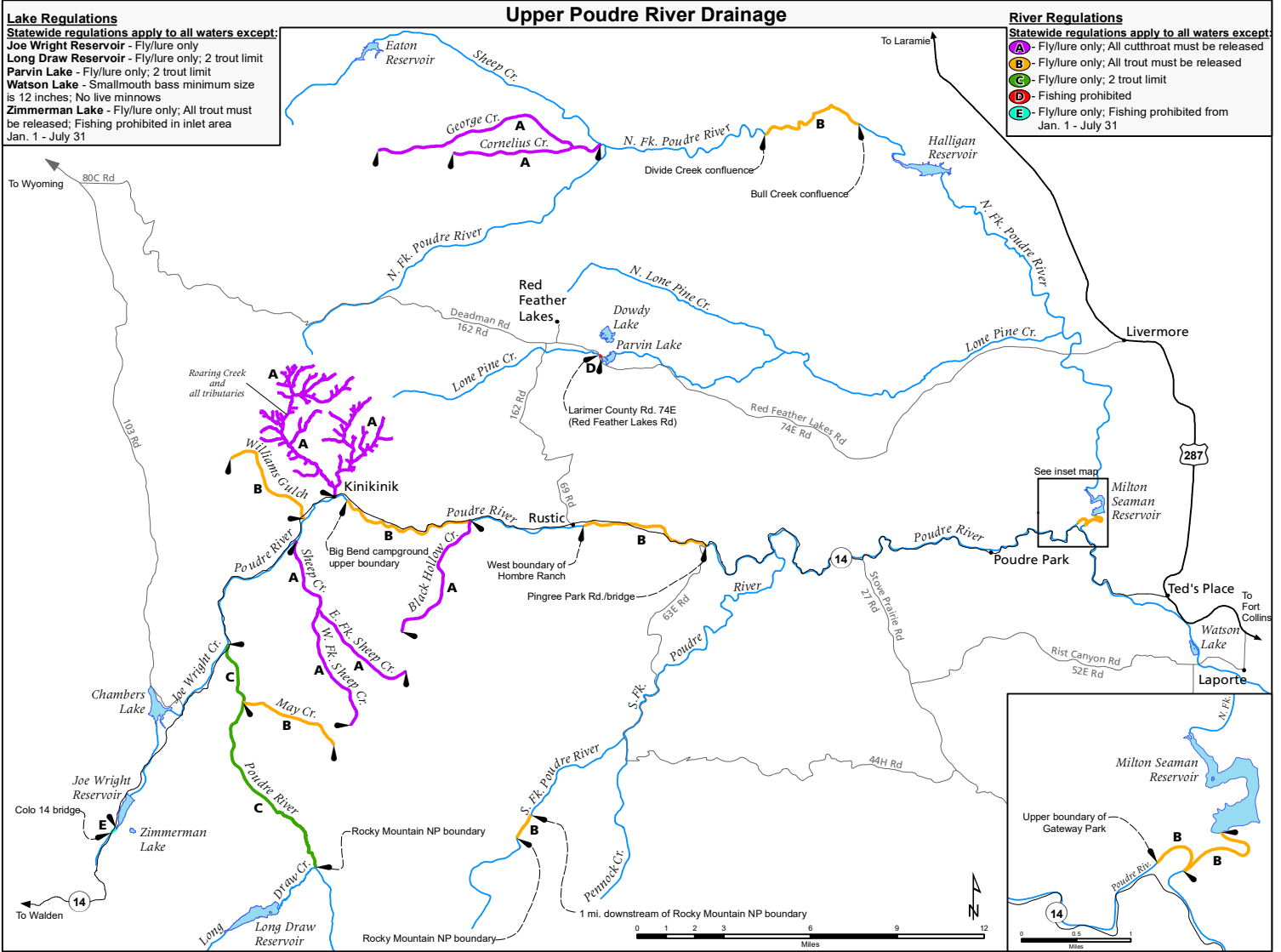
FROM TRAPPERS LAKE UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:  
 1. Fishing prohibited.

► **HENRY RESERVOIR — CROWLEY**  
 1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

► **HERMAN GULCH — CLEAR CREEK**  
 1. Artificial flies and lures only.

2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.





► **HERMOSA CREEK — LA PLATA, SAN JUAN**  
 FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH EAST CROSS CREEK:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
3. **NEW** Fishing is prohibited 100 feet upstream and downstream of the artificial waterfall (fish barrier) located 0.1 miles below the East Fork of Hermosa Creek confluence.

► **HERMOSA CREEK, EAST FORK — LA PLATA**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **HIDDEN LAKES — LAKE**

- MAP: PAGE 12
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **HIGHLINE RESERVOIR — MESA**

- MAP: PAGE 22
1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth bass is 2, 15 inches long.

► **HIMES CREEK — MINERAL**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **HINE LAKE — JEFFERSON**

1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 18 inches long.

► **HOHNHOLZ LAKE NO. 3 — LARIMER**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 4.

► **HOLYOKE CITY LAKE (LIONS CLUB FISHING HOLE) — PHILLIPS**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

► **HOMESTAKE CONVEYANCE CHANNEL (SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR INLET DITCH) — PARK**

- MAP: PAGE 30
1. Fishing prohibited.

► **HORSE CREEK RESERVOIR (TIMBER LAKE) — BENT, OTERO**

1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

► **HORSESHOE RESERVOIR — HUERFANO**

1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass is 15 inches long.

► **HORSESHOE RESERVOIR — LARIMER**

1. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
2. No more than 1 walleye or saugeye in aggregate greater than 21 inches long may be taken per day.

► **HORSETOOTH RESERVOIR — LARIMER**

1. Min. size for smallmouth bass is 12 inches long.
2. Fishing prohibited in inlet area as posted March 15–May 31.

► **HOTEL DRAW — SAN JUAN**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **HUBBARD CREEK, MAIN — DELTA**

- MAP: PAGE 20  
 FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO OVERLAND DITCH:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.
  2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **HUBBARD CREEK, MIDDLE — DELTA***MAP: PAGE 20*

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO OVERLAND DITCH:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **HUDSON TOWN POND — WELD**

1. Bag, possession limit and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in the aggregate, 15 inches long.

▶ **HUERFANO RIVER — HUERFANO**

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

▶ **HUNT LAKE — CHAFFEE**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **ILLINOIS RIVER — JACKSON**

WITHIN DIAMOND J AND YARMONY RANCH STATE WILDLIFE AREAS:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

▶ **JACKSON LAKE (RESERVOIR) — MORGAN**

1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. Min. size for wiper is 15 inches long.
3. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
4. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
5. Fishing prohibited in outlet ditch below dam around rotary screen.
6. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.

▶ **JAYHAWKER PONDS — LARIMER**

1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.
2. Bag and possession limit for yellow perch is 5.

▶ **JERRY CREEK RESERVOIRS NO. 1 & 2 — MESA***MAP: PAGE 22*

1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. All fish must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Float tubes with chest-high waders permitted.

▶ **JIM CREEK — CONEJOS***MAP: PAGE 18*

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **JOE WRIGHT CREEK — LARIMER***MAP: PAGE 25*

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH JOE WRIGHT RESERVOIR UPSTREAM TO COLO. 14:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Fishing prohibited Jan. 1–July 31.

▶ **JOE WRIGHT RESERVOIR — LARIMER***MAP: PAGE 25*

1. Artificial flies and lures only.

▶ **JOHNSTOWN RESERVOIR — WELD**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.
3. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
4. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

▶ **JUMBO RESERVOIR — LOGAN, SEDGWICK**

1. Min. size for wiper is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.
3. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
4. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

▶ **JUNIATA RESERVOIR — MESA***MAP: PAGE 22*

1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. Largemouth bass 12–15 inches long must be returned to the water immediately. No more than 2 largemouth bass in any bag and possession limit can be longer than 15 inches.

▶ **KAUFMAN CREEK — GUNNISON***MAP: PAGE 20*

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **KELLY LAKE — JACKSON**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

▶ **KELSO CREEK — MESA**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **KENNEY RESERVOIR — RIO BLANCO***MAP: PAGE 34*

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

▶ **KERR LAKE — CONEJOS***MAP: PAGE 18*

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

▶ **KETNER LAKE — JEFFERSON**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

▶ **KINGFISHER POND (FORT COLLINS ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER) — LARIMER**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

▶ **KINNEY CREEK (3 MILES EAST OF HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS) — GRAND***MAP: PAGE 16*

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **KOA LAKE — BOULDER**

1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **LA PLATA RIVER — LA PLATA**

FROM THE U.S. 160 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

▶ **LAKE ARBOR — JEFFERSON**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for walleye, saugeye is 15 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.

▶ **LAKE CREEK — HINSDALE**

FROM BIG EMERALD LAKE INLET UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:

1. Fishing prohibited Jan. 1–July 15.

▶ **LAKE DOROTHEY — LAS ANIMAS**

WITHIN LAKE DOROTHEY STATE WILDLIFE AREA, INCLUDING SCHWACHHEIM CREEK AND ALL OTHER DRAINAGES INTO THE LAKE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.

▶ **LAKE FORK CREEK — LAKE***MAP: PAGE 12*

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH GLACIER CREEK:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **LAKE GRANBY — GRAND***MAP: PAGE 16*

1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.
2. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 4.
3. Gaffs and tail snares prohibited.
4. Jan. 1–Aug. 31, bag and possession limit for trout (except lake trout) and kokanee is 4, singly or in aggregate.
5. Sept. 1–Dec. 31, bag and possession limit for trout (except lake trout) is 4, singly or in aggregate.
6. Sept. 1–Dec. 31, bag and possession limit for kokanee is 10.
7. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1–Dec. 31 except in Columbine Bay upstream of Twin Creek inlet.

IN COLUMBINE BAY FROM THE INLET OF TWIN CREEK UPSTREAM:

1. Fishing prohibited Oct. 15–Nov. 30.

▶ **LAKE JOHN — JACKSON**

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 4.

▶ **LAKE LOVELAND — LARIMER**

1. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.
2. No more than 1 walleye or saugeye in aggregate greater than 21 inches long may be taken per day.

▶ **LARAMIE RIVER — LARIMER**

WITHIN HOHNHOLZ STATE WILDLIFE AREA:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.



## Upper Rio Grande Basin

### Lake Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

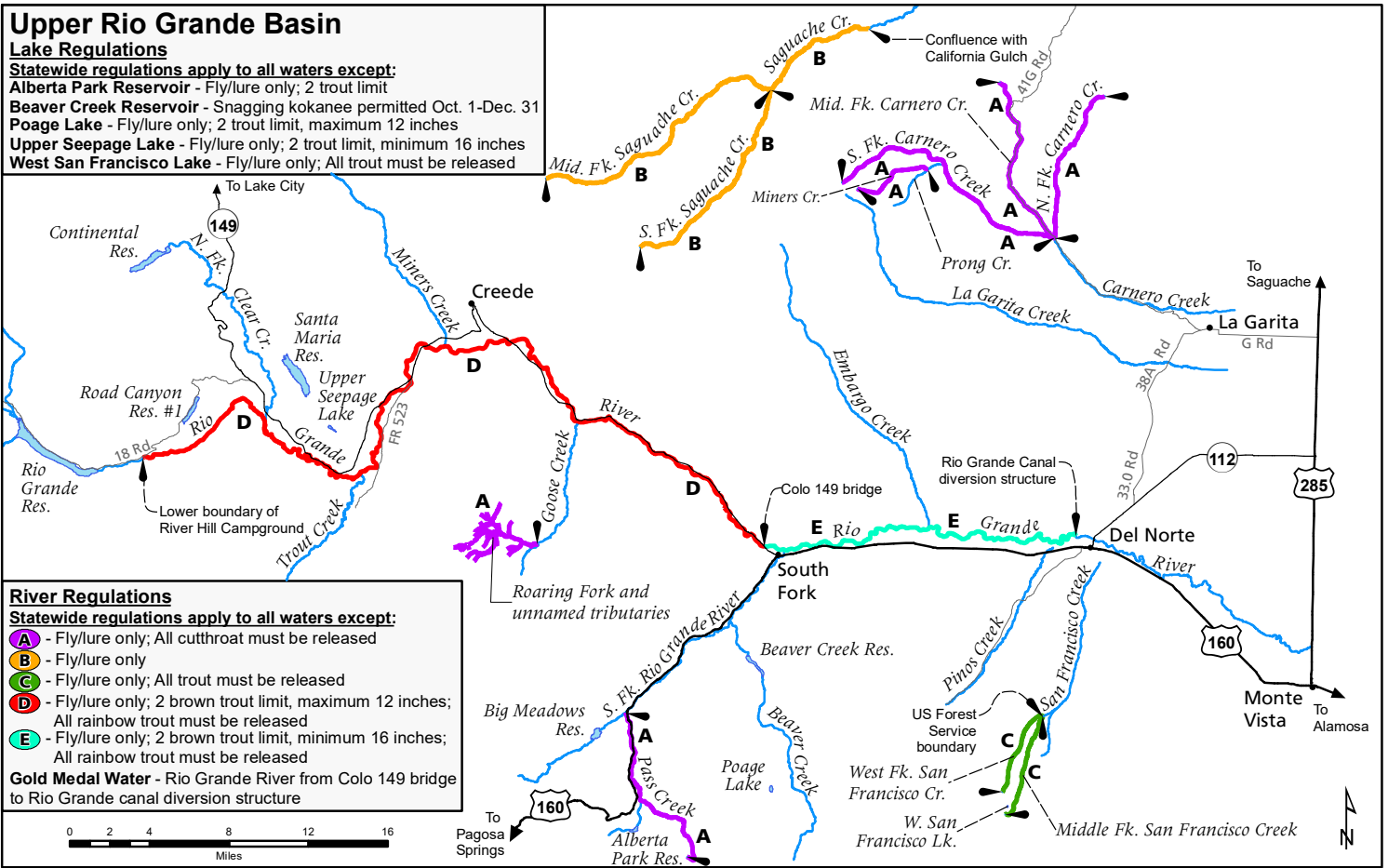
- Alberta Park Reservoir - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit
- Beaver Creek Reservoir - Snagging kokanee permitted Oct. 1-Dec. 31
- Page Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, maximum 12 inches
- Upper Seepage Lake - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches
- West San Francisco Lake - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released

### River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- A** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- B** - Fly/lure only
- C** - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released
- D** - Fly/lure only; 2 brown trout limit, maximum 12 inches; All rainbow trout must be released
- E** - Fly/lure only; 2 brown trout limit, minimum 16 inches; All rainbow trout must be released

**Gold Medal Water** - Rio Grande River from Colo 149 bridge to Rio Grande canal diversion structure



#### ▶ LASKEY GULCH — SUMMIT

MAP: PAGE 13

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

#### ▶ LESTER CREEK — ROUTT

MAP: PAGE 36

FOR 0.25 OF A MILE UPSTREAM AND 0.25 OF A MILE DOWNSTREAM FROM PEARL LAKE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 18 inches long.

#### ▶ LON HAGLER RESERVOIR — LARIMER

1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.
2. Only one channel catfish in the bag or possession limit may exceed 20 inches long.

#### ▶ LONE PINE CREEK — LARIMER

FROM PARVIN LAKE UPSTREAM TO LARIMER CR 74E (RED FEATHER LAKES ROAD):

1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

#### ▶ LONG DRAW RESERVOIR — LARIMER

MAP: PAGE 25

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

#### ▶ LOS PINOS CREEK — SAGUACHE

MAP: PAGE 19

WITHIN COCHETOPA STATE WILDLIFE AREA (SNYDER RANCH):

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All fish must be returned to the water immediately.

#### ▶ LOS PINOS RIVER — HINSDALE, LA PLATA

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE WEMINU CHE WILDERNESS BOUNDARY:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM THE U.S. 160 BRIDGE IN BAYFIELD DOWNSTREAM TO NAVAJO RESERVOIR:

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

#### ▶ LOST TRAIL CREEK — GUNNISON

MAP: PAGE 28

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

#### ▶ LOWELL PONDS — ADAMS

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

#### ▶ MACK MESA RESERVOIR — MESA

MAP: PAGE 22

1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth bass is 2, 15 inches long.

#### ▶ MANCOS RIVER — MONTEZUMA

FROM THE U.S. 160 BRIDGE IN MANCOS DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

#### ▶ MARTIN LAKE — HUERFANO

1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass is 15 inches long.

#### ▶ MAY CREEK — LARIMER

MAP: PAGE 25

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE POU DRE RIVER:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All trout must be returned to water immediately.

#### ▶ McELMO CREEK — MONTEZUMA

FROM THE U.S. 160 BRIDGE EAST OF CORTEZ DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

#### ▶ McKAY LAKE — ADAMS

1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. Largemouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.

#### ▶ McMURRY PONDS — LARIMER

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

#### ▶ McPHEE RESERVOIR — MONTEZUMA

1. Largemouth and smallmouth bass 10–15 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
2. No bag or possession limit for walleye.
3. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1–Dec. 31.

# Middle Colorado and Roaring Fork Rivers

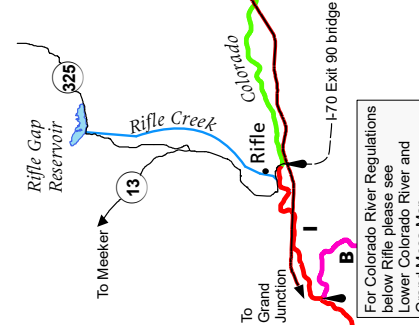
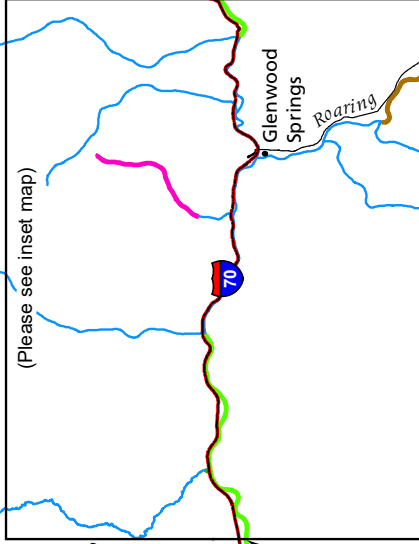
## Lake Regulations

**Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:**  
**Hangin' Lake** - Fishing is prohibited  
**Harvey Gap Reservoir** - Minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches; 2 channel catfish limit; Use of spearfishing, archery, slingshots and gigs for the lake or northern pike is prohibited  
**Rifle Gap Reservoir** - 3 walleye limit, minimum 15 inches; Only 1 walleye longer than 18 inches per day; 20 yellow perch limit

## River Regulations

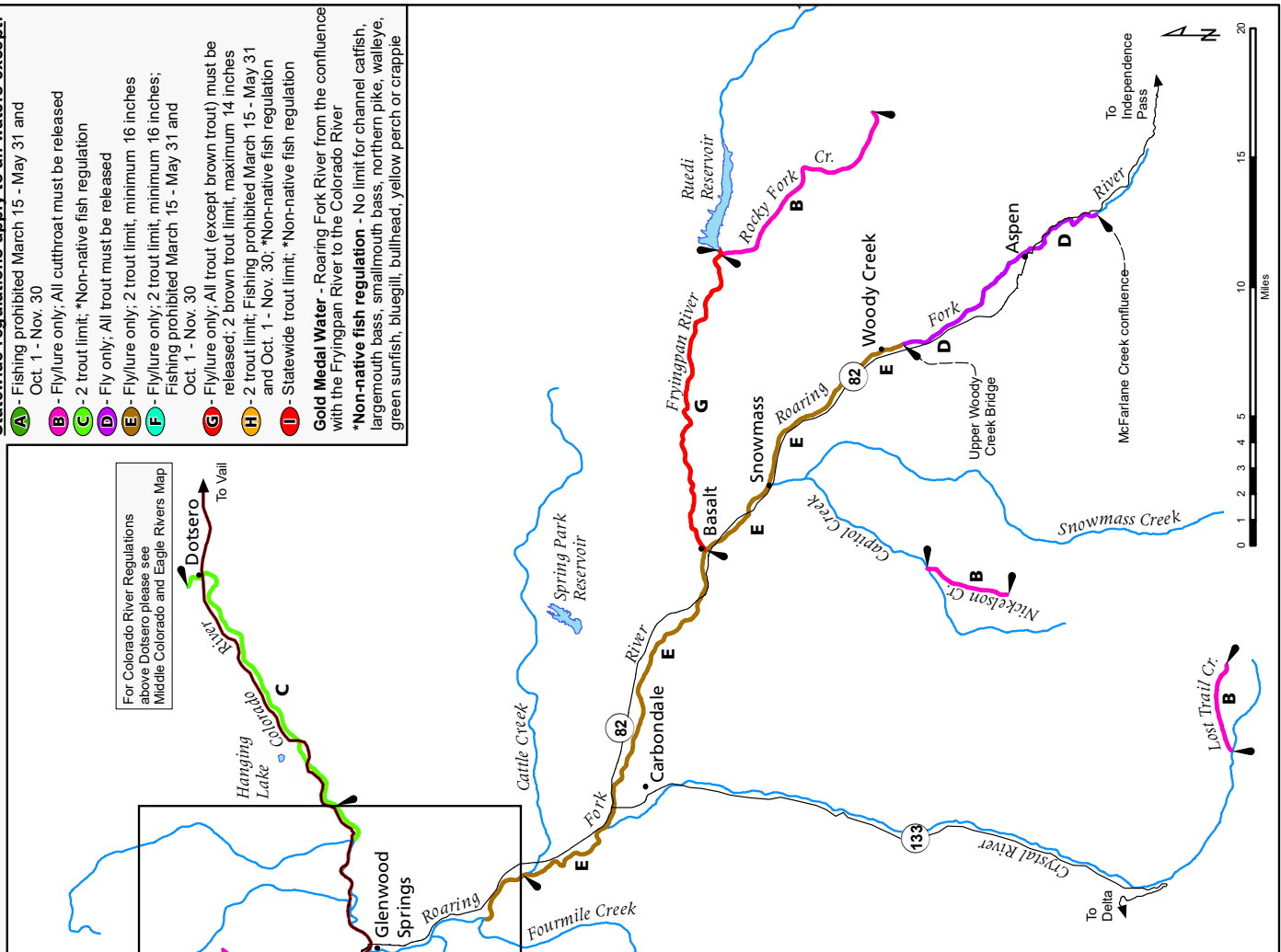
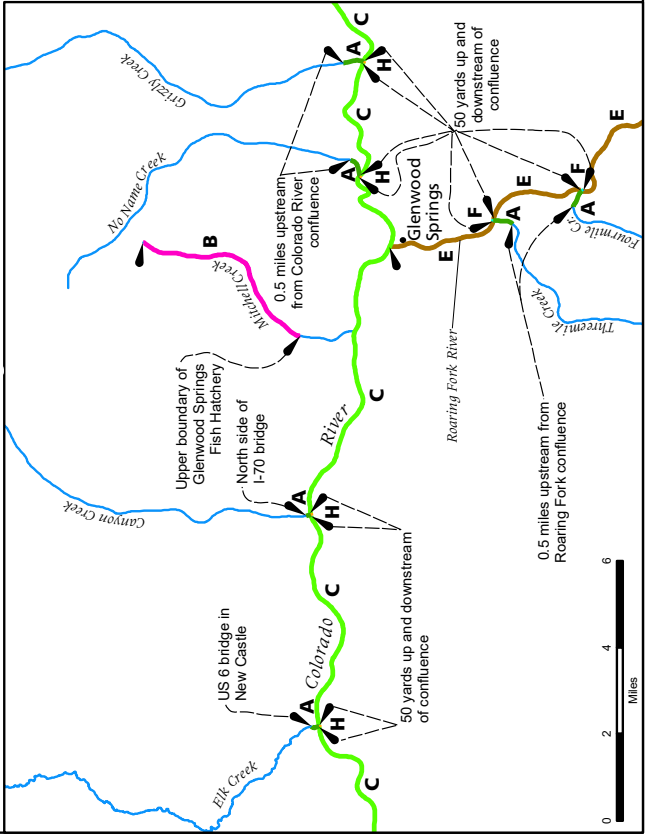
**Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:**  
**A** - Fishing prohibited March 15 - May 31 and Oct. 1 - Nov. 30  
**B** - Fly/flyure only; All cutthroat must be released  
**C** - 2 trout limit; \*Non-native fish regulation  
**D** - Fly only; All trout must be released  
**E** - Fly/flyure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches  
**F** - Fly/flyure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 16 inches; Fishing prohibited March 15 - May 31 and Oct. 1 - Nov. 30  
**G** - Fly/flyure only; All trout (except brown trout) must be released; 2 brown trout limit, maximum 14 inches and Oct. 1 - Nov. 30; \*Non-native fish regulation  
**H** - 2 trout limit; Fishing prohibited March 15 - May 31 and Oct. 1 - Nov. 30; \*Non-native fish regulation  
**I** - Statewide trout limit; \*Non-native fish regulation  
**Gold Medal Water** - Roaring Fork River from the confluence with the Fryingpan River to the Colorado River  
**\*Non-native fish regulation** - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

For Colorado River Regulations above Dotsero please see Middle Colorado and Eagle Rivers Map



For Colorado River Regulations below Rifle please see Lower Colorado River and Grand Mesa Map

## Inset Map





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## ▶ MEAD PONDS — WELD

1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.

## ▶ MEADOW CREEK — EAGLE

MAP: PAGE 15

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

## ▶ MEADOW CREEK, EAST — EAGLE

MAP: PAGE 15

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

## ▶ MEADOW CREEK RESERVOIR — GRAND

MAP: PAGE 16

1. Bag, possession limit and min. size for tiger trout is 1 fish, 18 inches long.

## ▶ MEADOW CREEK RESERVOIR — JACKSON

1. Bag, possession limit for trout is 2.

## ▶ MEDANO CREEK — SAGUACHE, ALAMOSA

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

## ▶ MEDANO CREEK, HUDSON BRANCH — SAGUACHE

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

## ▶ MEDANO CREEK, LITTLE — SAGUACHE

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

## ▶ MEREDITH RESERVOIR — CROWLEY

1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

## ▶ MICHIGAN RIVER — JACKSON

WITHIN BROWNLEE, MURPHY AND DIAMOND J STATE WILDLIFE AREAS:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

## ▶ MIDDLE CREEK, EAST — SAGUACHE

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE WATERFALL APPROXIMATELY 2.5 MILES UPSTREAM FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH MIDDLE CREEK:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

## ▶ MINERS CREEK — SAGUACHE

MAP: PAGE 27

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

## ▶ MINNESOTA CREEK, SOUTH FORK — GUNNISON

MAP: PAGE 20

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

## ▶ MITCHELL CREEK — GARFIELD

MAP: PAGE 28

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE UPPER BOUNDARY OF THE GLENWOOD SPRINGS FISH HATCHERY:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

## ▶ MONTGOMERY RESERVOIR — PARK

1. Ice fishing prohibited.
2. Fishing prohibited Dec. 1–May 31.

ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE RESERVOIR AND FROM THE WEST FACE OF THE DAM:

1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

## ▶ MONUMENT RESERVOIR — LAS ANIMAS

1. Snagging kokanee permitted Oct. 1–Dec. 31.

## ▶ MORROW POINT RESERVOIR — GUNNISON, MONTROSE

MAP: PAGE 19

1. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1–Dec. 31.

## ▶ MOUNT ELBERT FOREBAY RESERVOIR — LAKE

MAP: PAGE 12

1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 1.
2. Lake trout 22–34 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.

## ▶ MUDDY CREEK — SAN MIGUEL

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO WOODS LAKE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

## ▶ MUDDY CREEK, LITTLE — GRAND

MAP: PAGE 16

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

## ▶ NASH CREEK — DOLORES

FROM GROUNDHOG RESERVOIR UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:

1. Fishing prohibited April 15–July 15.

## ▶ NATE CREEK — OURAY

MAP: PAGE 27

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

## ▶ NATIVE LAKE — LAKE

MAP: PAGE 12

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

## ▶ NAVAJO LAKE — DOLORES

1. Artificial flies and lures only.

## ▶ NAVAJO RESERVOIR — ARCHULETA

1. Trot-lines permitted.

## ▶ NAVAJO RIVER — ARCHULETA, CONEJOS

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO BRIDAL VEIL FALLS:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE OSO DIVERSION DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

## ▶ NEE GRONDA RESERVOIR — KIOWA

1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

## ▶ NEE NOSHE RESERVOIR — KIOWA

1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

## ▶ NEE SO PAH RESERVOIR (SWEETWATER & JET) — KIOWA

**NOTE:** At publication, this reservoir is dry.

1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

## ▶ NEWLIN CREEK — CUSTER, FREMONT

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:

1. Fishing prohibited.

## ▶ NICKELSON CREEK — PITKIN

MAP: PAGE 28

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

## ▶ NO NAME CREEK — GARFIELD

MAP: PAGE 28

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:

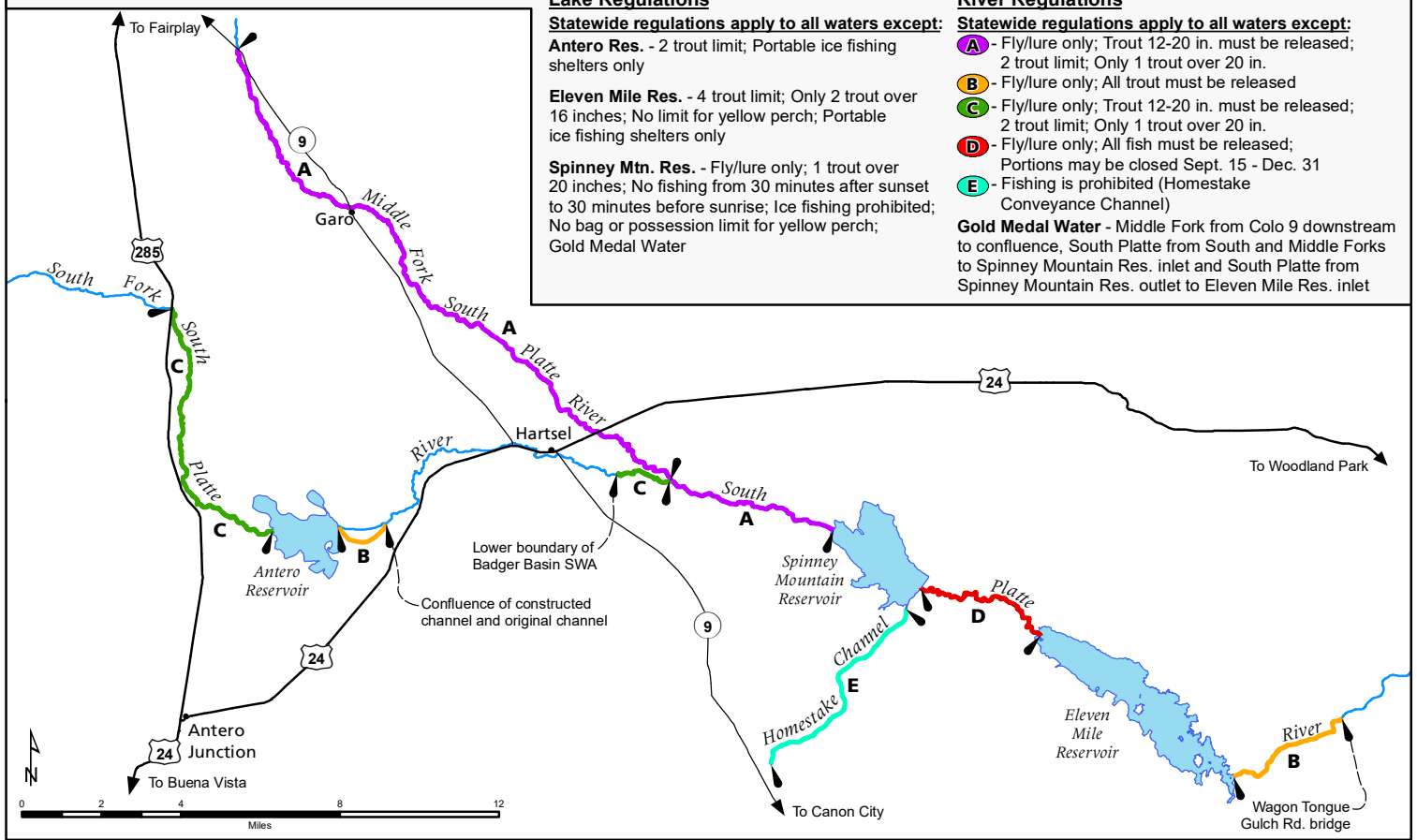
1. Fishing prohibited March 15–May 31 and Oct. 1–Nov. 30.

## ▶ NOLAN CREEK — EAGLE

MAP: PAGE 15

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

## South Platte River in South Park



### Lake Regulations

**Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:**

**Antero Res.** - 2 trout limit; Portable ice fishing shelters only

**Eleven Mile Res.** - 4 trout limit; Only 2 trout over 16 inches; No limit for yellow perch; Portable ice fishing shelters only

**Spinney Mtn. Res.** - Fly/lure only; 1 trout over 20 inches; No fishing from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise; Ice fishing prohibited; No bag or possession limit for yellow perch; Gold Medal Water

### River Regulations

**Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:**

**(A)** - Fly/lure only; Trout 12-20 in. must be released; 2 trout limit; Only 1 trout over 20 in.

**(B)** - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released

**(C)** - Fly/lure only; Trout 12-20 in. must be released; 2 trout limit; Only 1 trout over 20 in.

**(D)** - Fly/lure only; All fish must be released;

Portions may be closed Sept. 15 - Dec. 31

**(E)** - Fishing is prohibited (Homestake Conveyance Channel)

**Gold Medal Water** - Middle Fork from Colo 9 downstream to confluence, South Platte from South and Middle Forks to Spinney Mountain Res. inlet and South Platte from Spinney Mountain Res. outlet to Eleven Mile Res. inlet

▶ **NORTH LAKE STATE WILDLIFE AREA — LAS ANIMAS**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

▶ **NORTH PLATTE RIVER — JACKSON**  
WITHIN BROWNLEE II OR VERNER STATE WILDLIFE AREAS:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

**G** FROM THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE ROUTT NATIONAL FOREST DOWNSTREAM TO WYOMING (NORTHGATE CANYON):  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

▶ **NORTH PLATTE RIVER, NORTH FORK — JACKSON**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

▶ **NORTH SHIELDS PONDS — LARIMER**  
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

▶ **NORTH STERLING RESERVOIR — LOGAN**  
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.  
2. Min. size for smallmouth bass is 12 inches long.  
3. Min. size for wiper is 15 inches long. Only 1 can be longer than 25 inches.  
4. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.  
5. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.  
6. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.

▶ **NORTH TAYLOR CREEK — CUSTER**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **NORTHWATER CREEK — GARFIELD**  
MAP: PAGE 22  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **OLD DILLON RESERVOIR — SUMMIT**  
MAP: PAGE 13  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag, possession and min. size for golden trout 1, 16 inches long.

▶ **OSIER CREEK — CONEJOS**  
MAP: PAGE 18  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **OVERLAND TRAIL POND — LOGAN**  
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

▶ **PAONIA RESERVOIR — GUNNISON**  
MAP: PAGE 20  
FROM THE TOP OF PAONIA DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE BOUNDARY FENCE BELOW THE STILLING BASIN:  
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

▶ **PARACHUTE CREEK, EAST FORK — GARFIELD**  
MAP: PAGE 22  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **PARACHUTE CREEK, EAST MIDDLE FORK — GARFIELD**  
MAP: PAGE 22  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **PARVIN LAKE — LARIMER**  
MAP: PAGE 25  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

IN THE INLET STREAM (LONE PINE CREEK) UPSTREAM TO LARIMER CR 74E (RED FEATHER LAKES ROAD):  
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

▶ **PASS CREEK — MINERAL**  
MAP: PAGE 27  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **PASTURE CREEK — LA PLATA, SAN JUAN**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **PEARL LAKE — ROUTT**  
MAP: PAGE 36  
INCLUDING INLET STREAM FOR 0.25 OF A MILE ABOVE INLET AND THE OUTLET STREAM FOR 0.25 OF A MILE BELOW THE OUTLET:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 18 inches long.



▶ **PELLA CROSSING RECREATION AREA PONDS (ALL PONDS) — BOULDER**

1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Fishing prohibited in Webster Pond.

▶ **PETTY CREEK — SAN JUAN**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **PIEDRA RIVER — ARCHULETA**

FROM PIEDRA RIVER BRIDGE ON USFS 631 (PIEDRA RD.) DOWNSTREAM TO THE LOWER BOUNDARY OF THE TRES PIEDRA RANCH (1.5 MILES ABOVE U.S. 160):

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE U.S. 160 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO NAVAJO RESERVOIR:

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

▶ **PIEDRA RIVER, EAST FORK — MINERAL, HINSDALE**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **PIKES PEAK NORTH SLOPE RECREATION AREA — EL PASO, TELLER**

CRYSTAL, NORTH CATAMOUNT & SOUTH CATAMOUNT RESERVOIRS:

1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 2.
- NORTH CATAMOUNT RESERVOIR ONLY:
1. Artificial flies and lures only.

▶ **PIKES PEAK SOUTH SLOPE RECREATION AREA — EL PASO, TELLER**

Permits required. Visit Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services website at [coloradosprings.gov/parks](http://coloradosprings.gov/parks) and then Open Spaces for more information on opening and closing dates, permits and other rules.

- BOEHMER RESERVOIR, BOEHMER CREEK:
1. Fishing prohibited in Boehmer Reservoir and Boehmer Creek, from the headwaters to Mason Reservoir.

MASON RESERVOIR:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 1, 16 inches long.

McREYNOLDS RESERVOIR:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **PIT D POND — BOULDER**

1. Bag, possession and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in the aggregate, 15 inches long.

▶ **POAGE LAKE — RIO GRANDE**

MAP: PAGE 27

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and max. size for trout is 2, 12 inches long.

▶ **POINTS CREEK — MESA**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

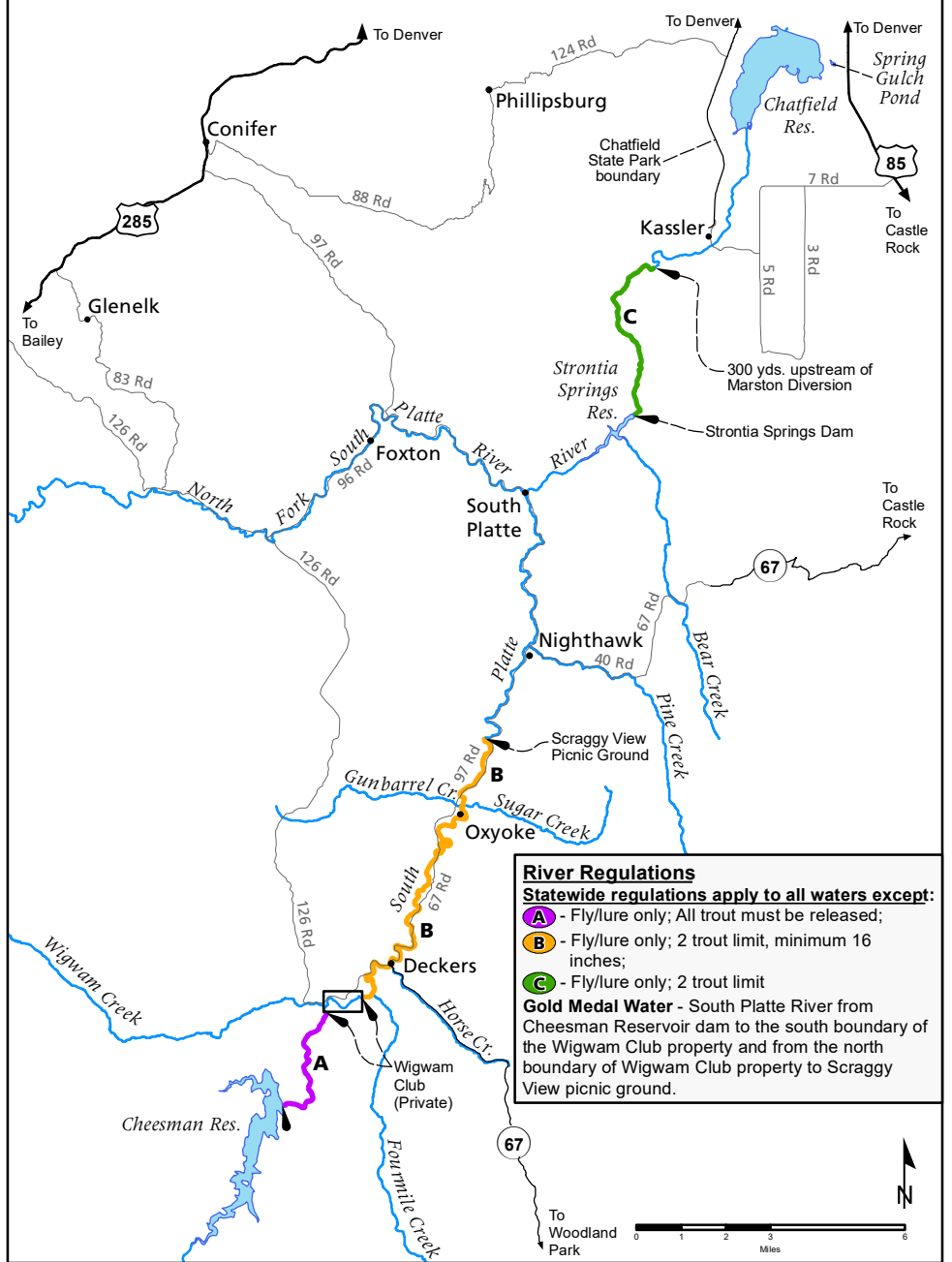
**South Platte River from Cheesman Res. to Chatfield Res.**

**Lake Regulations** Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

**Cheesman Res.** - Fishing prohibited Oct. 1 - April 30; No fishing from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise; Fishing prohibited on the dam and around reservoir as posted; Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1 - Sept. 30; Ice fishing prohibited

**Chatfield Res. and all waters within state park including South Platte River** - 3 walleye limit, minimum 18 inches; Only 1 walleye over 21 inches per day; Minimum size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches; Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 feet of dam or walleye spawning operation nets March 15 - April 15, or until walleye spawning operations are completed; Fishing prohibited on ponds in dog off-leash area.

**Spring Gulch Pond** - Fly/lure only; All fish must be returned to water immediately



▶ **POOSE CREEK — RIO BLANCO**

MAP: PAGE 36

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **PORCUPINE LAKE — ROUTT**

MAP: PAGE 36

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **POUDRE PONDS NO. 1 — WELD**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

▶ **POUDRE RIVER — LARIMER**

MAP: PAGE 25

FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH JOE WRIGHT CREEK:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

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FROM UPPER BOUNDARY OF BIG BEND CAMPGROUND DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH BLACK HOLLOW CREEK:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM WEST BOUNDARY OF THE HOMBRE RANCH (BELOW RUSTIC) DOWNSTREAM TO THE PINGREE PARK ROAD/BRIDGE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM UPPER BOUNDARY OF GATEWAY PARK (WATER DIVERSION FOR FORT COLLINS) DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE NORTH FORK OF THE POUDBRE RIVER:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

► **POUDRE RIVER, NORTH FORK — LARIMER**

MAP: PAGE 25

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH DIVIDE CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO BULL CREEK (ABOVE HALLIGAN RESERVOIR):

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM MILTON SEAMAN RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE POUDBRE RIVER:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

► **POUDRE RIVER, SOUTH FORK — LARIMER**

MAP: PAGE 25

FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY DOWNSTREAM FOR 1 MILE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

► **PREWITT RESERVOIR — LOGAN, WASHINGTON**

1. Min. size for wiper is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for walleye, saugeye is 15 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
4. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.

► **PRIEST GULCH — DOLORES, MONTEZUMA**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **PRONGER POND — LOGAN**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

► **PROSPECT PARK LAKES — JEFFERSON**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

BASS LAKE AND WEST PROSPECT LAKES ONLY:

1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.

► **PROSPECT PONDS NO. 2 & 3 — LARIMER**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

► **PRYOR CREEK — OURAY**

MAP: PAGE 21

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO USFS BOUNDARY:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **PUEBLO RESERVOIR — PUEBLO**

1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag, possession, min. size for walleye and saugeye is 5 in the aggregate, 18 inches long.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
4. Bag, possession, min. size for crappie is 10 fish, 10 inches long.
5. Bag and possession limit for wiper is 5.
6. Only 1 wiper longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
7. Underwater spearfishing allowed for channel, blue and flathead catfish with an aggregate bag and possession limit of 5, and for wiper with a bag and possession limit of 5.
8. Fishing prohibited from dam and within 100 ft. of dam or walleye spawning nets Mar. 1–April 15, or until walleye spawning operations are complete.
9. It is unlawful to possess filleted or cleaned fish in boat on lake.

► **PURGATOIRE RIVER, MIDDLE & SOUTH FORKS — LAS ANIMAS**

WITHIN BOSQUE DEL OSO STATE WILDLIFE AREA:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. All fish must be returned to water immediately.

► **QUEENS RESERVOIR, NORTH & SOUTH — KIOWA**

1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

► **QUINCY RESERVOIR — ARAPAHOE**

1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
3. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18 inches long.
4. Access controlled by Aurora Parks & Recreation as posted.

► **RAMPART RESERVOIR — EL PASO**

1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 2.
2. Ice fishing prohibited.

► **RANCH CREEK, NORTH FORK — GRAND**

MAP: PAGE 16

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **RED LION STATE WILDLIFE AREA — LOGAN**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Min. size for crappie is 10 inches long.

► **RELAY CREEK — LA PLATA, SAN JUAN**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **RHODES GULCH — CONEJOS**

MAP: PAGE 18

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **RIDGWAY RESERVOIR — OURAY**

MAP: PAGE 21

1. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1–Dec. 31.
2. No bag, possession limit for smallmouth bass.

► **RIFLE GAP RESERVOIR — GARFIELD**

MAPS: PAGES 22, 28

1. Bag, possession and min. size for walleye is 3, 15 inches long.
2. Only 1 walleye longer than 18 inches may be taken per day.
3. Bag and possession limit for yellow perch is 20.

► **RIO BLANCO LAKE — RIO BLANCO**

MAP: PAGE 34

1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.

► **RIO BLANCO RIVER — ARCHULETA, CONEJOS**

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO SAN JUAN WILDERNESS BOUNDARY:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE BLANCO DIVERSION DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SAN JUAN RIVER:

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

► **RIO DE LOS PINOS — CONEJOS**

MAP: PAGE 18

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE WATERFALL AT THE SOUTH SAN JUAN WILDERNESS BOUNDARY:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **RIO GRANDE — HINSDALE, MINERAL, RIO GRANDE**

MAP: PAGE 27

FROM LOWER BOUNDARY OF RIVER HILL CAMPGROUND DOWNSTREAM TO THE COLO. 149 BRIDGE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.
3. Bag, possession and max. size for brown trout is 2, 12 inches long.

**G** FROM COLO. 149 BRIDGE AT SOUTH FORK DOWNSTREAM TO THE RIO GRANDE CANAL DIVERSION STRUCTURE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for brown trout is 2, 16 inches long.
3. Rainbow trout must be returned to water immediately.

► **RIO LADO CREEK — MONTEZUMA**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **RIVERBEND PONDS NO. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 — LARIMER**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

► **RIVER'S EDGE NATURAL AREA PONDS (BASS, DRAGONFLY & SANDPIPER) — LARIMER**

1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.
2. Bag and possession limit for yellow perch is 5.



# White River - Headwaters to Meeker

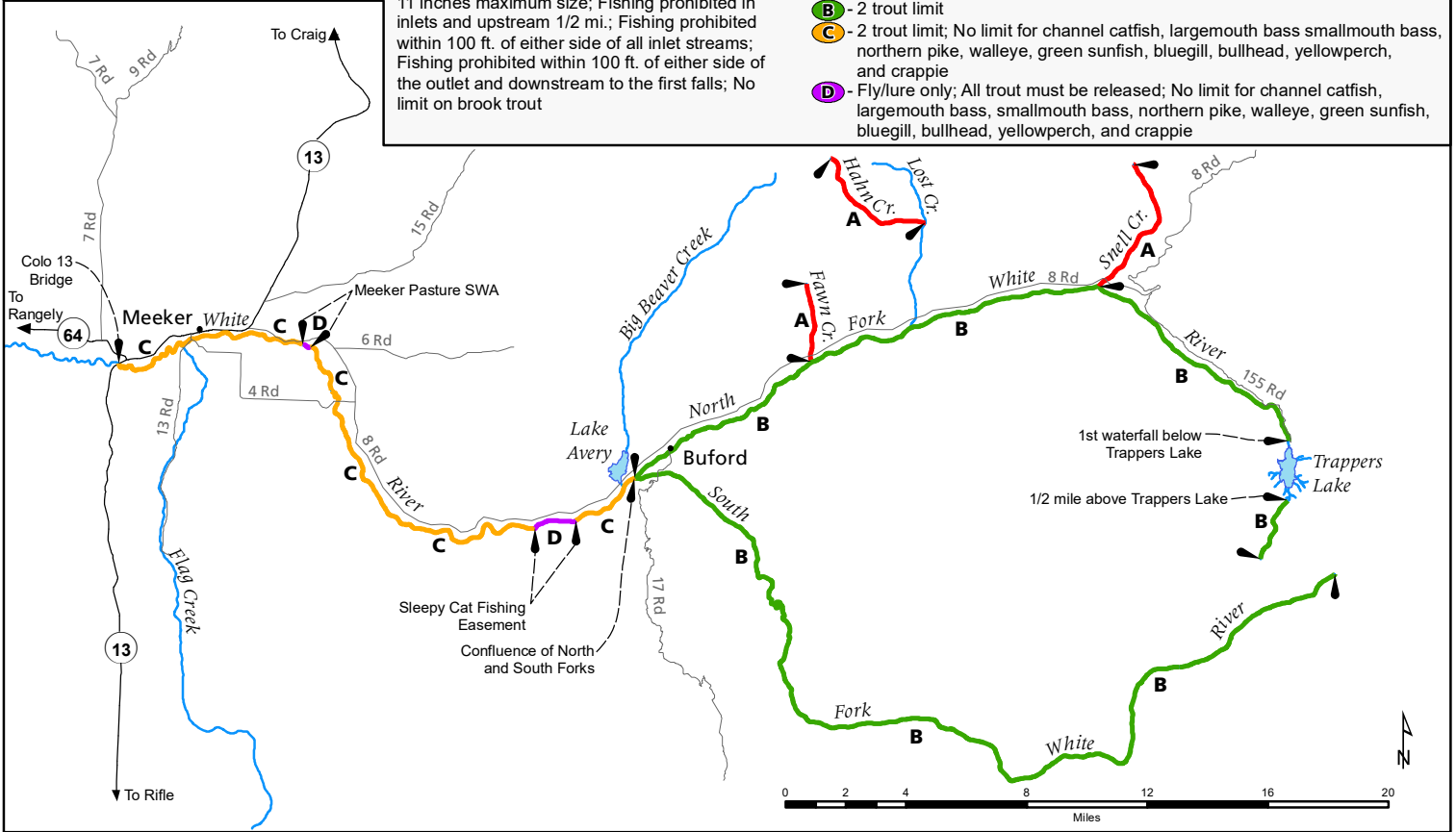
## Lake Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except: Trappers Lake - Fly/Lure Only; 2 cutthroat limit, 11 inches maximum size; Fishing prohibited in inlets and upstream 1/2 mi.; Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of all inlet streams; Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of the outlet and downstream to the first falls; No limit on brook trout

## River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- A** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- B** - 2 trout limit
- C** - 2 trout limit; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellowperch, and crappie
- D** - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellowperch, and crappie



▶ **ROAD BEAVER CREEK — GUNNISON**

MAP: PAGE 19

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **ROARING CREEK & TRIBUTARIES — LARIMER**

MAP: PAGE 25

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **ROARING FORK CREEK — GRAND**

MAP: PAGE 16

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **ROARING FORK OF THE NORTH PLATTE — JACKSON**  
WITHIN MANVILLE STATE WILDLIFE AREA:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

▶ **ROARING FORK RIVER — PITKIN, GARFIELD**

MAP: PAGE 28

**G** FROM FRYINGPAN RIVER TO COLORADO RIVER

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH McFARLANE CREEK DOWNSTREAM TO THE UPPER WOODY CREEK BRIDGE:

1. Artificial flies only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM UPPER WOODY CREEK BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER (EXCLUDING 50 YARDS UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM FROM THE CONFLUENCES WITH FOURMILE CREEK AND THREEMILE CREEK):

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

FROM 50 YARDS UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM FROM THE CONFLUENCES WITH FOURMILE CREEK AND THREEMILE CREEK:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Fishing prohibited March 15–May 31 and Oct. 1–Nov. 30.
3. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

▶ **ROARING FORK — MINERAL**

MAP: PAGE 27

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH GOOSE CREEK, INCLUDING UNNAMED TRIBUTARY STREAMS:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **ROARING FORKS CREEK — MONTEZUMA**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **ROBINSON CREEK — GUNNISON**

MAP: PAGE 20

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **ROCK CREEK — GUNNISON**

MAP: PAGE 20

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH CLEAR FORK OF MUDDY CREEK:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **ROCK CREEK — LAKE**

MAP: PAGE 12

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **ROCK CREEK — PARK**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **ROCK CREEK, LITTLE — MESA**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **ROCK LAKE — CONEJOS**

MAP: PAGE 18

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **ROCKY FORK CREEK — PITKIN**

MAP: PAGE 28

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

# White River - Meeker to Utah State Line

## Lake Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

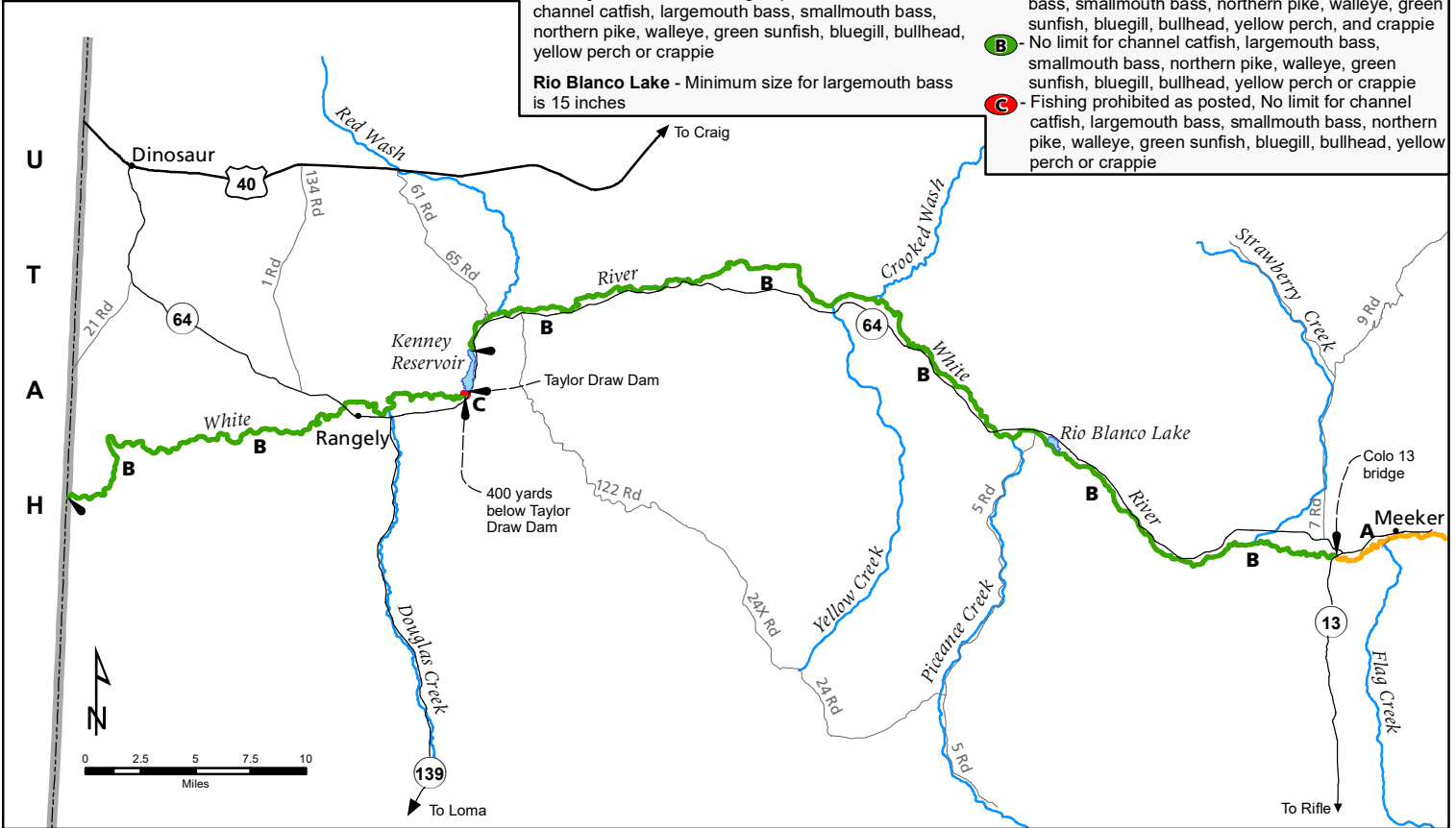
**Kenney Reservoir** - No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

**Rio Blanco Lake** - Minimum size for largemouth bass is 15 inches

## River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- A** - 2 trout limit; No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch, and crappie
- B** - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie
- C** - Fishing prohibited as posted. No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie



► **ROCKY MOUNTAIN LAKE — DENVER**

1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.

► **ROSEMONT RESERVOIR — TELLER**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Ice fishing prohibited.

► **ROUGH CANYON — CONEJOS**

MAP: PAGE 18

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **RUBY JEWEL LAKE — JACKSON**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

► **RUNYON/FOUNTAIN LAKES STATE WILDLIFE AREA — PUEBLO**

1. Ice fishing prohibited.

► **SAGUACHE CREEK — SAGUACHE**

MAP: PAGE 27

FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE MIDDLE AND SOUTH FORKS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH CALIFORNIA GULCH:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.

► **SAGUACHE CREEK, MIDDLE FORK — SAGUACHE**

MAP: PAGE 27

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SOUTH FORK OF SAGUACHE CREEK:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.

► **SAGUACHE CREEK, SOUTH FORK — SAGUACHE**

MAP: PAGE 27

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE MIDDLE FORK OF SAGUACHE CREEK:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.

► **ST. VRAIN CREEK (NORTH & SOUTH) — BOULDER**

WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF LYONS, AS POSTED:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

► **ST. VRAIN STATE PARK — WELD**

BALD EAGLE LAKE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.

BLUE HERON LAKE:

1. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to water immediately.
2. Only 1 channel catfish in the bag or possession limit may exceed 20 inches long.

► **SAN FRANCISCO CREEK (MIDDLE & WEST FORKS) & WEST SAN FRANCISCO LAKE — RIO GRANDE**

MAP: PAGE 27

PORTION ON USFS LANDS INCLUDING WEST SAN FRANCISCO LAKE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

► **SAN JUAN RIVER — ARCHULETA**

FROM THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. 160 AND U.S. 84 DOWNSTREAM THROUGH PAGOSA SPRINGS TO THE INTERSECTION OF APACHE STREET WITH THE RIVER, INCLUDING RIVER CENTER PONDS:

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM U.S. 160 BRIDGE IN PAGOSA SPRINGS DOWNSTREAM TO NAVAJO RESERVOIR:

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

► **SAN MIGUEL RIVER — MONTROSE, SAN MIGUEL**

FROM THE COLO. 90 BRIDGE AT PINON DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE DOLORES RIVER:

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

► **SCENERY POND — RIO BLANCO**

COLORADO MOUNTAIN STATE WILDLIFE AREA:

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

► **SCHAEFFER CREEK — GUNNISON**

MAP: PAGE 20

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO CR 12C:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **SCHWACHHEIM CREEK — LAS ANIMAS**

WITHIN LAKE DOROTHEA STATE WILDLIFE AREA:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.

► **SECOND CREEK — DELTA**

MAP: PAGE 21

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.



► **SECOND CREEK — GUNNISON**

MAP: PAGE 20

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH CLEAR FORK OF MUDDY CREEK:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **SEVERY CREEK — EL PASO**

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE USFS BOUNDARY:

1. Fishing prohibited.

► **SHADOW MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR — GRAND**

MAP: PAGE 16

1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.

► **SHADOW MOUNTAIN SPILLWAY — GRAND**

MAP: PAGE 16

FROM SHADOW MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM TO LAKE GRANBY, INCLUDING COLUMBINE BAY TO THE TWIN CREEK INLET:

1. Fishing prohibited Oct. 15–Nov. 30.
2. Snagging prohibited.

► **SHEEP CREEK — CONEJOS**

MAP: PAGE 18

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONEJOS RIVER:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

► **SHEEP CREEK — LARIMER**

MAP: PAGE 25

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **SHEEP CREEK, EAST & WEST FORKS — LARIMER**

MAP: PAGE 25

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **SIG CREEK — LA PLATA, SAN JUAN**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **SIG CREEK, EAST FORK — SAN JUAN**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **SILVER LAKE — MESA**

MAP: PAGE 22

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

► **SLATE CREEK — DOLORES**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **SLATER CREEK, SOUTH FORK & WEST PRONG OF THE SOUTH FORK — ROUTT**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **SLOAN LAKE — HINSDALE**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **SNELL CREEK — RIO BLANCO**

MAP: PAGE 33

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

► **SOUTH PLATTE PARK (LITTLETON) — ARAPAHOE**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

► **SOUTH PLATTE RIVER — DOUGLAS, JEFFERSON, PARK, TELLER**

MAPS: PAGES 30–31

**G** FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE MIDDLE AND SOUTH FORKS DOWNSTREAM TO SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR INLET:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout 12–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2. Only one may be longer than 20 inches.

**G** FROM THE OUTLET OF SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM TO THE INLET OF ELEVEN MILE RESERVOIR:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Some portions may be closed to fishing as posted from Sept. 15–Dec. 31 for kokanee spawning.
3. All fish must be returned to water immediately.

FROM IMMEDIATELY BELOW ELEVEN MILE DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE WAGON TONGUE GULCH ROAD BRIDGE AT SPRINGER GULCH (ELEVEN MILE CANYON):

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

**G** FROM CHEESMAN DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE SOUTH PROPERTY LINE AT WIGWAM CLUB:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

**G** FROM THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE WIGWAM CLUB DOWNSTREAM TO SCRAGGY VIEW PICNIC GROUND:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

FROM STRONTIA SPRINGS DAM DOWNSTREAM TO 300 YARDS UPSTREAM FROM THE DENVER WATER BOARD'S MARSTON DIVERSION STRUCTURE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

WITHIN CHATFIELD STATE PARK:

1. Bag limit and min. size for walleye is 3, 18 inches long.
2. Only 1 walleye longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
3. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

► **SOUTH PLATTE RIVER, MIDDLE FORK — PARK**

MAP: PAGE 30

**G** FROM THE COLO. 9 BRIDGE (4.9 MILES NORTH OF GARO) DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SOUTH FORK OF THE SOUTH PLATTE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout 12–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2. Only one may be longer than 20 inches.

► **SOUTH PLATTE RIVER, SOUTH FORK — PARK**

MAP: PAGE 30

FROM U.S. 285 DOWNSTREAM TO ANTERO RESERVOIR:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout 12–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2. Only one may be longer than 20 inches.

FROM ANTERO RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM IN THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED CHANNEL TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE EXISTING CHANNEL:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE LOWER BOUNDARY FENCE OF BADGER BASIN STATE WILDLIFE AREA DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE MIDDLE FORK OF THE SOUTH PLATTE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout 12–20 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.
3. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2. Only one may be longer than 20 inches.

**G** ► **SPINNEY MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR — PARK**

MAP: PAGE 30

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Fishing prohibited one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

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## Yampa River - Headwaters to Craig

### River Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

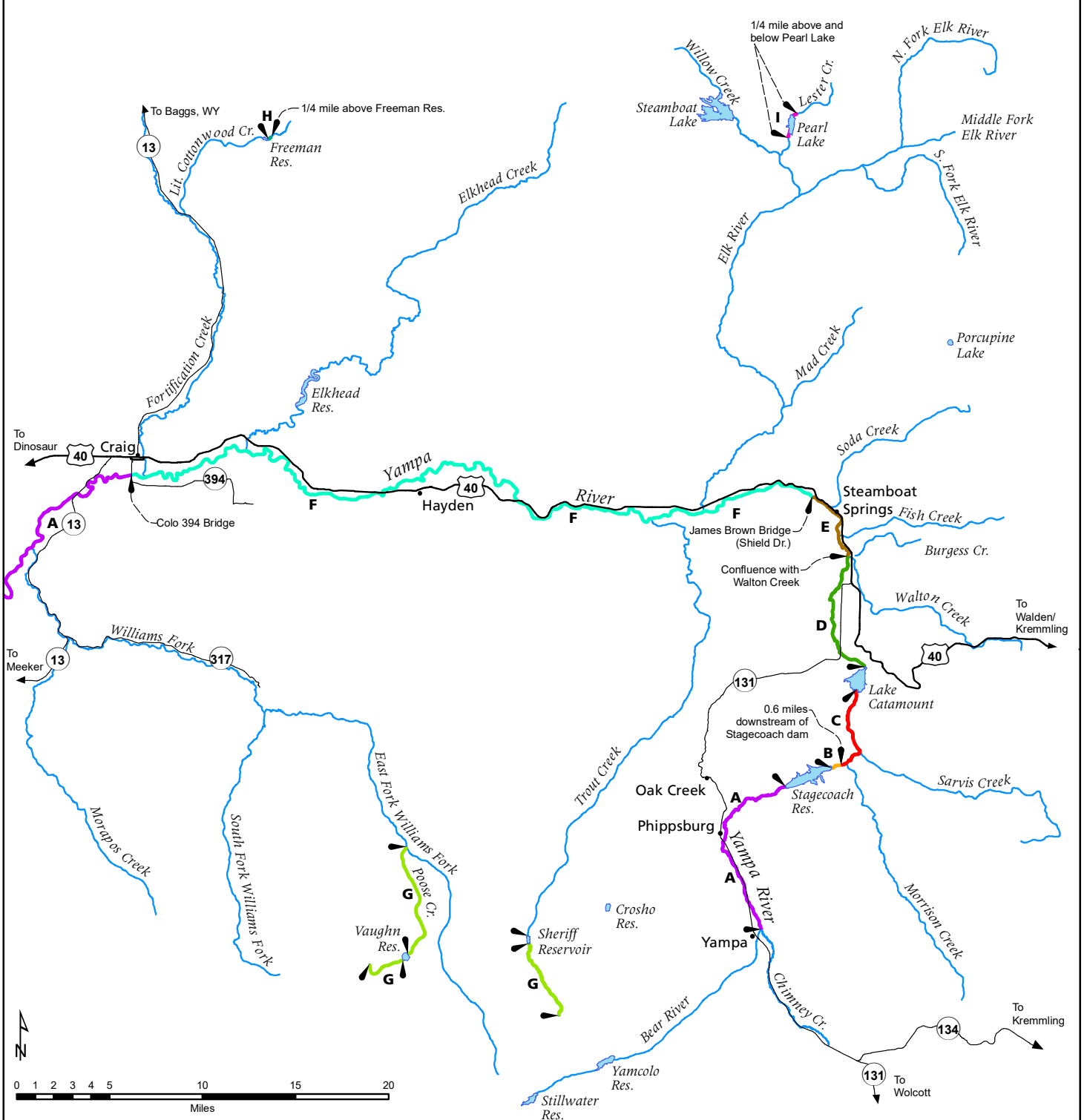
- A** - \*Non-native fish regulation
- B** - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released; Spawning areas (redds) closed as posted; \*Non-native fish regulation
- C** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit; Spawning areas (redds) closed as posted; \*Non-native fish regulation
- D** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit; \*Non-native fish regulation
- E** - Fly/lure only; All trout must be released; \*Non-native fish regulation
- F** - 2 trout limit; \*Non-native fish regulation
- G** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- H** - Fishing prohibited Jan. 1-July 31
- I** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 18 inches

\*Non-native fish regulation - No limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie

### Lake Regulations

Statewide regulations apply to all waters except:

- Croscho Reservoir** - 2 grayling limit, minimum 16 inches
- Elkhead Reservoir** - 2 largemouth bass limit, minimum 15 inches; 10 crappie limit
- Freeman Reservoir** - Fishing prohibited from Jan. 1 - July 31 within 50 yards of either side of the inlet and upstream 1/4 mile
- Pearl Lake (including 1/4 mile up inlet and 1/4 mile down outlet)** - Fly/lure only; 2 trout limit, minimum 18 inches
- Porcupine Lake** - Fly/lure only; All cutthroat must be released
- Stagecoach Reservoir** - No bag and possession limit for walleye
- Steamboat Lake** - Gold Medal Water
- Vaughn Reservoir** - 2 cutthroat limit



3. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 1, 20 inches long.  
4. Ice fishing prohibited.  
5. No bag and possession limit for yellow perch.
- **SPRAT-PLATTE LAKE — ADAMS**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.  
2. Min. size for largemouth bass is 18 inches long.
- **SPRING CREEK — DOLORES**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
- **SPRING GULCH POND — DOUGLAS**  
*MAP: PAGE 29*  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. All fish must be returned to water immediately.
- **SPRUCE CREEK — GRAND, SUMMIT**  
*MAP: PAGE 13*  
CONFLUENCE WITH BLUE RIVER, 5 MILES N OF GREEN MOUNTAIN RES.:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
- **SPRUCE CREEK — SUMMIT**  
*MAP: PAGE 13*  
CONFLUENCE WITH BLUE RIVER, 2.5 MILES S OF BRECKENRIDGE:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
- **NEW SQUARE TOP LAKES (UPPER & LOWER)— CLEAR CREEK**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. All trout must be returned to water immediately.
- **STAGECOACH RESERVOIR — ROUTT**  
*MAP: PAGE 36*  
1. No bag or possession limit for walleye.
- **STALKER LAKE — YUMA**  
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
- **STANDLEY LAKE — JEFFERSON**  
1. Min. size for walleye and saugeye is 15 inches long.  
2. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 21 inches may be taken per day.
- G** ► **STEAMBOAT LAKE — ROUTT**
- **STEARNS LAKE — BOULDER**  
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
- **STEELMAN CREEK — GRAND**  
*MAP: PAGE 16*  
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE DENVER WATER BOARD DIVERSION:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
- **STEBEN CREEK, WEST FORK — GUNNISON**  
*MAP: PAGE 19*  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
- **SUMMIT RESERVOIR — MONTEZUMA**  
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.
- **SWAMP LAKES — LAKE**  
*MAP: PAGE 12*  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
- **SWAN RIVER — SUMMIT**  
*MAP: PAGE 13*  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag, possession and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.
- **SWAN RIVER, NORTH FORK — SUMMIT**  
*MAP: PAGE 13*  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
- **SWEITZER LAKE — DELTA**  
1. All fish except carp must be returned to the water immediately.
- **SYLVAN LAKE — EAGLE**  
*MAP: PAGE 15*  
IN INLET AND UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:  
1. Fishing prohibited Sept. 1–Nov. 30.
- **TAMARACK RANCH POND — LOGAN**  
1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
- **TARRYALL CREEK — PARK**  
FOR THAT PORTION OF TARRYALL CREEK LOCATED ON THE CLINE RANCH STATE WILDLIFE AREA:  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.  
3. Fishing prohibited Oct. 1–last day of Feb.  
4. Fishing access restricted to designated fishing areas (beats). Each fishing beat restricted to occupants of vehicle in parking stall assigned to that beat (determined by corresponding number). No more than 4 anglers per vehicle. Only 1 vehicle per stall.
- **TAYLOR CREEK, LITTLE — MONTEZUMA**  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
- **TAYLOR PARK RESERVOIR — GUNNISON**  
*MAP: PAGE 19*  
1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 3. Only 1 may be longer than 26 inches.  
2. Gaffs and tail snares prohibited.  
3. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1–Dec. 31.
- **TAYLOR RIVER — GUNNISON**  
*MAP: PAGE 19*  
**G** **FROM TAYLOR PARK RESERVOIR DAM TO ALMONT**  
FROM THE TOP OF TAYLOR DAM AND FROM THE DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR 325 YARDS:  
1. Fishing prohibited as posted.
- FROM A POINT 325 YARDS BELOW TAYLOR DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE LOWER BOUNDARY OF TAYLOR RIVER STATE WILDLIFE AREA (APPROXIMATELY 0.4 OF A MILE):  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.
- **NEW TENMILE CREEK — SUMMIT**  
FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF WEST TENMILE CREEK NEAR COPPER MOUNTAIN DOWNSTREAM TO DILLON RESERVOIR:  
1. All brown trout over 14 inches in length must be returned to water immediately.  
2. Fishing is prohibited from Sept. 1–Dec. 1.
- **TERROR CREEK, EAST FORK — DELTA**  
*MAP: PAGE 20*  
FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH TERROR CREEK (INCLUDING THE UNNAMED TRIBUTARY BELOW TERROR CREEK RESERVOIR):  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
- **TERROR CREEK, WEST FORK — DELTA**  
*MAP: PAGE 20*  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
- **THOMAS RESERVOIR — BOULDER**  
1. Bag, possession limit and min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 1 in the aggregate, 15 inches long.
- **THREE LAKES (LOWEST & MIDDLE LAKES) — LAKE**  
*MAP: PAGE 12*  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
- **THREE LICKS CREEK — EAGLE**  
*MAP: PAGE 16*  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
- **THREEMILE CREEK — GARFIELD**  
*MAP: PAGE 28*  
FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE ROARING FORK RIVER UPSTREAM FOR 0.5 OF A MILE:  
1. Fishing prohibited March 15–May 31 and Oct. 1–Nov. 30.
- **THURSTON RESERVOIR — PROWERS**  
1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.
- **TIMBERLINE LAKE — LAKE**  
*MAP: PAGE 12*  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.
- **TORSIDO CREEK — CONEJOS**  
*MAP: PAGE 18*  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.
- **TOTTEN RESERVOIR — MONTEZUMA**  
1. Min. size for largemouth bass is 15 inches long.
- **TRAPPER CREEK — GARFIELD**  
*MAP: PAGE 22*  
1. Artificial flies and lures only.  
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.



▶ **TRAPPERS LAKE — GARFIELD**

MAP: PAGE 33

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession and max. size for cutthroat is 2, 11 inches long.
3. Cutthroat over 11 inches long must be returned to water immediately.
4. No bag or possession limit for brook trout.
5. Fishing prohibited in inlets and upstream for 0.5 of a mile.
6. Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of inlet streams.
7. Fishing prohibited within 100 ft. of either side of outlet and downstream to first falls.

▶ **TRINIDAD RESERVOIR — LAS ANIMAS**

1. Min. size for largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag and possession limit for walleye and saugeye is 5 in the aggregate.
3. Only 1 walleye or saugeye in the aggregate longer than 18 inches may be taken per day.

▶ **TROUT CREEK — RIO BLANCO, ROUTT**

MAP: PAGE 36

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO, BUT NOT INCLUDING, SHERIFF RESERVOIR:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **TURQUOISE RESERVOIR — LAKE**

MAP: PAGE 12

1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 2.

▶ **TUTTLE CREEK — SAGUACHE**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **TWIN CREEK, NORTH & SOUTH — GUNNISON**

MAP: PAGE 20

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **TWIN LAKES — LAKE**

MAP: PAGE 12

1. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 1.
2. Lake trout 22–34 inches long must be returned to the water immediately.

▶ **TWO BUTTES RESERVOIR — BACA**

1. Trot-lines and jugs permitted.

▶ **TWO LEDGE RESERVOIR — JACKSON**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.

▶ **UNCOMPAHGRE RIVER — OURAY, MONTROSE, DELTA**

MAP: PAGE 21

FROM OURAY CR 23 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO RIDGWAY RESERVOIR:

1. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1–Dec. 31.

FROM RIDGWAY DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE FENCE JUST BELOW USGS GAUGE STATION:

1. Fishing prohibited, except as posted.

FROM THE FENCE JUST BELOW THE USGS GAUGE STATION BELOW RIDGWAY DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH COW CREEK:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE RIDGWAY DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE GUNNISON RIVER:

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

FROM THE COLO. 90 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO THE LASALLE RD. BRIDGE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **UNION RESERVOIR (CALKINS LAKE) — WELD**

1. Min. size for wiper is 15 inches long.

▶ **UPPER SEEPAGE LAKE — MINERAL**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag, possession limit and min. size for trout is 2, 16 inches long.

▶ **VALCO PONDS 4–7 — PUEBLO**

1. Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass must be returned to water immediately.
2. Bag, possession limit for channel catfish is 1.

▶ **VALLECITO CREEK — LA PLATA, SAN JUAN**

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE WEMINUCHE WILDERNESS:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE WEMINUCHE WILDERNESS DOWNSTREAM TO THE STANDING WATER LINE OF VALLECITO RESERVOIR:

1. All kokanee must be returned to water from Sept. 1–Nov. 14.
2. Snagging kokanee permitted Nov. 15–Dec. 31.

▶ **VASQUEZ CREEK, LITTLE — GRAND**

MAP: PAGE 16

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE DENVER WATER BOARD DIVERSION:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **VASQUEZ CREEK, SOUTH FORK — GRAND**

MAP: PAGE 16

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **VAUGHN RESERVOIR — RIO BLANCO**

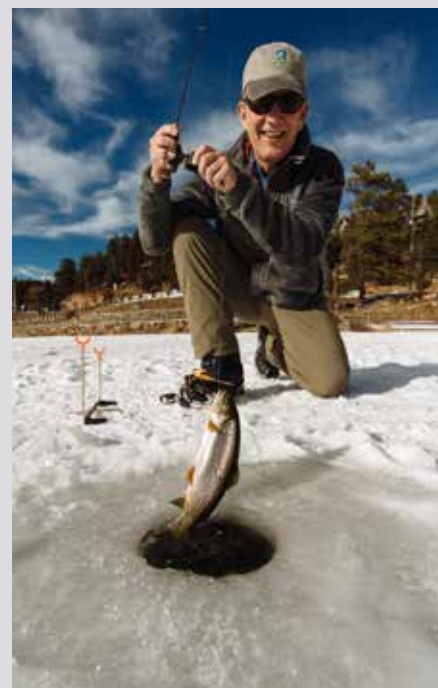
MAP: PAGE 36

1. Bag and possession limit for cutthroat is 2.

▶ **VIRGINIA GULCH CREEK, WEST — LA PLATA**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

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▶ **VIRGINIA LAKE — LAKE**

MAP: PAGE 12

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

▶ **WAHATOYA STATE WILDLIFE AREA — HUERFANO**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Ice fishing prohibited.

▶ **WALDEN PONDS (EXCEPT WALLY TOEVS POND) — BOULDER**

1. Artificial flies and lures only. Scented flies or lures must be 1.5 inches or longer.
2. All largemouth and smallmouth bass must be returned to the water immediately.

▶ **WALKER STATE WILDLIFE AREA — MESA***MAP: PAGE 22*

1. Fishing prohibited Oct. 1–last day of Feb.

▶ **WANEKA LAKE (LAFAYETTE)— BOULDER**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

▶ **WASHINGTON PARK (LILY POND) — DENVER**

1. Fishing open only to youth 15 or younger.

▶ **WATSON LAKE — LARIMER***MAP: PAGE 25*

1. Min. size for smallmouth bass is 12 inches long.

▶ **WEST CREEK — MESA**

FROM THE COLO. 141 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM 5 MILES TO THE CONFLUENCE OF UTE CREEK:

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

▶ **WEST CROSS CREEK — EAGLE***MAP: PAGE 15*

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **WHITE RIVER — RIO BLANCO***MAPS: PAGES 33, 34*

FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH FORKS OF THE WHITE RIVER DOWNSTREAM TO THE COLO. 13 BRIDGE BELOW MEEKER (EXCLUDING THE SLEEPY CAT EASEMENT AND THE MEEKER PASTURE STATE WILDLIFE AREA):

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

ON THE SLEEPY CAT EASEMENT AND MEEKER PASTURE STATE WILDLIFE AREA EAST OF MEEKER:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH FORKS OF THE WHITE RIVER DOWNSTREAM TO KENNEY RESERVOIR:

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

FROM TAYLOR DRAW DAM DOWNSTREAM 400 YARDS:

1. Fishing prohibited as posted.

FROM TAYLOR DRAW DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE STATE LINE:

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

▶ **WHITE RIVER, NORTH FORK — RIO BLANCO***MAP: PAGE 33*

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE SOUTH FORK OF THE WHITE RIVER:

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

▶ **WHITE RIVER, SOUTH FORK — RIO BLANCO***MAP: PAGE 33*

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE NORTH FORK OF THE WHITE RIVER:

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

▶ **WILDCAT CREEK — DOLORES, MONTEZUMA**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **WILLIAMS FORK RESERVOIR — GRAND***MAP: PAGE 16*

1. Northern pike 26–34 inches must be returned to the water immediately.
2. Use of spearfishing, archery, slingshots and gigs for the take of northern pike is prohibited.
3. Bag and possession limit for lake trout is 8. Only 1 may be longer than 30 inches.
4. Snagging kokanee permitted Sept. 1–Dec. 31.

FROM THE BUOY LINE AT THE WILLIAMS FORK RIVER INLET UPSTREAM TO THE FIRST GRAND CR BRIDGE:

1. Fishing and snagging prohibited Sept. 15–Nov. 30.

▶ **WILLIAMS FORK RIVER — GRAND***MAP: PAGE 16*

FROM WILLIAMS FORK DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE COLORADO RIVER:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **WILLIAMS GULCH — LARIMER***MAP: PAGE 25*

FROM THE HEADWATERS DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE POUDE RIVER:

1. **NEW** Artificial flies and lures only.
2. **NEW** All trout must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **WILLOW CREEK (LITTLE SNAKE DRAINAGE) — MOFFAT**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **WILLOW CREEK RESERVOIR — GRAND***MAP: PAGE 16*

1. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable.

▶ **WINDSOR RESERVOIR — WELD**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.

▶ **WOLF CREEK — CONEJOS***MAP: PAGE 18*

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **WOLF CREEK, SOUTH FORK — MINERAL**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **WOLFORD MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR — GRAND***MAP: PAGE 16*

1. Access, including for fishing, prohibited within 150 ft. of any kokanee spawning trap or wing net from Oct. 1–Dec. 1.

▶ **WOODS LAKE STATE WILDLIFE AREA — SAN MIGUEL**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **WRIGHTS LAKE — CHAFFEE**

1. Artificial flies and lures only.

▶ **YAMPA RIVER — ROUTT, MOFFAT***MAP: PAGE 36*

FROM STAGECOACH DAM DOWNSTREAM FOR 0.6 OF A MILE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM STAGECOACH DAM DOWNSTREAM TO CATAMOUNT LAKE:

1. Spawning areas (redds) closed to fishing as posted.

FROM 0.6 OF A MILE BELOW STAGECOACH DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH WALTON CREEK, EXCLUDING CATAMOUNT LAKE:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH WALTON CREEK DOWNSTREAM FOR 4.8 MILES TO THE JAMES BROWN (SOUL CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE) BRIDGE, IN STEAMBOAT SPRINGS:

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.

FROM THE JAMES BROWN (SOUL CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE) BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO THE COLO. 394 BRIDGE NEAR CRAIG:

1. Bag and possession limit for trout is 2.

FROM THE HEADWATERS OF THE YAMPA RIVER DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE GREEN RIVER:

1. No bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch or crappie.

▶ **YOUNGS CREEK RESERVOIRS NO. 1, 2 & 3 — DELTA***MAP: PAGE 22*

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Cutthroat must be returned to water immediately.

▶ **YUMA CITY LAKE — YUMA**

1. Min. size for largemouth and smallmouth bass is 15 inches long.
2. Bag and possession limit for channel catfish is 5.

▶ **ZIMMERMAN LAKE — LARIMER***MAP: PAGE 25*

1. Artificial flies and lures only.
2. Trout must be returned to water immediately.
3. Fishing prohibited in inlet area as posted Jan. 1–July 31.

# COLORADO FISH IDENTIFICATION

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### TROUT FAMILY



**RAINBOW TROUT**  
Black spots on a light body, red stripe along sides



**BROWN TROUT**  
Spotting pattern is made up of black spots; red-orange spots inside light blue circles



**BROOK TROUT**  
Pectoral, pelvic and anal fins often orange, edged with black and white; body is dark with white and red spots inside blue circles



**CUTTHROAT (NATIVE) TROUT**  
Crimson slash on either side of the throat beneath the lower jaw; heavier spotting toward the tail



**LAKE TROUT (MACKINAW)**  
Has a white, irregular spot pattern on dark body; veriform markings over back and head; unlike other trout, they have a deeply indented tail fin



**TIGER TROUT**  
Cross between a brown trout and a brook trout; pronounced stripes on body, resembling a tiger

### PIKE

**NORTHERN PIKE**  
Horizontal rows of light-colored round/oval spots, on dark background



**TIGER MUSKIE**  
Northern pike and muskie hybrid; irregular, dark-colored vertical markings on a light background; long snout



### BASS

**SMALLMOUTH BASS**  
Upper jaw does not extend beyond eye; fish usually has vertical stripes along sides



**LARGEMOUTH BASS**

Upper jaw extends beyond eye; often has horizontal stripe extending the length of body



**WIPER**

Hybrid between white bass and striped bass



### OTHER SPORTFISH

**CHANNEL CATFISH**

Barbels (whiskers); forked tail; sporadic black spotting



**WALLEYE**

Two separate dorsal fins; large, well-developed canine teeth; large eyes with milky corneas; white-tipped tail



**SAUGER**

Spotted dorsal fin; no white tip on tail; darker color



**SAUGEYE**

Walleye-sauger hybrid with black mottling marks on body; black color between dorsal fins



**YELLOW PERCH**

Two separate dorsal fins; large vertical dark stripes on yellow sides





## ARCTIC CHAR

Long, slender with small, pointed head; light spots on body; leading edge of lower fins are milk white; fine scales with smooth, slippery skin



## SPLAKE

Cross between a brook trout and a lake trout; tri-colored pelvic fins; slightly forked tail



## GRAYLING

Large sail-like dorsal fin; silver body; small mouth and body



## MOUNTAIN WHITEFISH

Mouth is smaller than a trout's and does not extend to below the center of the eye, as it does on a trout



## KOKANEESALMON

At the end of their third summer, females develop a red-gray-white pattern; males develop hook jaw and turn brick red



## SUNFISH & CRAPPIE

### GREEN SUNFISH

Olive-colored body with short, rounded pectoral fins with yellow trim



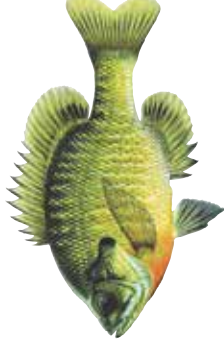
### REDEAR SUNFISH

Similar to bluegill, but with dark colors on top and lighter yellow-green on the belly; males have cherry-red opercle (ear flap), females have orange



### BLUEGILL

Opercle (ear flap) is dark to its edge and a dark blotch at the back of dorsal fin rays; small mouth



### BLACK CRAPPIE

Black splotches on a silver body; dorsal spines and rays get longer as they approach the tail



### WHITE CRAPPIE

Vertical bars on body; silver color with green or brown shades along back; dark bars along sides with a white belly



## WESTERN SLOPE NATIVE FISH THAT MUST BE RELEASED

Anglers may possibly catch these species if fishing in the Colorado River Basin. These fish must be returned to the water unharmed as quickly as possible. See pages 8 and 10 for a full list of protected species to be released.

### BONYTAIL CHUB

Slight hump and a long, narrow tail



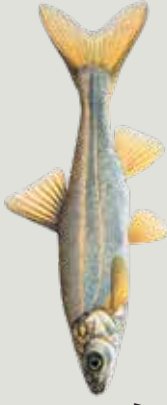
### HUMPBACK CHUB

Green to silver and white with an abrupt hump behind the head



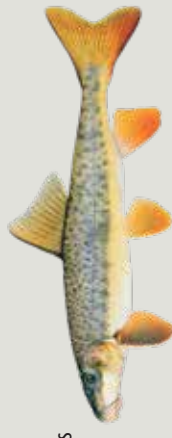
### ROUNDTAIL CHUB

Silver to olive with fine scales; adult males often with red to orange pigmentation on cheeks, fins, belly



### FLANNELMOUTH SUCKER

Yellow to bronze backs with lighter-colored belly; large fleshy lips and large sickle-shaped dorsal fin



### BLUEHEAD SUCKER

Blue to gray head; olive to gray back with lighter belly; pebble-patterned scales near tail



### RAZORBACK SUCKER

Bronze to yellow fish with a sharp-edged keel behind the head



### COLORADO PIKEMINNOW

Adults may be green-gray to bronze on backs and silver to white along sides and bottoms



## HOW TO RELEASE A FISH

If you practice catch and release while fishing, follow these steps to ensure the fish returns to the water with minimal damage. Any fish you plan to release **MUST** be returned to the water immediately.

- ▶ **TIME IS ESSENTIAL.** Quickly play and release fish. A fish played for too long will be too exhausted to recover.
- ▶ **KEEP FISH IN THE WATER** as much as possible.
- ▶ **REMOVE THE HOOK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.** Single barbless hooks can often be removed while the fish is still in the water.

**How to safely remove hooks:** Use a pair of forceps, long-nosed pliers or a purposely made hook-out to quickly, efficiently remove the hook.

If the fish is hooked deep in the throat or stomach, cut the line as close to the hook as possible and leave the hook in the fish — it could do more damage trying to remove a deeply set hook than leaving it where it is.

- ▶ **GENTLE HANDLING IS ESSENTIAL.** Avoid squeezing or putting your fingers in the gills or eye sockets.

It's best to hold a fish gently by its belly or by the area in front of the tail.

- ▶ **TO REVIVE AN UNCONSCIOUS FISH** hold it upright in the water. Move the fish forward in a circular motion so that water runs through the gills, or hold the fish facing upstream in slow moving water. This may take a few minutes. When it begins to struggle, release it.

- ▶ **WHEN PHOTOGRAPHING A FISH,** hold it horizontally and do not squeeze the fish. Do not put your hands in its gills or hold it vertical by its gills.



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