



South Platte River At Deckers

FISH SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

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General Information: The South Platte River at Deckers provides quality fishing for Rainbow Trout, Cutthroat x Rainbow hybrid trout “cutbow”, and Brown Trout. This section of the South Platte River transitions from a high gradient canyon into a moderate gradient meadow valley type system.

Location: Jefferson and Douglas county line at Deckers

Size: Approximately 8 miles in length

Recreational Management: United States Forest Service and Colorado Parks and Wildlife

USFS South Platte Ranger District Website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/psicc/about-forest/districts/?cid=fseprd565545>

Purchase a Fishing License: <https://www.cpwshop.com/purchaseprivilege.page>

Amenities and General Info.

- Parking lots/access points
- Camping
- Picnic areas
- Outhouses at most parking lots
- Informational kiosks
- Fly shop
- Country store
- Coffee/ice cream shop

Regulations

- From the lower boundary of the Wigwam Club downstream to Scraggy View picnic area:
Fishing by artificial flies and lures only. The bag and possession limit and minimum size for trout is two fish, 16 inches in length.

Previous Stocking

2019

Cutthroat x Rainbow “cutbow”

2018

Cutthroat x Rainbow “cutbow”

2017

Cutthroat x Rainbow “cutbow”

2016

Cutthroat x Rainbow “cutbow”

2015

Cutthroat x Rainbow “cutbow”
Rainbow Trout

2014

Rainbow Trout
Cutthroat x Rainbow “cutbow”

2013

Rainbow Trout
Cutthroat x Rainbow “cutbow”

2012

Rainbow Trout

2011

Rainbow Trout

2010

Rainbow Trout

Sportfishing Notes

This section of the South Platte River has been severely impacted by both the Hayman and Schoonover fires of 2002. During heavy summer rain events, Schoonover Gulch, Wigwam Creek, Fourmile Creek, and Horse Creek can add a significant amount of sediment to the South Platte River from the fires, making fishing and wading difficult.

Summer

- Fishing is best during periods of stable water releases out of Cheesman Reservoir. With water releases coming from the middle and bottom of the water column, trout remain active during hot summer months.

Winter

- This tailwater fishery remains ice free most of the winter. Target fish in deep runs or pools during this time of year.



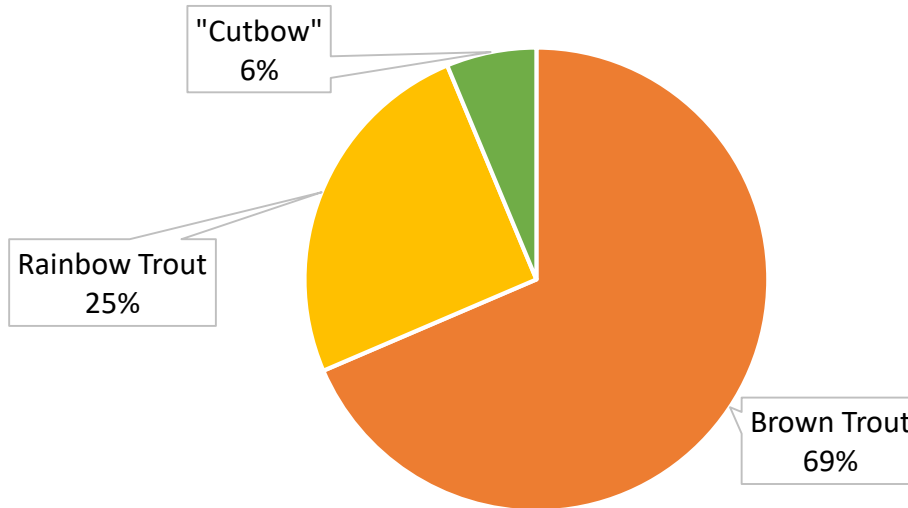
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South Platte River Above Deckers Survey Information

2019 Annual Survey Species Composition



South Platte River Above Deckers Electrofishing Data For All Trout

Year	#/Mile	Biomass (lbs per acre)	Density (# per acre)	# > 14"
1994	4257	243	474	53
1996	2864	178	290	32
1998	3229	202	360	52
1999	3593	240	400	51
2000	2213	209	247	66
2001	2156	216	240	89
2002	2255	143	253	48
2003	1505	126	197	30
2004	1229	129	161	47
2005	2342	158	305	38
2006	2041	116	265	13
2007	2014	132	262	21
2008	1814	139	236	37
2009	3751	178	489	32
2010	1151	88	149	24
2011	1445	102	188	26
2012	1413	148	184	52
2013	1215	146	158	50
2015	2499	211	325	54
2016	2978	322	388	109
2018	3519	287	458	106
2019	4482	296	543	105



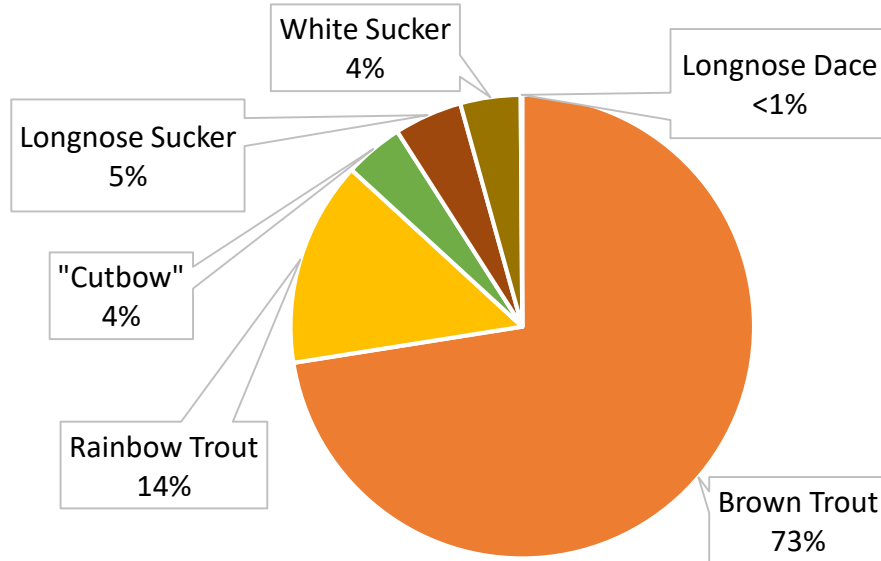
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Year	#/Mile	Biomass (lbs per acre)	Density (# per acre)	# > 14"
1995	5627	300	611	52
1996	4474	238	486	45
1997	4176	302	453	87
1998	5464	343	594	76
1999	8169	472	887	65
2000	5654	488	614	112
2001	4220	406	458	103
2002	4806	293	521	72
2003	1515	132	216	17
2004	1081	93	153	13
2005	2680	166	379	11
2007	1385	84	196	16
2008	1781	154	251	22
2009	1786	117	252	16
2010	909	65	129	10
2011	1668	114	236	20
2012	1337	142	189	29
2013	1757	240	248	66
2015	2274	224	321	49
2016	3088	301	436	55
2018	6006	544	849	149
2019	9705	576	1109	101