

**ISSUES SUBMITTAL FORM**

Date: 08/11/2021

<b>ISSUE:</b>	<b>Should the regulation that prohibits fishing on the South Prong of Hayden Creek be removed?</b>		
<b>DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):</b>			
<p>A no-fishing regulation was put in place on the South Prong of Hayden Creek to protect a unique strain of Colorado River Cutthroat Trout. In July of 2016, a wildfire on Hayden Pass burned the entire reach of the South Prong of Hayden Creek. Before all of the fish were lost CPW and Forest Service biologists performed an emergency rescue of the Hayden Creek Cutthroats and transported them to be raised at several CPW hatcheries and the Leadville National Fish Hatchery. Due to post-fire ash and debris flows, the stream no longer contains these unique trout. CPW has no plans to reintroduce them to that location. CPW aquatic biologists anticipate trout will naturally repopulate this creek from the mainstem of the Arkansas River. The current regulation is no longer necessary to protect these fish.</p>			
<b>STATE LAW REQUIRES CPW TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS THAT MAY BE AFFECTED POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY BY THE PROPOSED RULES. THE FOLLOWING STAKEHOLDERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF AND INVITED TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE REGULATORY CHANGES PROPOSED IN THIS ISSUE PAPER:</b>			
<b>*IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL NECESSARY INTERNAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED*.</b>			
<p>Area 13 CPW Aquatic Biologist, Area 13 CPW District Wildlife Managers and Area Wildlife Manager, The general angling public.</p> <p>Informal discussions with individual anglers occurred with no objections. The proposal was mentioned at a SE Region Sportspersons Caucus and no comments were received.</p>			
<b>ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>*Preferred Alternative*:</b> The current regulation is removed and fishing will be allowed.</li> <li>2. Status quo</li> </ol>			
<b>Issue Raised by:</b>	<b>Alex Townsend (Area 13 Aquatic Biologist)</b> <b>Josh Nehring (SE Senior Aquatic Biologist)</b>		
<b>Author of the issue paper (if different than person raising the issue):</b>			
<b>CC:</b>			
<b>APPROVED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY:</b>		<b>Matt Nicholl</b>	
<b>REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
<b>ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
<b>REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION</b>		<b>Aquatic Section</b>	
<b>RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	