

The Upper Arkansas Delta is bordered on the east by the Mississippi River. The region served as an inspiration for the works of Johnny Cash and Ernest Hemingway and packs plenty of culture to explore.

In Part I a brief overview of the geology in the upper section of the Arkansas Valley, from Leadville to Buena Vista, was described and a basic explanation of geologic time discussed. Driving from the Leadville area downstream towards Buena Vista is a wonderful place to observe some of the most recent changes to the valley caused by the formation, movement and melting of glaciers. Glaciation in the Upper Arkansas Valley Glacial characteristics are among the most outstanding topographic features in the upper Arkansas Valley. Glacial cirques and glaciated U-shaped valleys are found in association with many tributary streams and side canyons. Flat, mesa-like terraces and remnants of large moraines add to the upper Arkansas Valley a uniqueness not found along other major streams of the region. Icecap glaciation – the first of nine glacial episodes in the area – occurred less than two million years ago during the early Pleistocene Epoch. Following this first stage of glaciation the climate began to warm, causing the ice to begin melting. Streams deposited large amounts of coarse gravel outwash, transforming a hilly, steep topography to a rolling surface of much lower relief. Streams running off the mountains produced broad, gently sloping surfaces pediments in the coarse gravel that was deposited across the valley floor. Large glaciers advancing down the valleys of Lake Creek, Clear Creek and Pine Creek pushed across the axis of the valley, forcing the Arkansas River against the east side of the valley. The Arkansas thus came to be flanked in many places by steadily renewing ice, or moraines, on the west and by hard granite rock on the east. At these places the Arkansas River was forced to cut a new channel, moving eastward until coming in contact with the resistant granite of the Mosquito Range. Ice was supplied to the main trunk of the glacier by 20 tributary or smaller glaciers. The ice within this immense glacier is estimated to be approximately 2, feet deep at its thickest point. At maximum extension the ice crossed the valley and pushed into the bank of the Arkansas River. Glacial debris filled the western banks of the river and the river was forced to cut eastward, eventually coming in contact with the Mosquito Mountain Range. Glaciation of the Lake Creek Valley is directly responsible for the formation of the basins now occupied by Twin Lakes. As the climate warmed and the ice began to recede, its retreat consisted of cyclic alternation of recessions and halts. At the halting places, the ice terminus remained long enough to deposit terminal moraines across the Lake Creek valley. The first stage of retreat is marked by a moraine that dams the lower, east lake. The current dam we can observe while driving past the lakes is built on this moraine. The second recessional stage is marked by a moraine ridge separating the two lakes. At one time the upper lake had almost as large an area as the lower lake. Subsequent silting has reduced the lake area by more than half. This silting process formed the meadow area above the upper lake by the town of Twin Lakes.

The Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District plays a vital role in protecting water for the people through our augmentation plan, legislative efforts, innovative projects, water studies, integrated water management practices and education.

The upper river is largely frozen over this morning, following the single digit lows of last night. Anglers are advised to fish further to the south until we see warmer weather on the upper river. Beginning Monday, June 18 Cottonwood Pass will be closed for the season for road maintenance and improvement. CR will be closed as far east as the Avalanche Trailhead. Call or email braden arkanglers. Location Information Hayden Meadows Hayden Meadows comprises about eight miles of river flowing through high meadow country south of Leadville. Located upstream of the confluence with Lake Creek, Hayden Meadows is spared the impact of the native and imported water that is released through the summer from Twin Lakes. As a result, peak flows on this section of the river are typically only about a third of what we see in Salida and the native runoff is relatively short-lived. Characterized by meandering oxbows, grassy cut banks, and phenomenal views of Mt. Elbert and the Mount Massive Wilderness, Hayden Meadows is a high elevation summer fishery that is home to excellent hatches and some very healthy brown trout. Special Regulations Apply – Artificial flies and lures only. Limit is one trout, 12 inches or less. Here one exchanges the cobblestone bars and shelf lines for a riverbed strewn with rocks of every size, creating rapids and eddies, shoreline pockets and deep plunge pools. Set astride the upper end of this canyon, from the Lake County line downstream to 1. Most anglers do not wade far into this swifter, steeper current but rather rock-hop along the bank, working the shoreline habitat and seamlines where the predominant brown trout population primarily resides. Though not as steep as the Granite Gorge, the Tunnels and the section of river accessed near the Railroad Bridge campground upstream contain swift moving pocket water and some deep green runs where rapids plunge into pools. There is parking and restrooms at the top of the boat ramp. The source for fly-fishing equipment and information in Buena Vista is the ArkAnglers shop, located at S. The Crystal Lakes are considered mid-elevation lakes, fed by springs and a tributary stream, and typically ice-off in mid-May. Rich in midges and mayflies, the lake is home to both a healthy resident trout population and regularly stocked rainbows. A good alternative when high flows muddy even the uppermost end of the river, the Crystal Lakes has a good damselfly hatch in June. By reviewing flows on Halfmoon Creek, one can get a fair idea what similar tributary streams that arise from the northern Sawatch range are doing, in terms of percent of average flow and degree of daily fluctuation due to snowmelt. Draining the extensive valley between Mt. Massive and bordering on the Mt. Massive Wilderness, Halfmoon Creek is also a summer fishing destination in its own right with two campgrounds and access by trail and primitive road. Unimportant as a fishery, the flows discharging from Twin Lakes have a pronounced effect on the river, often doubling or tripling the flow in the upper Arkansas at its confluence.

Chapter 3 : Fishing Conditions on the Arkansas River Upper Basin in Colorado

The Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments, together with the four counties of Fremont, Chaffee, Custer and Lake, provides quality services to promote self-sufficiency and healthy lifestyles for individuals and families by enabling them to improve their lives.

Andrew Mackie, Executive Director, andrew centralcoloradoconservancy. The first step is to determine which lands to prioritize. Mackie often begins this process by reviewing regional plans focused on birds, scenic byways, or corridors. Bird-specific plans are often highly useful, as they provide detailed information, and protection for birds often benefits plants and other wildlife. Another resource that can be helpful during this process is the Intermountain West Joint Venture , which not only provides bird conservation information, but also connects land trusts with partners that can help to build capacity. After determining what lands are most important, the second step is to see if the property is a good match for the land trust. In some cases important parcels are already protected or unavailable. For example, in the case of the Brown-capped Rosy-finch, conservation plans call for protecting high elevation forests. But, according to Mackie, much of this land is already National Forest land. The trick is to use high priority bird species that are reliant on private lands to guide prioritization and acquisition of important properties. After properties have been identified, CCC uses a fine-tooth comb to evaluate each site. Mackie explains they will walk a potential property and fill out a very specific checklist with distinct conservation values. Then, with the aid of the land committee, CCC decides whether or not the property will support the mission of the land trust and fulfill the needs of target bird species. In order to complete projects, the land trust needs resources like time devoted to developing the project, and money to execute a project or acquire land. The operating budget, including staff costs, is primarily funded by individual charitable donations. The capital budget is the money used to fund programs, to buy a conservation easement, or to do a conservation project. For this budget, there are three major sources of funding available. The lottery ticket sales in Colorado fund Great Outdoors Colorado , and land trusts can apply for these funds. At the federal level, farm and ranchland protection programs, such as those administered by NRCS , are funded through the Farm Bill. Landowner, Joe Cogan, on a site visit with the Land Trust. Building these clusters of bird conservation organizations around certain geographic areas allows for the support network that is important and influential to a land trust. Advice for Other Land Trusts Mackie says that building partnerships is the way to go. Through partnerships, land trusts can gather technical support and feedback. For the CCC, birds can be used to save traditional ranches and grazing areas, as these lands are highly beneficial to birds. Riparian zones benefit birds as well, and are also important for both biodiversity and their provided ecological controls. For the CCC, forming a cluster of land trusts for a partnership project is a main focus. We appreciate the helpful advice from this experienced land trust leader.

Chapter 4 : Central Colorado Conservancy | Land Trust Bird Conservation Initiative

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The upper Arkansas River flows for a distance of miles between Leadville and Canon City, passing through the southern Rocky Mountains of Central Colorado. The river begins at an elevation of 10, feet in the Leadville area and eventually flows into the Mississippi River south of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Chapter 7 : Road and Riverside Geology of the Upper Arkansas Valley Part II " Colorado Central Magazine

This ,scale U.S. Geological Survey geologic map represents a compilation of the most recent geologic studies of the upper Arkansas River valley between Leadville and Salida, Colorado. The valley is structurally controlled by an extensional fault system that forms part of the prominent.

Chapter 8 : Upper Arkansas Regional Advisory Committee

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