



Western Regional Rendezvous

Sagebrush Inn – Taos, NM – May 18th-21st, 2023

Tracks: **A**-All things New Mexico; **B**-Western Regional Topics; **C**-Leadership & Development

Thursday, May 18

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Arrive
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Trout Unlimited Presents: A Western Waters Film Night <i>(Taos Center for the Arts)</i>

Friday, May 19

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast (Sagebrush Conference Center)			
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Casting Clinic (Outside) <i>John Biggers (FFI Certified Casting Instructor)- ECTU member and PHWFF volunteer</i> <i>Gregg Flores (FFI Certified Casting Instructor)- Bosque member</i>			
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Reeling in Serenity Informational Session <i>Andy Weiner, Reeling in Serenity Board Member & Author of Down by the River</i>			
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Hands-On Training (Outside- Sign-up sheet) <i>Jeff Yates, TU Senior Director of Engagement- Rivers/Survey123/inaturalist</i> <i>Claire Catlett, TU Upper Rio Grande Engagement Manager- Water Monitoring w/ Amigos Bravos</i> <i>Maggie Heumann, TU Manager of Volunteer Operations- Macroinvertebrate 101</i>			
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Welcome Luncheon (Sagebrush Conference Center) <i>New Mexico TU Council Chair-Harris Klein, ECTU President- Doc Thompson</i>			
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Native Trout del Norte: Rio Grande Cutthroat trout panel (Track A) <i>Mike Ruhl, Assistant Fisheries Chief of New Mexico Dept. Of Game and Fish</i> <i>Estevan Vigil, Colorado Parks & Wildlife</i> <i>Kevin Terry, Rio Grande Program Director</i> <i>Yvette Paroz, Regional Fish Program Leader USFS</i>	Stream Restoration: Have We Been Doing it Right? (Track B) <i>Warren Colyer, TU Director of Western Water & Habitat Program</i>	Public Lands Energy: The New Frontier (Track B) <i>Tasha Sorensen, TU Western Energy Lead</i>	The Next Chapter for TU's Approach to Engagement (Track C) <i>Beverly Smith, TU Vice President of Volunteer Operations</i> <i>Peter Barber, TU Vice President of Marketing</i> <i>Joanne Theurich, TU Chief Operating Officer</i>



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2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	What Makes TIC Tick: Lessons Learned from New Mexico Trout in the Classroom (Track A) <i>Arthur Coleman, Teacher Taos School for the Integrated Arts (3rd grade)</i> <i>Kate Jensen, Teacher Taos Cyber Magnet High School (grades 9-12)</i> <i>Jennifer Martinez, Teacher Taos Charter School (5th grade)</i>	About Dam Time: Snake River & Klamath River Updates (Track B) <i>Eric Crawford, TU North Idaho Field Coordinator: Angler Conservation Program</i> <i>Brian Johnson, TU California Director for Western Conservation</i>	Get Into the Eventgroove: Hands on Training for TU's Fundraising & Event Tool (Track C) <i>Doug Agee, TU Online Community Manager</i>	Office Hours for Chapters with TU Staff (Track C) <i>Jack Rodgers, Membership Services Assistant</i> <i>Nick Halle, Volunteer Operations Coordinator (Chapter Fundraising, Insurance & Rebate Questions)</i> <i>Zoe Bommarito, TU Mountain West Communications Director</i>
3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Break			
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Regional Breakouts: This is an opportunity to raise critical conservation issues, brainstorm ways of working together, and develop strong regional partnerships within our TU team.			
	Alaska, California, Oregon, Idaho (Salmon) and Washington <i>Facilitated by Jeff Yates, TU Senior Director of Engagement</i>	Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Texas <i>Facilitated by Ty Churchwell (CO), TU Mining Coordinator</i>	Idaho (Trout), Montana, Utah, and Wyoming <i>Facilitated by Maggie Heumann (ID), Manager of Volunteer Operations</i>	
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Staff & Chapter Networking Happy Hour			
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Dinner/Banquet Fundraiser for ECTU/ NMTU - Feat Keynote Welcome from Chris Wood (Sagebrush Conference Center)			
9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite/Band			

Saturday, May 20

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast (Sagebrush Conference Center)
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	State of Western TU & Priority Waters Next Steps (Track B) <i>Rob Masonis, TU Vice President for Western Conservation</i>
8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	One TU Grants Guidance: Coordinating and Collaborating to Increase Impacts (Track B)



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	<p>Panel with Jeff Yates, TU Senior Director of Engagement Warren Colyer, TU Director of Western Water & Habitat Program Brian Johnson, TU California Director for Western Conservation</p>			
9:30 a.m. - 9:45 am	Break/ Group Photo			
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	<p>Western Water Roundtable (Track B)</p> <p>Rob Masonis, TU Vice President for Western Conservation (Facilitator) Brian Johnson, TU California Director for Western Conservation Cory Toye, TU Wyoming Water & Habitat Program Director Kevin Terry, TU Rio Grande Restoration Director Pat Byorth, TU Montana Water Project Director</p>			
10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Break			
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<p>Rural New Mexico Communities: Threats and Opportunities to Culture and Conservation (Track A)</p> <p>Toner Mitchell, TU New Mexico Water & Habitat Program Manager</p> <p>Manuel Lucero, President of the San Diego and Cebolla/San Antonio Grazing Associations; President, Canon Ditch Association</p> <p>Peter Vigil, Taos Soil and Water District Manager</p> <p>Lucia Sanchez, Okhay Owinge Pueblo Planning Department; former Rio Arriba County Manager and Interstate Stream Commission Program Manager</p>	<p>Fire & Fish: The 2022 Fire Season and Watershed Impacts in NM & CO (Track B)</p> <p>Ashley Rust, CO Parks & Wildlife</p> <p>Kirk Patten- Fisheries Chief of New Mexico Dept. Of Game and Fish</p>	<p>Chapter Champions: How to Make a Winning Strategy for Grassroots Advocacy (Track C)</p> <p>Jeff Yates, TU Senior Director of Engagement</p> <p>Dan Roper, TU New Mexico State Policy Lead</p> <p>David Brooks, Montana TU Executive Director</p> <p>Tasha Sorensen, TU Western Energy Lead</p> <p>Meghan Barker, TU Alaska Organizer</p>	<p>Communicating Inclusively for Effective Community Engagement (Track C)</p> <p>Beverly Smith, TU Vice President for Volunteer Operations</p> <p>Zoe Bommarito, TU Mountain West Communications Director</p>
12:00 p.m.– 1:00 p.m.	Lunch			
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<p>Native Trout del Sur: Gila & Apache Trout Panel (Track A)</p>	<p>Project Healing Waters & CFR: A Community for Veterans and Survivors (Track B)</p>	<p>Strategic Planning at the Chapter Level: How to Adapt the National Goals to Fit Your Chapter (Track C)</p>	<p>NLC Climate Change Workgroup: Climate Coordinator Training Session (Track C)</p> <p>Jeff Holzem, TU National Leadership Council</p>



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	<p><i>Jill Wick, NM Game & Fish Native Fish Program Manager</i></p> <p><i>James Brooks, Fisheries Biologist, US FWS (retired), JEB Outfitters</i></p> <p><i>Curt Gill, AZ Fish & Game</i></p> <p><i>Yvette Paroz, Regional Fish Program Leader USFS</i></p> <p><i>Jeff Arterburn, Gila TU (facilitator)</i></p>	<p><i>Amy Milne Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing National Director of Operations*</i></p> <p><i>Susan Dymond- Casting for Recovery New Mexico Program Coordinator and ECTU Member</i></p> <p><i>Amy Tibljas- Casting for Recovery NM former participant</i></p> <p><i>Doc Thompson, ECTU (facilitator)</i></p>	<p><i>Jeff Yates, TU Senior Director of Engagement</i></p> <p><i>Drew Peternell, TU Colorado Water Project Direction</i></p>	<p><i>Climate Change Workgroup</i></p> <p><i>Mark Van Roojen, TU National Leadership Council Climate Change Workgroup</i></p>
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Break			
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<p>Panel: Forest & Watershed Health in the Upper Rio Grande (Track A)</p> <p><i>Lee Hughes, Director of Conservation, Philmont Scout Ranch</i></p> <p><i>Rick Smith, President Cimmaron Watershed Alliance</i></p> <p><i>Alana Osimowicz, New Mexico Forestry</i></p>	<p>How to Save a Watershed: A Success Story from Bristol Bay (Track B)</p> <p><i>Meghan Barker, TU Alaska Organizer</i></p>	<p>Protecting Public Lands via Executive and Administrative Authority (Track B)</p> <p><i>Steve Kandell, TU Angler Conservation Program Director</i></p> <p><i>Corey Fisher, TU Public Lands Policy Director</i></p> <p><i>Nate Rees, TU Angler Conservation Program Coordinator: AZ</i></p> <p><i>Claire Catlett, TU Upper Rio Grande Engagement Manager</i></p> <p><i>David Brooks, Montana TU Executive Director</i></p>	<p>Good Governance, Growing Pains and Succession: Planning Ahead for Your Chapter (Track C)</p> <p><i>Beverly Smith, TU Vice President of Volunteer Operations</i></p>
3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Break			
3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	<p>Social Media and Advocacy: Compelling Storytelling to Make Big Things Happen (Track C)</p> <p><i>Laura Buckmaster, TU Social Media Manager</i></p>	<p>Critical Minerals in the West: New Reforms for Today's Environmental Challenges (Track B)</p> <p><i>Ty Churchwell, TU Mining Coordinator</i></p>	<p>Office Hours for Chapters with TU Staff (Track C)</p> <p><i>Doug Agee, Online Community Manager & Eventgroove Maestro</i></p>	



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4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Break			
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Cocktail Hour: Staff & Chapter Networking			
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Dinner			
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	<p>Water in the West: Exploring the Colorado River Drought and Tribal Water Rights Throughout Outdoor Recreation</p> <p><i>Dr. Len Necefer, Founder/CEO of Natives Outdoors</i></p>			
8:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite/Band			

Sunday, May 21

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	<p>Breakfast (Sagebrush Conference Center)</p> <p>Closing Culmination: Thank Yous, CX3 Reminder</p> <p><i>Volops Team</i></p>
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	FIELD TRIP: Cimmaron River Conservation Tour
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	FIELD TRIP: Gila Trout at Mora Fish Hatchery
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<p>Stream Clean Up – Orilla Verde Rec. Area</p> <p><i>Taos BLM</i></p>
Morning	Lunch (Boxed) Pick-up on way to fish or clean up
ALL DAY (Leave at 9:00 a.m.)	<p>Group Fishing: Meet-up in parking lot to carpool after breakfast (<i>Details forthcoming</i>)</p> <p><i>Nick Streit & Doc Thompson</i></p>