



CPW ASKS ANGLERS TO AVOID FISHING TOMICHI CREEK IN THE AFTERNOON

Due to high temperatures and low flows, Colorado Parks and Wildlife is asking anglers not to fish at the Tomichi Creek State Wildlife Area near Gunnison from noon through 7 p.m.

High temperatures are warming the water in the popular creek to 70 degrees and above in the afternoon; at those temperatures trout become stressed. Catching and handling trout when the water is this warm can lead to increased mortality.

“This is a voluntary closure,” said Dan Brauch, aquatic biologist in Gunnison for CPW. “Angers can still fish in the mornings when the water temperature of the creek is cool. But we’re asking anglers to fish other waters during warm afternoon hours.”

No other voluntary closures are being recommended for rivers in the Gunnison Basin. So far water temperatures in the Gunnison, East and Taylor rivers are staying cold enough to keep trout healthy. High elevation creeks also maintain colder temperatures throughout the summer.

“Start paying close attention to how trout handle the release when fishing warmer waters. If a fish appears lethargic that’s an indication that the fish is stressed – and a signal for you to stop fishing,” Brauch said.

CPW recommends that when fishing in warm rivers and creeks to play hooked trout quickly, avoid extensive handling and return the fish to the water as quickly as possible, Anglers may also consider using barbless hooks in these situations to allow a quick release and a heavier tippet which helps to land fish faster.

As most of Colorado is experiencing drought conditions, anglers fishing for trout in any river or stream should consider this guideline when fishing.

Anglers who want to monitor water temperature on their own can purchase a small thermometer from a local shop. If the temperature hits 70 degrees, move to a stream that is cooler or at higher elevation.

CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW LITERARY ARTS DEPARTMENT

The Center for the Arts is pleased to introduce the Center for the Arts new Literary Arts Department! Kicking off in July, the new department will seek to whet a broad range of literary appetites through diverse programming, interactive workshops, courses, lecture series and networking opportunities.

We’ve teamed up with the Wildflower Festival, Crested Butte Library, Western State Colorado University, and Townie Books for a summer of exciting, inaugural events— including our Creative Writing Taster Series designed to give folks a chance to sample different styles of writing like fiction and adventure writing; The Art of Storytelling workshop with two-time Moth story slam winner (and former Buttian) Matthew Taylor; Writing the Wild backcountry writing workshop; Literary Salon Series for writers, readers and anyone with a professional interest in literature to network and learn; Sunday Puzzle game events for mind-melting word games & brainteasers; Nature & Urban Journaling workshops; Publishing Panel; kid’s Storytime Extravaganza; Scorn not the Sonnet workshop with Western Slope Poet Laureate David Rothman, and much more.

No matter your age, or level of literary interest (be it Shakespeare, Sontag, or Sedaris) our aim is not only to provide entertainment, but spark creativity, new thought, critical conversations, and inspire the community through the power of stories. We hope you’ll join us. For a full list of happenings visit crestedbuttearts.org/literaryArts, or feel free to get in touch at brooke@crestedbuttearts.org.

RIVER CLEAN UP

Dear River Enthusiast,

This coming weekend, June 22nd-24th, we'll see the 15th year of celebrating our local rivers at the "Gunnison River Festival". This year, Colorado Parks and Wildlife would like your help in incorporating a "Stewardship" component to the River Festivals' events.

The River Festival celebrates the cultural, recreational, and economic benefits the river brings to our community. But our rivers also play a critical role in providing habitat for aquatic, terrestrial, and avian wildlife; their service as home range, travel and migration corridors for black bear, moose, eagles, salmon and myriad other species are sustainable assets that hunters & fishermen and their dependent economies rely on.

While we all probably agree that our rivers are in pretty damn good shape, sprinkling in a little more TLC in the form of good stewardship sure can't hurt - so to this end, your local district wildlife managers will be helping to coordinate a river clean up this weekend. Wildlife Officers will provide trash bags, gloves, and arrange for pick-up / disposal of trash collected along the river and at put-ins and take-outs.

If you want to formally participate and need trash bags or gloves, contact Chris Parmeter @ (970) 275-2409. If you just want to go it alone and pocket those few stray beer cans and knots of monofilament out of the willows that's awesome too - if you collect more than you can handle - text us and we'll come pick it up.

Remember to respect private property, and thanks for caring.

THIRD ANNUAL ELKHEAD FISHING CLASSIC JUNE 23- JULY 1

Anglers of all ages, novice or expert, should begin planning now to participate in Colorado Parks and Wildlife's Third Annual Elkhead Reservoir Fishing Classic, June 23-July 1. The week-long fishing tournament at Elkhead Reservoir State Park near Craig offers great fun, great fishing and \$4,500 in cash plus \$4,500 in prizes.

Any angler that catches the 2018 tagged northern pike can keep the fish and the \$1500 grand prize. The same amount goes to the lucky angler that catches the 2018 tagged smallmouth bass. Other prizes include \$750 for the most northern pike caught, and \$750 for the most smallmouth caught. In addition, CPW will be giving away a variety of daily prizes to tournament participants totaling more than \$4,500

"This is turning into a really great event with more and more anglers participating from year to year," said Senior Aquatic Biologist Lori Martin. "Last year, we had over 300 anglers out on the water, catching many fish and having a good time. It's great to see anglers participate with CPW in managing their fishery."

You must register at the reservoir during the event to be eligible for prizes. Entry fees are not required.

If no one catches the 2018 northern pike or smallmouth bass, CPW will hold a drawing and lucky participants will have a chance to win the \$1,500 cash prizes.

During the 2017 Elkhead Reservoir Fishing Classic, anglers caught 1,359 fish, including 963 smallmouth bass and 396 northern pike. The totals are a marked increase from the tournament's first run in 2016 when 56 anglers caught only 582 fish.

"Based on growing interest, we are hoping to see even more anglers this year," said Martin.

All current state fishing and boating regulations apply. Anglers under the age of 16 can fish for free and anyone 64 and older can purchase a license for one dollar. Anglers between 16 and 63 must possess a valid license. CPW recommends purchasing a fishing license prior to arriving at Elkhead Reservoir. License sales are not available at Elkhead Reservoir. Fishing licenses can be purchased over the phone by calling 1-800-244-5613.

A valid pass is required to enter the park and can be purchased at Elkhead Reservoir.

For more information, visit www.cpw.state.co.us/tournament, or contact Elkhead Reservoir State Park at 970-276-2061.

STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED

Beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2018, Stage 2 Fire Restrictions will be implemented on the Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, including designated Wilderness areas.

Fire managers base decisions about fire restrictions on specific fuel moisture measurements in vegetation and other risk factors such as predicted weather and amount of current fire activity. Fire danger is increasing and these restrictions will be implemented to protect public health and safety due to the current and anticipated elevated risk of wildfire. Fire restrictions on these lands will be in place until rescinded.

Due to higher fuel moisture measurements and a low/moderate fire danger level the Grand Mesa National Forest will NOT be implementing any fire restrictions at this time.

Stage 2 Fire Restrictions on the Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests means that the following are

PROHIBITED:

FIRES, CAMPFIRES, OR STOVE FIRES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CHARCOAL GRILLS, HIBACHIS, AND COAL OR WOOD-BURNING STOVES.

EXCEPTIONS ALLOWED:

Stoves, grills or lanterns that use gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel and include a shut-off valve are permitted when used in an area at least three feet or more from flammable material such as grasses or pine needles.

SMOKING, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building.

Operating or using any **INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE** including, but not limited to chainsaws, generators or ATVs without a USDA Forest Service or SAE approved spark arrester. Chainsaw operators must be in possession of a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A and a round-pointed shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches.

WELDING or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.

EXPLOSIVES, including fireworks, tracer bullets, and exploding targets. Please note the usage of fireworks on National Forest System lands is **ALWAYS** prohibited.

Possessing or using a **MOTOR VEHICLE** off established roads, motorized trails or established parking areas, except when parking in an area with at least 10 feet of clearance from flammable material such as grasses, shrubs or pine needles. For up to date Forest Service fire restriction information on the affected areas, please contact the following ranger districts:

UNCOMPAHGRE NATIONAL FOREST:

- Grand Valley Ranger District 970-263-4100

- Norwood Ranger District 970-327-4261

- Ouray Ranger District 970-240-5300

GUNNISON NATIONAL FOREST:

- Gunnison Ranger District 970-642-4400

- Paonia Ranger District 970-527-4131

For fire information updates for the Western Slope please visit: <http://www.westslopefireinfo.com/>

For information on prescribed burns, wildfires and fire restrictions on National Forest System lands and other areas, call the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Fire Information line at 970.874.6602, or 970.765.8563, visit the GMUG Forest website (www.fs.usda.gov/gmug); Twitter https://twitter.com/GMUG_NF (#GMUGNF); Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GMUG.NF/>

The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre & Gunnison National Forests manage approximately 3 million acres of land in Southwest Colorado within Delta, Garfield, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray, Saguache, San Juan and San Miguel counties.

MANCOS STATE PARK CLOSES SOME CAMP SITES, HIKING TRAILS

To guard against the exceptionally high fire risk in the area, Mancos State Park has closed portions of the facility for hiking and camping that are adjacent to the San Juan National Forest. The national forest is under Stage 3 fire restrictions and is closed to public access.

The main areas of the park remain open, including the main campground, the group picnic area and the boat ramp. Anglers can still launch boats onto the reservoir. Two yurts are available to rent. Fishing is allowed from the dam along the remainder of the shoreline on the south side of the reservoir.

The areas of the park that are closed include the road, trails and campsites located along the west and north shore of Jackson Gulch Reservoir. The shoreline on that side of the reservoir is closed to the north edge of the dam.

Montezuma County fire restrictions are also in place, prohibiting open fires at the campground. People who smoke must do so inside their vehicles.

“We are committed to working with the forest service, Montezuma County and the water district to take all precautions to minimize any risk of fire,” said Scot Elder, park manager. “We’ll monitor this closure frequently and adjust it to find balance between providing recreation while minimizing risk.”

Mancos State Park is located about 30 miles west of Durango.

Those who made camping reservations for the closed area will be moved to the main campground. Those with questions can call the park at 970-882-2213.

Other state parks are open in the area, including Navajo State Park and Ridgway State Park. For information about those parks and others throughout the state, go to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife website at cpw.state.co.us.

CPW CLOSES SOME STATE WILDLIFE AREAS NEAR DURANGO; OTHERS AND STATE PARKS REMAIN OPEN

To assist federal and local agencies during the current dangerous fire conditions and recently enacted public land closures, Colorado Parks and Wildlife has announced that some State Wildlife Areas in southwest Colorado are now closed to all public access. But in addition, several other water-based wildlife areas and two state parks remain open to the public.

In and near Durango the Bodo, Perins Peak, Haviland Lake, Devil Creek and Williams Creek state wildlife areas are closed until further notice. In Bayfield the Lion’s Club shooting range, managed by CPW, is also closed.

West of Durango in Dolores and Montezuma Counties, Lone Dome and Fish Creek State Wildlife Areas are also closed.

“We regret having to enact these closures, but we do so in an effort to protect the public and protect natural resources. These measures will also help with compliance to the recent closures enacted by the U.S. Forest Service and La Plata County,” said Adrian Archuleta, a District Wildlife Manager with CPW.

CPW also wants area residents and visitors to know that there are several other State Wildlife Areas and State Parks that remain open for recreation. CPW asks that people comply with any current local fire restrictions so that these areas can remain open for recreation.

The areas that are open include: Echo Canyon SWA in Archuleta County; Pastorious SWA in La Plata County; in Montezuma and Dolores counties -- Summit, Puett, Narraguinnep, Totten, Twin Spruce, Dolores River, Joe Moore and Ground Hog Reservoir state wildlife areas.

Also open are Navajo State Park in Archuleta County; and Mancos State Park in Montezuma County. Both parks offer campsites, hiking, fishing and other water recreation.

GUARANTEED COVERAGE FOR PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS PART OF COLORADO LAW

FEDERAL ACTIONS WON'T CHANGE THAT FOR COLORADO CONSUMERS

“Guaranteed health insurance coverage for people with pre-existing conditions is enshrined in Colorado law,” said Interim Insurance Commissioner Michael Conway. “Regardless of how the Justice Department or the Trump administration attempt to change the Affordable Care Act, the Division of Insurance will continue to enforce Colorado law and maintain this important protection for our citizens.”

Commissioner Conway offered this reassurance to Colorado health insurance consumers in response to last week’s actions by the U.S. Justice Department and the Trump administration. The Justice Department said it would not defend parts of the ACA from a lawsuit brought by 20 Republican state attorneys general. In particular, the administration argued that the ACA’s provisions that guarantee health insurance coverage for people with pre-existing conditions be eliminated.

The administration also suggested that the part of the ACA that requires health insurance companies to set rates based on communities - as opposed to individuals themselves - be overturned.

“A single risk pool is also part of Colorado law. Gone are the days of being charged more because you have high blood pressure or because your child has asthma. While the ACA led the way on prohibiting insurers from such practices, Coloradans can rest assured that they will remain protected from any political gamesmanship at the federal level because

of the foresight of our State legislators and Governor Hickenlooper,” said Commissioner Conway.

“Providing access to health insurance to people with pre-existing conditions and not charging them more simply because they’ve been sick are two of the fundamental improvements of the ACA,” continued Commissioner Conway. “That’s why the Division will continue to make sure that plans offered in Colorado conform to Colorado law. We won’t be turning back the clock.”

The Division of Insurance, part of the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA), will be reviewing individual and small group plans for 2019 over the summer, as detailed in a May 10 release.

CURECANTI NATIONAL RECREATION AREA ANNOUNCES CIMARRON SUNDAYS



Curecanti National Recreation Area will be providing special Cimarron Sundays this summer. The third Sunday of each month, June through September, National Park Service interpretive rangers will be stationed at Cimarron to greet visitors, answer questions and provide access to Engine 278.

This engine, along with a coal tender, boxcar, and caboose have been undergoing restoration over the last few years. The caboose is currently out of the area for restoration, but the engine, tender, and boxcar are in the train yard at Cimarron. Rangers, on these special Sundays, will provide access into the yard for viewing the newly restored train components. Rangers will also be roving the area to talk with visitors at the Mesa Creek trailhead, dam overlook, and other notable locations at Cimarron.

Join us to explore the area and learn about its history, geology, and train legacy on June 17, July 15, August 19, and September 16. Rangers will be on site from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. those days.

PUBLIC MEETING FOR TAYLOR PARK VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT

The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests’ Gunnison Ranger District is holding a public meeting to get input from communities on the Taylor Park Vegetation Management Project.

The meeting will be held on June 21st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall in Tin Cup.

The proposed project aims to increase the forest’s ability to respond to multiple stressors affecting its health including insect infestations, drought and disease while promoting public safety through reduction of fuel loading in the Wildland-Urban Interface. The secondary purpose of these treatments is to stimulate the regional economy through the sustainable harvesting of forest products.

The proposed project includes approximately:

- 2,811 acres of Fuel Treatments
- 3,609 acres of Dwarf Mistletoe Edge Strip Cuts or Clearcut
- 734 acres of Overstory Removal
- 714 acres of Shelterwood Seed Cut
- 741 acres of Group Selection in Spruce
- 6,363 acres of Precommercial Thinning
- 193 acres of Prescriptions To Be Determined, Mixed-species

Additional information is presented on the project webpage: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53662>. Gunnison District Ranger, Matthew McCombs, will be the Authorized Officer for any future decisions that may be issued from the environmental assessment. For additional questions, please contact John Slown, Project Environmental Coordinator at 406-239-3749; email jslown@fs.fed.us.

WILDLIFE OFFICERS TURN POACHER'S OWN GAME CAMERA AGAINST HIM TO PROVE CRIME

A photo of a salmon fillet held to a tree with black electrical tape made it obvious to Colorado Parks and Wildlife officer Bob Carochi that a poacher was illegally baiting and killing bears in his district.

A confidential informant had taken the photo in a remote spot on Table Mountain in rural Fremont County and turned it over to Carochi on Sept. 19, 2017. Carochi, a CPW district wildlife manager who has patrolled the area west of Cañon City for 14 years, wasted no time pursuing the poacher.

The next day, he and fellow wildlife officer Zach Holder mounted all-terrain vehicles and rode about six miles up Table Mountain. There, they found a hunting blind in a tree overlooking an open area with plastic containers and a bag – all visible in the photo. The salmon fillet, however, had disappeared from the tree.

Carochi and Holder found something else left by the poacher that would play a key role in catching the game thief: a game camera overlooking the site.

Carochi turned off the camera, removed its memory card and put it in his own digital camera. From the information on the photos, he learned it had been put up just four days before and photos showed a bear feeding on the bait attached to the tree.

After replacing the memory card in the poacher's camera, Carochi and Holder took their own photos of the scene and put up their own game camera overlooking the blind and illegal bait site. Then came the nitty gritty detective work needed to catch the poacher.

Carochi returned to his office near Cañon City in CPW's Area 13 and began looking through bear-harvest forms for Game Management Unit 58 where the bait site was located. His research paid off when he discovered that a Salida resident, Ronald Wilkins, had harvested bears from GMU 58 in recent years – 2011, 2013 and 2015.

Carochi wondered if Wilkins was an especially skilled bear hunter or was using the illegal bait site to poach bears. So he plotted the locations Wilkins had given on his mandatory bear-check forms and found all three came from the same general area in GMU 58.

Next, Carochi discovered Wilkins had a current bear hunting license valid for GMU 58.

On Sept. 22, Carochi and Holder took their ATVs back to GMU 58. In the parking area for the Texas Creek trailhead, they observed a silver pickup truck. The license plate was registered to Wilkins.

The next day, Carochi and Holder returned to find the truck still parked at the trailhead. They rode their ATVs within a mile of the illegal bait site to conduct surveillance. After a few hours, they began riding the trails and came upon an older man dressed in full camouflage, carrying a gun case and riding an ATV.

They approached the man and began talking to him. They learned it was Wilkins and he said he was hunting bears with a muzzleloader rifle. Wilkins said he had harvested a pronghorn and mule deer with his muzzleloader earlier in the season and he had a camp nearby, with three game cameras set up, where he intended to hunt with family and friends.

Wilkins described how he had killed a large bear two years ago and had the hide made into a rug that was hanging on his wall. During the 10-minute conversation, Wilkins told Carochi and Holder that he lived in Salida. Then he drove away toward the trailhead and his truck.

Carochi and Holder, meanwhile, headed to the bait site where they found a new pile of dog food at the base of the tree, a plastic jar of honey and a new fish taped to the tree. Carochi again removed the memory card from the game camera left by the poacher and found images of Wilkins in his camouflage outfit walking around the site.

On the night of Sept. 24, Carochi and Holder returned to the bait site, which had been refreshed once again. This time, the memory card on the game camera had a photo of a bear eating the bait.

Four days later, on Sept. 28, Wilkins went to CPW's Salida service center to present the head and hide of a bear he had killed for mandatory inspection. As Area Wildlife Manager Jim Aragon processed Wilkins' bear, Carochi and Holder headed to the illegal bait site. The blind and chair were gone, but bait remained on the tree.

Over the next three hours, Carochi and Holder found Wilkins' camp, a bag of dog food near the bait site and the remains of a bear carcass. They also found the spot where the bear was gutted. They took photos and tissue samples. Their investigation included opening the bear's stomach to study its contents: partially digested dog food and honey.

On Oct. 5, Carochi and Holder led a team of Area 13 officers as they served Wilkins with a search warrant at his home. During questioning, Wilkins admitted baiting the bear even though he knew it was illegal. Later, he signed a handwritten confession.

On Dec. 15, Carochi issued Wilkins a summons for illegally baiting a bear and unlawful possession of wildlife. In late January, Wilkins pleaded guilty to illegal baiting and received a stiff punishment: a \$1,400 fine, a 180-day jail sentence and a five-year ban from hunting.

"This case is a great example of the work our wildlife officers do on a daily basis," Aragon said of Carochi and Holder. "We pride ourselves on our law enforcement work. And it shows our commitment to stopping poachers."

Aragon also praised the person who came forward with the tip and photo of the illegal bait site.

"We depend on the timely reporting of suspicious activity by the public," Aragon said. "We have a limited staff and we can't be everywhere. It's critical we get the public's help in stopping crimes against wildlife. When people call, we absolutely respond."

Anyone who has information about a possible crime against wildlife is encouraged to call CPW or report it anonymously to Operation Game Thief, a CPW program that rewards citizens who turn in poachers. Witnesses can reach Operation Game Thief several ways including by calling, toll-free, 1-877-COLO-OGT (or 877-265-6648). Verizon cell phone users can dial #OGT. Or send an email to CPW at game.thief@state.co.us.

Callers do not have to reveal their names or testify in court. A \$500 reward is offered for information on cases involving big game or endangered species, while \$250 is offered for information on turkey and \$100 for fishing and small game cases.

A Citizens Committee administers the reward fund, which is maintained by private contributions. The board may approve rewards of up to \$1,000 for flagrant cases. Rewards are paid for information that leads to an arrest or a citation being issued.

To learn more about Operation Game Thief, visit the CPW website.

CPW REMINDS ANGLERS THAT LICENSE CHECKS GO WITH PRIVILEGE OF FISHING IN COLORADO

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is reminding the public that its officers routinely check anglers for valid fishing licenses and that anglers agree to those inspections when they buy a license.

The reminder was prompted by a video circulating on social media showing an encounter that turned into an unnecessary confrontation. While the confrontation did not result in violence or an arrest, it's an example of what CPW officers are facing more frequently when they are in the field checking licenses.

"This is the third similar incident in recent weeks," said Mike Trujillo, CPW's area wildlife manager for the Pueblo region. "It seems like we are facing more and more confrontations along these lines and it's troubling. We are only trying to ensure everyone is following the law."

The video shows two CPW wildlife officers at a lake in Pueblo during the Memorial Day holiday. The officers were conducting routine checks of anglers for valid fishing licenses. CPW checks licenses to ensure people are adhering to a state law (CRS 33-6-101) requiring anyone fishing in Colorado to purchase a license and to adhere to bag limits and legal methods of take.

The encounter became tense, however, when a man with a fishing rod angrily refused the officers' requests that he produce his license. He wrongly declared the request a violation of his constitutional rights and he erupted in a profanity-laced tirade of personal insults against the officers.

His verbal attacks escalated even as the officers showed the man a state statute book and read the entry to him that states anyone fishing in Colorado must buy a license and produce it when asked by an officer.

Eventually the man showed the officers his valid license, but he continued to act with belligerence toward the wildlife managers even as they left to check other anglers at the lake.

Colorado has a long history of regulating fishing to protect and perpetuate our fishing resources. It dates to Nov. 6,

1861, when the first Legislative Assembly of the Colorado Territory passed a law banning the use of seines, nets, baskets or traps to catch trout. New laws soon followed including the Fish Law of 1870 making it illegal to “kill or take trout or other fish by use of poisonous, deleterious or stupefying drug or explosives.”

Those laws were a response to the extreme depletion, and even extinction, of some species of fish in Colorado and dangerous practices used by early residents to catch fish.

The first fishing season was enacted in 1885. The first non-resident fishing license, costing \$2, was approved in 1909 and the first resident fishing license was enacted in 1913.

The funds were used to pay for research and to fund hatcheries where fish were bred for stocking into Colorado lakes and rivers. Today, CPW uses proceeds from fishing licenses to stock 90 million fish annually into Colorado’s 2,000 natural lakes, 800 reservoirs and 9,500 miles of trout streams.

Here is a link to the rules for fishing in Colorado: <http://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/RulesRegs/Brochure/fishing.pdf>

WOMEN ONLY OUTDOOR-SKILLS WEEKEND PLANNED FOR WESTERN COLORADO

Women who want to gain valuable outdoor skills, learn about wildlife and receive an introduction to hunting and fishing are invited to attend a "Cast and Blast" weekend workshop, July 13-15, sponsored by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

The event is limited to 15-20 women and those interested must submit an application.

At the event, women will learn the basics of fly fishing, shotgun shooting, archery, wildlife watching and camping. Participants will also learn about the basics of wildlife management.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife will supply all sporting equipment — shotguns, ammunition, bows and arrows, and fly rods and tackle. Those who have a 20-gauge shotgun, fishing or archery gear can bring their own.

“This program is designed for women and provides a very supportive atmosphere for those who want to learn about fishing, hunting and wildlife,” said Kelly Crane, district wildlife manager in Ouray. “We especially invite women who have little or no experience to join us.”

Participants must have a current Colorado fishing license.

The event will be held at the Jim Olterman/Lone Cone State Wildlife Area, located about 25 miles south of Norwood. Participants will need to bring their own camping gear; they can camp in their own tents or sleep in a cabin. All food will be provided. Those with dietary restrictions, however, should bring their own supplies. A \$40 deposit will be required from those chosen to participate.

To obtain an application for the workshop, please contact Dawn Bresett at 970-252-6000, or via email at dawn.bresett@state.co.us.

CENTER FOR THE ARTS SPRING OFF SEASON SCHEDULE

ART STUDIO

111 Elk Avenue in Crested Butte; (970) 349-7044; melissa@crestedbuttearts.org. Reserve the Art Studio for private Paint Your Own Pottery, art lessons; art events and parties; or for a Shared Artist Space.

**OPEN WHEEL THROWING:
WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 6 – AUGUST 29
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
\$75 / SESSION**

Try your hand at throwing on the wheel or brush up your skills in altering, hand-building and sculpting. With weekly three-hour sessions, take one class or several! Space is limited to three students per session, so reserve in advance. With a small class size, instructor Laura Elm can teach multiple levels simultaneously, so those with more experience can additionally opt to work on a variety of glazing techniques. If Wednesdays do not work for you, call The Art Studio to arrange a lesson on another day of the week. Ages 12 and up. Instructor: Laura Elm.

TICKET INFO

All tickets now on sale. For comprehensive event information and tickets visit www.crestedbuttearts.org; 970-349-7487; The Center at 606 Sixth Street in Crested Butte from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; or find us on Facebook.

