

AGENDA

Welcome! We look forward to having you join in the conversation about how to collaboratively address climate and water challenges facing Wyoming & the west.

THURSDAY APRIL 20, 2023

7:00 - 8:30 am	Early Bird Coffee
7:30 - 8:30 am	WY Tribal History & Water Rights. Morning walk with Wes Martel
8:30 - 8:45 am	Break
8:45 - 9:00 am	Water & Collaboration in Wyoming & the West: Setting the Stage. Deb Kleinman, Director: CPNR & Owner: Lupine Collaborative.
9:00 - 10:00 am	Colorado River Basin Issues & Colorado River Working Group. Jeff Cowley, Administrator: Interstate Streams, WY State Engineers Office and CPNR 2017
10:00 - 10:15 am	Break



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10:15 - 11:15 am	Climate & Water & Collaboration: WyACT. Corrie Knapp, Co-PI: WyACT & Assistant Professor: Haub School of Environment & Natural Resources, University of Wyoming
11:15 - 12:10 pm	Water*Energy Nexus in Wyoming: The Hydrogen Fuel Policy Challenge. Charles Nye: Department of Geology & Geophysics, University of Wyoming
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Lunch
1:15 - 2:15 pm	Colorado Watershed Collaboratives - Facilitating Factors and Lessons Learned. Nicole Seltzer: Colorado River Basin Program Director, River Network



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<p>2:15 - 3:15</p>	<p>Watershed Collaboratives in Wyoming & Colorado.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Deb Kleinman,</p> <p><u>Snake River Headwaters Initiative</u> (Darren Rhea, Regional Fisheries Supervisor for Wyoming Game and CPNR 2020, and Fish Department & Leslie Steen: Trout Unlimited)</p> <p><u>Upper Arkansas Watershed Partnership</u> (Natalie Allio: Central Colorado Conservancy and CPNR 2014)</p> <p><u>Healthy Rivers Initiative, Lander</u> (Kelsey Beck: Popo Agie Conservation District)</p>
<p>3:15 - 3:30 pm</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>3:30 - 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Small Group Discussions Facilitated by Panelists</p>



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4:30 - 5:00 pm	What's Next for Water & Collaboration in Wyoming and the West?
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Drop in Happy Hour: One Eyed Buffalo Brewing 528 Broadway St. Thermopolis, WY

CPNR would like to collectively acknowledge that we are on ancestral and traditional lands of the Shoshone, Arapaho, Cheyenne, and Crow Indigenous peoples along with other Native tribes who call the Great Basin and Rocky Mountain region home.

The original Shoshone name for the Hot Springs, "Bah Guewana" translates to "smoking water". We recognize the importance of these springs and the Upper Big Horn Watershed to those who stewarded this land for thousands of years and encourage our participants to learn more from Shoshone, Arapahoe, and other indigenous scholars and authors.

**Hot Springs Hotel & Spa
115 E Park St
Thermopolis, WY**



SPEAKER LIST

CHARLES NYE

Charles Nye is a Research Scientist at the University of Wyoming's Center for Economic Geology Research, with over 10 years of university research experience including service as PI or task leader on six Federal Department of Energy awards and two State of Wyoming awards. Nye has experience in geochemistry, environmental monitoring, reporting, award management, and solving challenges at the energy-water nexus.



JEFF COWLEY

Jeff Cowley has worked for the Wyoming State Engineer's Office for 19 years. He worked in Surface Water Division for the first 12 years, worked in the Interstate Streams Division as the North Platte Coordinator for 6 years, and as the Administrator of the Interstate Streams Division for the last two years. The Interstate Streams Division works to protect Wyoming's apportionment of 7 Interstate Compacts and 3 Court Decree's. Jeff has an AS in Wildlife Management, from Laramie County Community College (1997) and a BA from the University of Wyoming in Secondary Education, Biological Science (2001).



NATALIE ALLIO

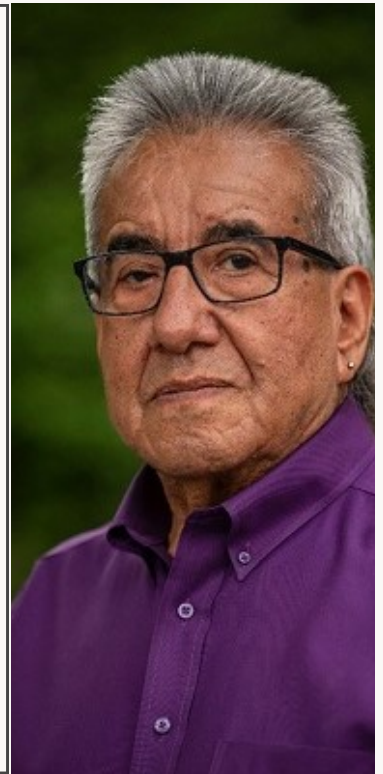
The focus of Natalie's work is "keeping working lands working" through innovative and collaborative programs with Central Colorado Conservancy and the Upper Arkansas Conservation District. Drawing on her own experience in agriculture and her education in Ecopsychology and Collaborative Solutions in Natural Resources, Natalie leads innovative and collaborative programs that support water quality, water quantity and soil health in the Upper Arkansas Watershed.



SPEAKER LIST

WES MARTEL

Wes Martel is the Senior Wind River Conservation Associate for the Greater Yellowstone Coalition. Martel served on the Eastern Shoshone Business Council for 20 years where he oversaw programs and legislation dealing with water, taxation, energy, and environment. He was Chairman of the Fish & Game Committee for the Shoshone & Arapaho Tribes where they instituted sound fisheries and wildlife management planning with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and also adopted a Tribal Game Code. His work included developing a severance tax program for the Tribes and drafting, approving, and adoption of the Wind River Water Code. Wes is a veteran and has a deep and abiding respect for the values and beliefs of indigenous people.



KELSEY BECK

Kelsey Beck is the Executive Director of the Popo Agie Conservation District in Lander, WY. Kelsey began her career on a quest to make the world a better place for wildlife. After graduate school, she taught at the Wind River Tribal College in Ethete, WY and later began a career with Wyoming Game and Fish in Lander. Her path diverted when she became curious about the impact of people on natural resources and found herself interested in the human element of conservation. Locally led principles drive her passion for solving problems in a collaborative manner and has aided her in her role working with local constituents, state and federal partners as well as non-profits. She loves to empower people to care for natural resources through their own land management decisions and enjoys being a trusted local partner providing non-regulatory, boots-on-the-ground natural resources expertise, knowledge, and education.



SPEAKER LIST

LESLIE STEEN

Leslie Steen has led Trout Unlimited's Snake River Headwaters Initiative since 2016. As NW Wyoming Program Director, she works collaboratively with a broad suite of partners on on-the-ground stream restoration and reconnection projects for native trout and other collaborative efforts. Leslie has lived in Jackson Hole since 2007. Prior to her role at TU, she worked at the Jackson Hole Land Trust, where she led and expanded communications and outreach efforts for the organization. Leslie's previous work experience also includes fisheries monitoring with the Lolo National Forest, environmental consulting, science communications, producing an adventure film festival, and outdoor education with Outward Bound.



NICOLE SELTZER

Nicole joined River Network in 2017. She is the Colorado Basin Program Director, where she leads River Network's efforts to support effective land and water planning in the Western United States. by strengthening the influence and effectiveness of local coalitions. Prior to joining River Network, Nicole was Executive Director of Water Education Colorado, handled public affairs for the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District and worked in community relations for the US EPA in New York City. Her experience ranges from production of Colorado's premiere magazine on water, *Headwaters*, to leadership development programs to public participation in infrastructure permitting. Nicole has a degree in Environmental Studies from the University of Kansas, and Master's of Science in Water Resources from the University of Vermont, but most importantly she has built deep knowledge of western water issues through almost twenty years working in the trenches of water management alongside her friends and colleagues.



SPEAKER LIST

DARREN RHEA

Darren Rhea is a Wyoming native, born and raised in Jackson where he currently lives. Darren received his Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of Wyoming in fish and wildlife biology and management. Darren began his career as an Aquatic Toxicologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, studying the impacts of environmental contaminants on aquatic ecosystem health. Darren has spent the past twenty years working for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department as a Fisheries Biologist and Regional Fisheries Supervisor. His work has primarily focused on the conservation of native fish, management of recreational fisheries, and the study of angler demographics.



CORRIE KNAPP

Corrine Noel Knapp (Corrie) is an Assistant Professor in the Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources. She came to the University of Wyoming from Western Colorado University in Gunnison where she had been a faculty member in the School of Environment & Sustainability and a founding member of the Masters of Environmental Management Program. Corrie is interdisciplinary by training and practice and enjoys researching with communities in a transdisciplinary approach. She is also interested in the theory of research and practice, how research is used in real-world applications, and how education can better prepare students to contribute meaningfully to managing complex challenges. Her current projects include understanding drought decision-making by individual ranchers and rangeland organizations, exploring compound hazards and climate change related research needs in Wyoming, and assessing the equity of deliberate social-ecological transformations. In addition, she is currently serving as the Chapter Lead for the Northern Great Plains region chapter of the National Climate Assessment.

